

About InSpire Ventures

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InSpire Ventures is a "double-dividend" private equity company set up by Prof. Willums in 2000 as a co-investment vehicle for a group of friends that had participated with him earlier in launching successful technology ventures. This included founding, jointly with DNV, the first artificial intelligence IT company in Scandinavia (Computas, today a leading entity in the field in Europe), creation of Avenir that became the largest Norwegian-owned software house (now part of Ementor), and founding of Solenergy, a Photovoltaic company that merged with other sister companies to become REC, the solar company that had the most successful IPO in the history of the Oslo stock exchange in 2006.

InSpire Ventures and its partners have in more recent time been seed investor in companies like OptiNose and Think. OptiNose is a medical device company, that has more than quadrupled in value over the last five years, and several younger Norwegian high-tech companies with an international potential such as Think. The Norwegian car manufacturer that has the ambition of creating the most environmentally friendly vehicle in the world.