

1990 two former Perkin-Elmer engineer founded Liconic. Their vision was to portate technologies they gained in the field of semiconductor production equipment to other markets. They antecipated that many solutions and ideas used in these ultra-high-tech systems could be introduced into other applications.

Together they formed an extremely powerful and experienced team of development engineers. In thier own small workshop they started to develop and manufacture extremely innovative systems for various applications. The common thing of these systems was their combination of precision-mechanics, electronics and software and with a special application.

This was when Sandoz Technology in Basel, Switzerland outlined a first fully automated screening system. Since there was nobody who had experience in such an application, one maior concern was the incubation step. They knew that the huge number of accesses to the incubator will never allow to build up a reasonable climate for incubation. Too long was the recovery time after an access of conventional incubators.

Sandoz learned about the small company in Liechtenstein. In a first visit he instantly knew that this was the right partner to solve this incubation problem. In fact, the biggest problem at time was to get arround Sandoz purcasing who would have never agreed to give this vital job in the hands of such a small company.

The new idea of the first precision automated incubator was to add

