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Nanotechnology in Germany – the investor's perspective

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Brief introduction to 3i



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3i – the facts

- A world-leader in private equity and venture capital
- Established for 60 years
- FTSE 100 company valued at €6 billion
- Over 500 trade sales and 83 IPOs in the past 5 years
- Over 250 market-facing investment professionals
- Proven international, cross-border offer

As at 31 March 2005

International scale and reputation

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Active across all funding stages

Venture capital

Early stage Focus on technology

Total investments of €2-50 million

€1.1 billion portfolio*

Private equity

Growth capital

A range of bespoke solutions

Investments of €10-100 million

€2.1 billion portfolio*

Buyouts

Smaller & mid-market buyouts

Transactions up to €1 billion

€3.7 billion portfolio*

As at 31 March 2005

*portfolio value including co-invested funds

An exceptional range of venture capital and private equity solutions

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3i's global venture capital team



3i team

3i portfolio of companies

Corporate relationships

Management teams and entrepreneurs

Advisers and intermediaries

Sector communities

3i's people programmes

3i - connecting talent and experience



Overview over German nanotechnology infrastructure





Nanotechnology research conducted both in public and private sector





Government has increased funds for nanotech research projects continuously



BMBF funding(in mn €)	2002	2003	2004	2005
Nanoelectronics	19,9	25	44,7	46,2
Nanomaterials	19,2	20,3	32,7	38,1
Optical technology	18,5	25,2	26	26
MEMS	7	7	9,4	10,2
Communications	4,3	4	3,6	3,4
Nanobiotechnology	4,6	5,4	5	3,1
Production technology	0,2	0,8	2,2	2,2
Sum	73,7	87,7	123,6	129,2

source: http://www.techportal.de/

Main areas in 2005 are Nanoelectronics, Nanomaterials and Optics



Project funding is complemented by funding for institutions

Nanotechnology funding (in mn €)	2002	2003	2004	2005
BMBF	73,9	88,2	123,8	129,2
BMWA	21,1	24,5	24,5	23,7
DLG & Caeser	61,8	63,3	64	64,4
Wissensgemeinschaft G.W. Leibnitz	23,7	23,6	23,4	23,5
Helmholtz-Gemeinschaft	38,2	37,1	37,4	37,8
Max-Planck-Gesellschaft	14,8	14,8	14,8	14,8
Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft	4,6	5,4	5,2	4,9
Sum	238,1	256,9	293,1	298,3

source: http://www.techportal.de/

Private sector also contributes significantly



Research is highly decentralized (I)



source: Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, Nanotechnologie erobert Märkte

- Ultrathin layers
- Lateral nanostructures
- ■▲■ Nanoparticles
- Molecule architectures
- Ultraprecise surface treatment
- Measurement and analysis

of nanostructures

- University research
- Non-university research
- Companies





Research is highly decentralized (II)



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US funding is of comparable size

Nanotechnology funding (in mn €)	2002	2003	2004
NSF	204	221	249
DoD	204	221	222
DoE	89	133	197
NIST	77	66	62
NIoH	59	65	62
NASA	35	33	31
Others	9	9	18
Sum of U.S. funding	677	748	841
Sum of EU funding	480	700	740
thereof German funding	240	250	290

source: http://www.sc.doe.gov/



Areas of interest for a venture capital investor



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Nanotechnology spans a wide spectrum of R&D

Application areas	Examples	VC Interest
Precision mechanics/optics/analysis	MEMS, Array optics, Diode lasers	Medium - High
Chemistry/Materials	Carbon nanotubes, functional coatings	Medium
Energy/Environmental technology	Hydrogen storage, Dye solar cells	Medium - High
Medicine/Life Science	Tissue Engineering, Drug Delivery, Lab-on-a-chip	Medium - High
Automotive construction	Nano-particles, anti-reflection coatings	Low
Electronics/Information technology	Spintronics, OLED, GMR sensors	Medium

Source: Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung

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In Germany chemical nanotech is one of the focus areas



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Appetite with regard to risk / return profiles varies widely





Challenges associated with VC investments in nanotech



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Nanotechnology investing is still in infancy

- Often interesting technology without real, large-scale market need
- Lack of proven business models
 - Materials production (difficult position in value chain, in-house manufacturing not easy for start-up)
 - Licensing (limited value capture)
 - Capital equipment (cash requirements!)
- Long timeframes from research via development to commercialization (40% IRR attainable?)
- Existence of exit markets (especially materials)
- Proven management teams willing to take risks and looking for rewards the VC environment can offer

Examples of German nanotechnology start-ups





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Advanced Materials and Processes: Other High throughput experimentation services and equipment

- High throughput experimentation allows acceleration of catalyst development processes
- hte is providing high throughput to chemical and petro industry
- In addition, hte is working on an own line of blockbuster products such as Diesel catalyst
- Customer benefits:
 - Substantial R+D and manpower savings
 - Full offerings of service, know-how and equipment
 - Reduction of development time by a factor 100 to 1000
- Target Markets: Oil & Gas Industry, Chemical Industry, Automotive.



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Nano-coating techniques for every surface

- Nanogate concentrates on inorganic-organic nanocomposites as well as self-organising nano-structures based on chemical nanotechnology
- As a complete-services provider Nanogate provides ranges from innovation consulting to materials engineering, production, applications support and marketing all the way to high-availability service.
- The company's focus lies on materials-based processes to develop, manufacture and market multifunctional materials.

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