



Stefan Schwab
Entrepreneur and Investor

Born in 1973, Stefan Schwab has been the CEO of **Schwab-Feller AG** since 2002, making him the fifth generation of his family to lead the company. He and his wife live in Büren an der Aare with their two teenage children.

Schwab-Feller AG, which was founded in 1894 in Biel, specialises in the high-precision machining of watch springs for the super-premium sector. It currently employs 65 people at its facility in Büren an der Aare. In 2004, Stefan Schwab purchased the company from his parents. His first undertaking as CEO was to strengthen the management team and align operations more closely with customers' needs. Until 2015, Schwab-Feller AG was the only independent watch spring producer in Switzerland, and supplied the entire Swiss watchmaking industry. That year, following an exponential increase in turnover and profits, Stefan Schwab decided to sell a majority holding in Schwab-Feller AG to a consortium comprised of Rolex, Patek Philippe and Richemont. However, he remains CEO and chairman of the board.

Schwab-Feller AG is also involved in the medical technology sector. These activities account for 15 percent of company turnover, while industrial spring production accounts for 20 percent, and the machining of watch springs 65 percent.

Stefan Schwab created **Linoa Holding AG** in order to purchase Schwab-Feller AG. The company is named after his two children, Linn and Noa. Both he and his wife, Judith Schwab-Ginsheumer, are members of the board. In 2009, Stefan Schwab began investing in B2B firms that provide niche markets with highly specialised products that are geared towards well-defined customer needs. Preference is given to companies in the challenging scale-up phase.

To date, Stefan Schwab has **invested** in the following companies:

- **WWW.SCHWAB-FELLER.CH** is the market leader in the high-precision machining of mechanical springs for the entire Swiss watchmaking industry. (CEO and chair of the board)
- **WWW.KREANDO.CH** kreando.ch is the leading online store in Switzerland for creative design and handicrafts. (Chair of the board)
- **WWW.COAT-X.COM** Based in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Coat-X has developed a biocompatible, thin and extremely waterproof coating which boosts the resistance of medical implants to bodily fluids. (Board member)
- **WWW.EDAP-TMS.COM** The French firm EDAP TMS is a world leader in therapeutic ultrasound. In surgical procedures, devices that use ultrasound technology have been found to offer even greater precision than lasers and scalpels.
- **WWW.IMPLANTICA.COM** The fast-growing medtech company has lofty ambitions: to become the leading provider of smart medical implants. With over 1,000 patents already in its portfolio, Implantica is well on its way to achieving its goal.
- **WWW.PRECIFLEX.COM** Preciflex, HYT's sister company, develops and patents the new technology behind this Swiss watch brand.
- **WWW.STROMERBIKE.COM** Both eco-friendly and stylish, Stromer eBikes are synonymous with high-range capabilities, power, outstanding design and connectivity. It is precisely this digital connectivity that is gradually transforming Stromer products from eBikes to «dBikes». (Chair of the board)
- **WWW.HYTWATCHES.COM** HYT SA, a young company based in Neuchâtel, specialises in the creation of hydromechanical wristwatches.
- Linoa Haus AG, real estate company (Chair of the board)