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After completing his banker apprenticeship, Matthias studied economics and founded a start-up to develop thermal sensors. In 2010/12 he successfully completed an MBA at the University of St. Gallen and RWTH Aachen University.

