

From IT Engineer to CTO

The MAS MTEC programme introduced a fresh perspective to Stefan Wengi's professional career and helped him tread the path to independence. His studies brought him into close contact with start-ups. Inspired by what he learned, he founded his first company soon after completing his studies – closely followed by a second.

I had been working in a management position for some time and wanted to complement my engineering background with a better foundation for solving management tasks. The MAS MTEC programme offered me the opportunity to catapult myself to my next professional goal and gain a plethora of new skills and competencies.

On the one hand, I wanted to fully prepare myself for the next step in my professional life and open up new horizons – to see what other professional opportunities were out there. On the other, I also wanted to consolidate my knowledge about business management and learn something new. I wanted to immerse myself in the programme completely, so I quit my former job.



The world of start-ups inspired me, so I took on a new management role at a start-up during my MAS MTEC studies. When I graduated, my two partners and I founded our first company. This gave me the chance to apply much of what I had learned in the MAS MTEC programme directly while taking on a broad range of responsibilities. In the meantime, I also founded another start-up and took on an external mandate as a member of a board of directors.

Besides its wide range of content, the MAS MTEC programme was convenient for me due to its relatively flexible schedule. The international character of the programme is also a great advantage. Today, I am still in contact with former fellow students from India, China, Argentina – and Switzerland! One former classmate even works at our company.



Stefan Wengi
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Profile when starting the MAS MTEC programme:

-  12 years' work experience
-  MSc in Computer Science, ETH Zurich