

1) How long has your business been in Moscow?

We started in the middle of 2007, but we 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 and services that are ready to go.

3) Why is now the time to invest?

An [economic] crisis is always a good time to invest, if you have the combination of knowledge and money in your hands. It isn't about the fact that you have the ability to buy cheaper equity... It is about a creative business or technical idea or product service getting a bigger chance when others are fighting for survival. You can get into niches that are not available to you during "healthy economic times." Of course you need to have venture capital money... So it is why this time is good for venture capitalists like Almaz and other 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 global economic crisis and it's clear that the old national and global institutions are not ready and possibly are built wrong for this new phenomena. But there will be a 'pain relief' invented and we will be more ready for the next global crisis in 10-15 years.