

Company overview of Nanostart AG

Business description

Nanostart AG is the world's leading nanotechnology investment company. The company was founded in 2003. Nanostart AG has its head office in Frankfurt, Germany. The company has also established a subsidiary in Singapore, Nanostart Asia Pte Ltd.

Nanostart invests in young, up-and-coming nanotechnology companies throughout the world. These are companies which seek to commercialize highly innovative products or processes, or which are approaching market launch. As a provider of venture capital, Nanostart invests in those phases in which the growth in companies and their values are the most rapid and profitable. These investments are made either directly by Nanostart AG or through a fund structure. The areas of focus lie in growth markets such as Cleantech, Life Sciences, IT/Electronics and Healthcare/Medicine. Nanostart invests not only with its financial capital but also with its "human capital", making its commercialization know-how available to its portfolio companies along with its extensive global network, including valuable contacts to commercialization partners and potential customers.

Nanostart currently holds 10 companies in its investment portfolio and in its relatively short company history has built a track record of successful exits which is unrivaled by any other nanotechnology investment company. It has to date brought five of its holdings to the stock market, with a sixth successful exit through a trade sale.

Additional company information

Notarial record date of company formation: December 12, 2003

Accounting standard: German statutory accounting (HGB)

Fiscal year end: December 31

Executive board (Vorstand): Marco Beckmann (CEO)

Supervisory board (Aufsichtsrat): Dr. Alfred Krammer (chairman), Prof. Wolfgang M. Heckl (deputy chairman), Achim Lindner (member)

Share trading information as of August 25, 2009

Total shares outstanding: 5,610,000

Registered capital: EUR 5,610,000.--

Shareholding structure: Free float 22.44 %, BF Holding GmbH 69.54 %, Marco Beckmann 8.02 %

Designated sponsors: Close Brothers Seydler Bank AG, BHF-BANK

Deutsche Börse listing partner and applicant: Steubing AG

Order book broker (Skontroführer): Baader Wertpapierhandelsbank AG