



Marco Beckmann, CEO, Nanostart AG Executive Profile

Marco Beckmann (born 1978) is widely considered one of the leading international experts in the field of nanotechnology investment. Through his pioneering work, Beckmann has been one of the first to seriously explore the implications of nanotechnology for the global capital markets.

He has so far published three books on the subject of nanotechnology investing (available only in German). "Nanostocks – Aktien der Zukunft" ("Nanostocks – Shares for the Future"), published in 2001, was the world's first book on equity investment in nanotechnology. His book "Profitieren von Nanotechnologie" ("Profiting from Nanotechnology"), published in the following year, remains the most successful German-language book on this subject to date.

Marco Beckmann began his professional career as a sub-adviser at the Hauck & Aufhäuser DAC Nanotech Fund, an internationally invested equity fund specializing in nanotechnology. In late 2003, Beckman founded Nanostart AG, a nanotechnology venture capital company based in Frankfurt, Germany, and has served as chief executive officer and head of the management board since this time. As CEO of Nanostart, Beckmann has led the development of a successful global portfolio with four U.S. and German initial public offerings of investment holdings to his credit, among these listings on the Nasdaq and Germany's Prime Standard market segment. Another of its holdings was privately sold to a strategic buyer in the medical technology sector. Nanostart AG has itself been listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since June 2005, and with its diversified portfolio in the nanotech sector and its track record of successful exits, Nanostart is today considered a leader in nanotechnology venture capital and investment not only in Europe but throughout the world.

Aside from his principal role as CEO of Nanostart AG, Beckmann holds the position of managing director of VentureTech Equity-Partners GmbH, an investment company which was 100% acquired by Nanostart in October 2005. Additionally, Beckmann serves as vice chairman of the supervisory boards of two exchange-listed German nanotechnology companies, NanoFocus AG (Oberhausen, Germany) and Nanovation AG (Saarbrücken, Germany), as well as member of the board of directors of the Silicon Valley nanotechnology company Lumiphore, Inc. (Redwood City, California).

As the author of numerous articles and columns in international journals, Beckmann has helped to guide balanced and objective discussions about the potential of this extremely promising new technology. Beckmann regularly speaks at international nanotechnology conferences.