

PartnerScope for Corundum Corp.

Reducing Partner Discovery from Weeks to Minutes

Corundum Corp. is more than an investor. As an international innovation group, Corundum brings together researchers, investors, and innovators to create synergies between science, technology, and business. A critical part of this work is helping portfolio startups find the right partners—whether for market distribution, prototyping and testing, technology integration, or manufacturing.

The Bottleneck

“Corundum Corp. has a customer (e.g. startup) with a business idea, and needs to assist them with finding business partners such as investors, technology providers, or manufacturers. How can they do this in the best way?”

This partner matching work is valuable but time-intensive—searching databases, reviewing websites, evaluating fit based on experience and gut feel, and often re-doing research when priorities shift.

Current baseline: 100-200 hours per customer (avg: 150) at ¥10,000/hour = **¥1,500,000**

With PartnerScope: Under 1 hour consultant time + **¥150-300 API costs**

The PartnerScope Workflow

Stage	Today	With PartnerScope
Requirements	Manual interviews	AI-guided conversation (10 min)
Research	Database + web searches	Multi-source AI search (5 min)
Evaluation	Spreadsheets, gut feel	Multi-dimensional scoring (10 min)
Refinement	Re-do research	Instant iteration (2 min)
Total	100-200 hours	Under 1 hour

1. Discovery Chat — AI extracts partner type, must-haves, success criteria, red flags. Consultant-led or client self-service.

- 2. **Search** — Databases and web simultaneously; finds obvious and non-obvious partners.
 - 3. **Evaluate** — 20 candidates scored on configurable dimensions (weights adjustable).
 - 4. **Refine** — Narrow specifications as results come in. Adjust weights, exclude candidates, run additional searches.
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Consultant Q&A

- “**What if the AI misses something?**” — You review everything before it goes to the client.
 - “**What about confidentiality?**” — Client information stays within the session. No data trains AI models.
 - “**Will this make my work less valuable?**” — The opposite. Less data gathering, more strategic advice.
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Quality Control

Your gut feel doesn’t go away—it gets applied where it matters: - **Review** requirements before searching - **Customize** evaluation criteria and weights - **Compare** against other tools (Gemini, OpenAI Deep Research) - **Final judgment** based on industry knowledge

Deliverables

Clients receive: - Company profiles with fit rationale - Multi-dimensional scores with confidence levels - Strengths, concerns, and recommended actions - Transparent evaluation methodology

Future: Integration with Corundum Data

Data Source	What It Enables
Past partnerships	Prioritize companies similar to past successes
Client history	Avoid recommending past clients as partners
Internal network	Surface warm introductions
Private data (pseudonymized)	

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	Swap real names for placeholders—use private deal data in searches without exposure risk

This turns PartnerScope into a tool that reflects Corundum’s decade of expertise.

PartnerScope — From months of research to minutes of conversation. | UTokyo Research, 2026