

## **Evolution of a Partnership**





Ambros P. Speiser (right), a professor at ETH Zurich is selected as the first director of the the IBM Research -Zurich. Former IBM CEO, Thomas J. Watson Jr, is on the left.

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2001



IBMers Drs. Alex Mueller (right) and Heini Graenicher form a joint study agreement with ETH Zurich and place a PhD student at the IBM Research - Zurich lab for work on solid state physics. The student was Dr. Georg Bednorz (left), who along with Dr. Müller were honored with the Nobel Prize in 1987. IBM and ETH open Center for Advanced Silicon Electronics or the design of novel high-frequency analog circuits crucial to the advance of wired and wireless communication technologies.

2003

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ZISC

The Zurich Information Security Center is created with IBM, ETH and Credit Suisse to bring together academia and industry to carry out research and education in information security. IBM and ETH Zurich announce a \$90 million investment in a new nanotechnology center on the basis of a strategic private-public partnership. Researchers and engineers from IBM and ETH Zurich will join forces to conduct research into new atomic and molecular-scale structures and devices for enhancing information technologies.



2008

Official opening and start of the research activities in the new nanotechnology center. Researchers from IBM and four ETH professors with their respective teams will benefit from a state-of-the-art infrastructure with 900 m<sup>2</sup> clean rooms and noise-free labs.

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