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More honours for plug-in alarms firm

Signalink of Kelowna continues to win awards with its revolutionary, plug-in fire alarm.

At a recent National Angel Capital Organization conference, Signalink was named one of the top-10 best companies in Canada to invest in.

"That's the top 10 of the 300 companies considered," said Signalink CEO Ed Alfke.

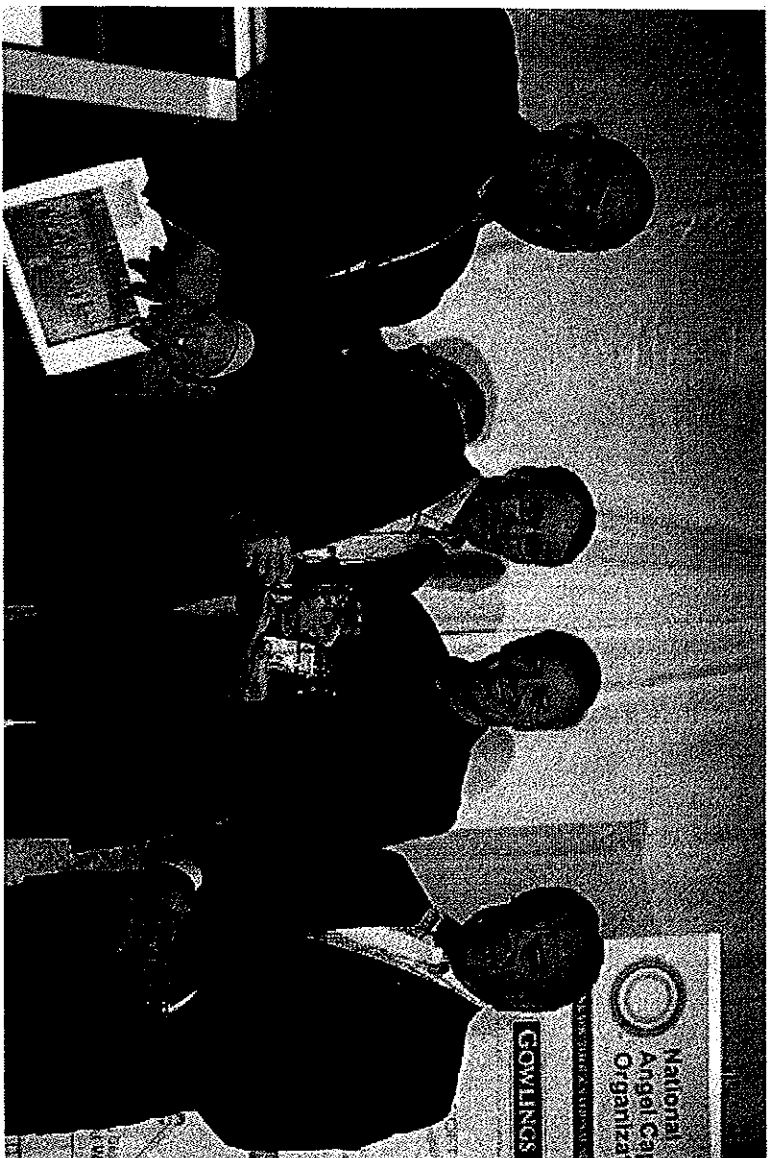
"In Canada, we're more inclusive, so it was just a top-10 list without the companies ranked one to 10. In the U.S., they do it differently and name No. 1."

Alfke should know, because at last year's Angel Expo in San Francisco, Signalink became the first Canadian company to be recognized as most-valued company, based on business model and investment upside.

Alfke and Signalink know a lot about angel investors because Alfke is one and most of the \$6.5 million the company has raised during the last few years has been from angels.

Angels are so-called because the money they inject into an upstart company is often considered heaven-sent.

Alfke started as an angel investor in Signalink and liked the business so much he came out of retirement to become CEO.



Signalink's Fire-Link alarm is selling well because it plugs into a standard electrical socket, so no special wiring is needed.

It also contains a rechargeable, eight-cell battery so it works even if the power is knocked out.

Units are being sold through distributors that supply alarms in bulk to contractors updating fire alarm systems in apartment buildings and condominium blocks.