

zebra embassy

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Press kit

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The partners of Zebra Embassy, from left: Stefan Höhn, Matthias Hecht, Pierre Dominique Ostrowski, Dr. Philipp Nägelein. Photo: Dagmar Schwelle

About Zebra Embassy

SHORT VERSION

Zebra Embassy supports innovative, technology-driven startups and scaleups in Germany in applying for public funding.

LONG VERSION

Zebra Embassy supports innovative, technology-driven startups and scaleups in Germany with public funding, including the German research allowance (Forschungszulage). The company was founded in 2021 by four founders with startup experience of their own. It is based in Grünwald near Munich and has a second office in Berlin. The name refers to the zebra movement, which stands for companies that grow sustainably and profitably instead of chasing quick valuations. Since 2026, there has also been an independent partner law firm, ZE Tax & Legal. It supports clients on public funding matters, above all the research allowance, in dealings with the tax office and during tax audits.

Facts and figures

Company	Zebra Embassy GmbH
Founded	2021
Partners	Pierre Dominique Ostrowski, Matthias Hecht, Dr. Philipp Nägelein (Managing Partners), Stefan Höhn (Partner)
Managing directors	Pierre Dominique Ostrowski, Matthias Hecht, Dr. Philipp Nägelein
Headquarters	Grünwald near Munich, office in Berlin
Team	16 people (as of October 2026)
Clients	500+ tech companies supported (as of October 2026)
Funding volume	More than €250 million in funding secured for clients (as of October 2026)
Focus	Advice on public funding, with a focus on the German research allowance (Forschungszulage)
For whom	Innovative, technology-driven startups and scaleups in Germany
Partner law firm	ZE Tax & Legal GmbH, an independent professional practice company under Section 59f of the Federal Lawyers' Act (BRAO), admitted by the Berlin Bar Association
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The partners



Pierre Dominique Ostrowski

Managing Partner

Pierre Dominique Ostrowski is Managing Partner at Zebra Embassy, where he leads customer success and operations. He previously served as CMO at unu, Freeletics and Carly Connected Car. He studied economics at LMU Munich and technology management at CDTM, and also studied at Columbia University.



Dr. Philipp Nägelein

Managing Partner

Dr. Philipp Nägelein is Managing Partner at Zebra Embassy, where he leads finance and sales. He earned his doctorate in e-commerce and digital markets at LMU Munich, was a visiting researcher at UC Berkeley and served on the CDTM management team. Before that, he co-founded the medical data platform XO Life.



Matthias Hecht

Managing Partner

Matthias Hecht is Managing Partner at Zebra Embassy, where he leads technology and the operating business. A physicist with a master's degree from KIT, he founded otego GmbH, which develops printed thermoelectric generators, straight after graduating. He then served as Co-CTO and Head of Technology Architecture at Carly.



Stefan Höhn

Partner

Stefan Höhn is a partner at Zebra Embassy and an attorney-at-law. Before co-founding Zebra Embassy, he held commercial leadership roles in the consumer goods sector. Today he is managing director of the independent partner law firm ZE Tax & Legal.

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