

Heiko Huber is now head of the Accelerator program TechFounders

Garching/Munich, 17.07.2018. Heiko Huber (34) is taking over management of the UnternehmerTUM Accelerator program TechFounders with immediate effect. As Managing Director, his task is to connect established companies such as Miele, ADAC, Festo or Knorr-Bremse with innovative tech start-ups, and to initiate cooperations.

Huber brings extensive experience to the interface between start-ups and industry. Most recently, he was responsible for start-up investments and employee spin-offs at Siemens' "Next47" venture unit. Previously he also worked for McKinsey and Daimler, and co-founded the successful start-up eGym.

"Heiko Huber is just the right person to take TechFounders to the next level," says Dr. Helmut Schönenberger, CEO of UnternehmerTUM - of which the Accelerator program TechFounders is a part. "His great strength is that he understands the needs of start-ups as well as corporations. He helps young companies to grow because he knows from personal experience what they need. And since he's also worked in corporations himself, he has a keen understanding of how to bring about successful cooperation between established companies and start-ups."

"I am delighted to be on board at TechFounders. Cooperations between young companies with innovative solutions on the one hand and established champions on the other add up to a win-win situation. We identify the most exciting start-ups for our industry partners worldwide, and initiate pilot projects that help with the development of innovative products and the digitalization of traditional business models. The founding teams profit doubly here – alongside funding for the pilot project they also receive individual coaching plus access to our unique network of mentors and investors," says Heiko Huber.



Heiko Huber is the new Managing Director of the UnternehmerTUM Accelerator program TechFounders. © UnternehmerTUM

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UnternehmerTUM offers founders and startups a complete service from the initial idea to IPO. A team of experienced entrepreneurs, scientists, managers and investors supports founders with the development of their products, services and business models. The experts accompany them actively with building up their companies, market entry and financing – also via Venture Capital.

The incubator XPRENEURS supports high-tech teams in early stage business model development. The accelerator programme TechFounders coaches technology startups over a period of 20 weeks up to an initial venture round, and paves the way for joint ventures with established companies.

For industry partners, UnternehmerTUM is a unique platform for cooperation with new companies, and for expansion of their innovative strength and culture. UnternehmerTUM is Digital Hub Mobility in the Digital Hub Initiative by the Federal Government.

Covering 1500 square metres, 'MakerSpace', Europe's largest publicly accessible high-tech workshop, enables companies, startups and creatives to produce prototypes and small batches using state-of-the-art machines such as large 3D printers.

UnternehmerTUM was founded in 2002 by the entrepreneur Susanne Klatten. With more than 50 high-growth technology start-ups each year and its unique offering, it is the leading center for business creation in Germany.

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