



Dr. Dirk M. Haft

Born on September 5, 1969 in Munich, Dirk Haft studied physics at the Ludwig-Maximilians University (LMU), Munich, and the Université de Paris Sud IX, Orsay. In 1997 he joined the research group of Prof. Khaled Karrai at the Physics Department of the LMU, with a keen interest to commercialize research-based innovations for nanotechnology-related high-tech markets. During that time, the idea of new devices for analytical investigations in low temperature physics was born. Based on his PhD activities at the Center for NanoScience (CeNS), Munich, he gained 4 years research experience in semiconductor physics and the field of nanotechnology.

In July 2001, Dirk Haft and the co-founders of **attocube** systems were awarded the first prize in the "Munich Business Plan Competition" and consequently established the company in November 2001. Since then **attocube** has undergone an impressive development, quite unusual for today's start-up companies. Starting with their development labs at the LMU, the company moved to new facilities in the heart of Munich in 2002, only to move again 15 months later to larger production facilities. The team now consists of more than 18 scientists and engineers from various fields in physics, chemistry, as well as mechanical and electronic engineering. Both, renowned research institutions and industry from all over the world are nowadays satisfied customers.

Parallel to his studies, Dirk Haft worked several years for a patent law firm and also founded his first company in 1990, which is still active in the IT business. He is a member of CeNS at Munich University and has professional experience from different positions in advisory boards of other companies. For his success drive as a company's founder close to research and industry Dr. Haft has received several awards.