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Company name: **Imina Technologies**



Short description: **We help researchers in nanotechnologies and life science to get faster and more reliable results by providing them with intuitive and flexible micromanipulation solutions.**

Web site: <http://www.imina.ch>

Industry: **Micro-/Nanotech**

The Start-up

Status: Company created in March, 2009

Company size: 4 employees

Product / service: Micromanipulators

Target customers: Research scientists and R&D engineers active in the fields of nanotechnology and life science (nanomaterials, nanoelectronics, MEMS, cellular biology, etc.).

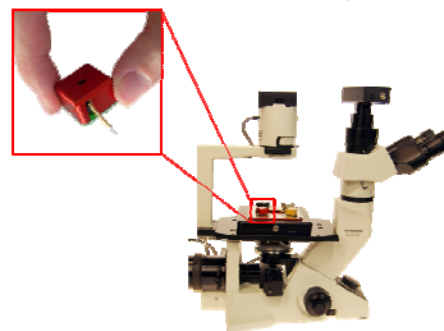
Financing: Currently, we have a self-financing strategy based on sales. By the end of the year we aim to raise external financing in order to expand our business internationally. The expected amounts are of the order of half a million CHF.

Growth objectives: Revenue of CHF 8 million in 2014 with 24 employees.

Description: The goal of Imina Technologies is to provide the most intuitive and flexible manipulation platforms to researchers and engineers working with micro and nano scale objects.

A unique combination of ultra precise positioning stages with revolutionary mobile micro-robots, can reduce by a factor 10 the preparation time required to set up an experiment, and easily perform complex manipulations.

Thanks to the time reduction of setup preparation and manipulation, industrial research centers will be able to reduce their product development cycles. For academic researchers, the easiness of use of our platforms will make it possible to perform complex and innovative nano manipulations, leading to breakthrough results.



The venture leader

I am one of the three founders and the CEO of Imina Technologies.

Very early, I got interested by entrepreneurship and, therefore, most of my choices regarding education were driven by the objective of acquiring the necessary skills to grow and manage a new venture. I hold a B.S. in microengineering with a specialization in production techniques from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) and a M.S. in robotics from Stanford University. During my Ph.D. at EPFL, I had the occasion to manage several research and development projects in the field of computer assisted surgery.

I share with my team the dream to use our business and technical skills to design and commercialize innovative products with the potential to move forward research in nanotechnologies beyond the current limitations, and so contribute to the development of technologies with a high economic and social impact.