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Jürgen Ingels is co-founder and managing partner of SmartFin Capital. SmartFin Capital is a long-term-oriented private equity fund that provides expansion and replacement capital to private growth companies in Smart Technologies with a special focus on Financial Technologies that display the potential for significant value creation in fast growing market segments throughout Europe.

In 2000, Mr. Ingels was founder and Chief Financial Officer of Clear2Pay N.V., a leading innovative payments technology company focused on delivering globally applicable solutions for secure, timely and streamlined payments processing. Within his leadership, the company grew up to more than 1.200 employees in 22 countries. In October 2014, Clear2Pay was sold to FIS (NYSE:FIS), the world's largest provider of banking and payments technology solutions.

Mr. Ingels also co-founded NG Data, a leading big data company offering customer intelligence management software and services to track customer behavior in real time. He is also founder of The Glue Solutions.

Scale-ups.eu was founded by Jürgen, this time-squeezing platform helps scale-ups to scale and brings the ecosystem together for high-quality business networking and inspiration. Together with this organization, Jürgen organizes Supernova, Belgium's biggest technology festival based in Antwerp.

Before starting Clear2Pay, Mr. Ingels worked as Senior Investment Manager at Dexia Ventures, the venture capital division of Dexia Bank, Mr. Ingels' role at Dexia Ventures was focused on investing in technology companies while taking a pro-active role in their business strategy, product launches and financial management.

Jürgen thinks it's important to broaden your knowledge. Therefore, he is an active board member in several companies within different sectors.

Technology companies:

1. NG Data – Co-founder, board member and member of the audit com. A big data company.
2. Materialise (NASDAQ: MTLN) – Independent board member and member of the audit com. 3D printing company.
3. Itineris – Independent board member and member of the audit com. ERP systems provider for utilities sector.
4. Projective – Board member. Project management for the financial services industry.
5. The Glue Solutions – Founder and board member. The Glue offers the global banking industry a next generation technology platform to enable fundamental digital transformation
6. Guardsquare – CFO, shareholder and board member. Mobile application protection.
7. Exellys – Board member. A company with a unique tech talent integration program
8. Itiviti (Sweden) – Board member and head of the audit com. Itiviti helps financial institutions worldwide to seize opportunities early and capture tomorrow.

Others:

1. Ghelamco – Board member. An international real estate investor and developer.
2. Willemen – Board member and member of the audit com. A family-owned construction group.
3. WDP – Board member. A building company that builds customized logistics spaces.
4. Mensura – Board member. Belgium's largest External Occupational Health Service
5. Vanbreda Risk & Benefits – Board member. Belgium's largest independent insurance broker and risk consultant

Private equity activities

1. Smartfin Capital – Co-founder and director. A private equity in growth companies in Smart Tech.
2. Startups and Scale-ups.eu – Co-founder and chairman. A not-for-profit organization helping tech entrepreneurs to be successful by providing quality access to service providers, business partners, customers and investors.

Education

1. Master in Political and Social sciences, University of Antwerp, 1992 - 1996
2. Master in Business Administration (MBA), University of Antwerp, 1996 - 1997