

## **Bosch strengthens startups with 250 million euro fund**

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### **Innovation boost for business and society**

- ▶ Bosch Ventures supports deep-tech startups worldwide.
- ▶ More than 100 investments worldwide since its establishment in 2007.
- ▶ Stefan Hartung: “With disruptive technologies, startups can boost innovation and contribute to economic growth.”
- ▶ Ingo Ramesohl: “Startups are important partners for Bosch when it comes to co-innovation and providing stimulus for market-transforming technologies.”

Stuttgart and Renningen, Germany – In the face of economic uncertainty and global economic turbulence, Bosch, the supplier of technology and services, is boldly continuing with its commitment to provide venture capital to startups: its subsidiary Bosch Ventures, already one of Europe’s biggest corporate venture-capital investors, is launching a new fund worth around 250 million euros. Referring to the presentation of the company’s annual figures for 2024, [Stefan Hartung](#), chairman of the board of management of Robert Bosch GmbH, explained the rationale behind the new fund: “For one thing, our investments in startups promote technological progress in business and society, and for another, this collaboration also benefits our divisions. With disruptive technologies, startups can boost innovation in a way that delivers important growth impetus for a country’s economy. That is why we want to remain a reliable partner for the startup sector worldwide, even in an adverse business environment.”

### **Invented for life: investment focus on energy efficiency and AI**

As a provider of venture capital, Bosch Ventures supports startups around the world whose technologies have the potential to improve quality of life and conserve natural resources. The Bosch Group is an innovation leader at the forefront of efforts to bring about sustainable mobility, climate-neutral technology, and connectivity. In line with this, Bosch Ventures focuses its investments on fields such as energy efficiency and artificial intelligence (AI).

“We invest in particular in deep-tech startups, which are based on scientific breakthroughs or technological innovations,” explained Ingo Ramesohl, managing director of Robert Bosch Venture Capital GmbH. “As a result, these young companies have great potential to bring about fundamental market change.”

### **Global and local: Bosch seeks out the best startups**

Since its establishment in 2007, Bosch Ventures has established its own locations with contacts for the startup ecosystem in the global technology hotspots of China (Shanghai), Germany (Stuttgart, Frankfurt), Israel (Tel Aviv), and the U.S. (Boston, Sunnyvale). “As a global investor, we need to be part of the local startup ecosystem so we can find startups with potential, whose innovative technologies could turn entire markets upside down,” Ramesohl said. “Our investment professionals screen more than 2,000 startups every year.” But only about a hundred of these make it to the shortlist. Each year, Ramesohl said, Bosch Ventures invests in six to ten carefully selected companies. It also offers know-how and operational support.

### **Open Bosch: win-win partnerships and co-innovation with startups**

In addition to providing venture capital, Bosch Ventures has run the Open Bosch program since 2018. This brings startups together with Bosch’s operating units at an early stage, giving startups a quick and easy opportunity to become a supplier, customer, or technology partner of Bosch. Bosch, in turn, receives early access to the latest technologies and can incorporate them together with its partners into joint innovations. “This win-win partnership enables Bosch to strengthen and secure its innovation efficiency and support the company’s long-term success,” Ramesohl said. Bosch has already established several hundred partnerships with startups through this program. “Bosch also sees startups as important innovation partners,” Ramesohl said. “Open Bosch empowers co-innovation.”

### **Successful portfolio: more than 100 investments in all regions of the world**

The Bosch Ventures portfolio currently consists of more than 60 active investments. “When an investment comes to an end, we support successful exits like IPOs, just as institutional venture-capital funds do,” Ramesohl said. “The Bosch Ventures portfolio has already given rise to several successful IPOs.” Among these were Xometry, an innovative on-demand marketplace for industrial parts, and IonQ, the first publicly listed quantum computing company. The U.K. startup Quantum Motion is the third investment that Bosch Ventures has made in the field of quantum computers. The portfolio also includes the Italian open source electronics platform Arduino and the German AI startup [Aleph Alpha](#). In China, Bosch Ventures has a stake in the battery recycling company Jin Sheng,

for example, as well as in TrunkTech, a technology provider for autonomous commercial vehicles. In North America, the portfolio includes other established technology companies such as Syntiant, a leader in AI-based semiconductor solutions for edge computing, or Motive, a provider of AI-assisted fleet management solutions.

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**About Bosch Ventures:**

*Robert Bosch Venture Capital GmbH (Bosch Ventures) is the corporate venture capital company of the Bosch Group, a leading global supplier of technology and services. Bosch Ventures invests worldwide in innovative startup companies at all stages of their development. Its investment activities focus on technology companies working in areas of business of current and future relevance for Bosch, above all, automation and electrification, climate tech, enabling technologies, and healthcare systems. Bosch Ventures also invests in services and business models as well as new materials that are relevant to the above-mentioned areas of business. In addition, the company supports co-innovation between Bosch and startups via the "Open Bosch" program.*

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*The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. It employs roughly 418,000 associates worldwide (as of December 31, 2024). The company generated sales of 90.3 billion euros in 2024. Its operations are divided into four business sectors: Mobility, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. With its business activities, the company aims to use technology to help shape universal trends such as automation, electrification, digitalization, connectivity, and an orientation to sustainability. In this context, Bosch's broad diversification across regions and industries strengthens its innovativeness and robustness. Bosch uses its proven expertise in sensor technology, software, and services to offer customers cross-domain solutions from a single source. It also applies its expertise in connectivity and artificial intelligence in order to develop and manufacture user-friendly, sustainable products. With technology that is "Invented for life," Bosch wants to help improve quality of life and conserve natural resources. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 490 subsidiary and regional companies in over 60 countries. Including sales and service partners, Bosch's global manufacturing, engineering, and sales network covers nearly every country in the world. Bosch's innovative strength is key to the company's further development. At 136 locations across the globe, Bosch employs some 87,000 associates in research and development.*

*The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861–1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering." The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant upfront investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-four percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a limited liability company with a charitable purpose. The remaining shares are held by Robert Bosch GmbH and by a company owned by the Bosch family. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG. It is entrusted with the task of safeguarding the company's long-term existence and in particular its financial independence – in line with the mission handed down in the will of the company's founder, Robert Bosch.*

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