

1) How long has your business been in Moscow?

We started in the middle of 2007, but we only launched the business only one year later when we signed our first closure with Cisco and another LP.

2) What is the best thing about investing in Moscow?

Meeting interesting people with interesting business and technical ideas/products/services, who are ready to GO.

3) Why is now the time to invest?

A crisis is always a good time to invest, especially if you have the knowledge and money in your hands. It's not that you have an ability to buy equity cheaper... It is about the fact that a creative business/technical idea/product service is going to have a bigger chance: when others are fighting for survival – you may get in to niches that are not available to you in “healthy economic times”. Of course, you need to have VC money... So it is why this time is good for VC like Almaz and start-ups...

4) Has the economic crisis had an impact on your company in Moscow?

Not really...

5) What do you think will happen in the future?

We always need to be optimistic... It is the first really global crisis and it's clear that old national and global institutions are not ready and possibly are built wrong for this new phenomena... But a “pain killer” will be created and we will be more ready for the next global crisis in 10-15 years...