

## **Niklas Zennström, Co-founder and CEO, Skype**

Niklas Zennström, a Swedish citizen of 38 has a dual degree in business and MSc Engineering Physics, computer science from Uppsala University in Sweden. He spent his final year at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

He started his professional career at Tele2, when there were only 23 employees. Now the company is the leading consumer oriented pan-European telecom operator present in 23 countries.

Niklas served in various business development roles including launching and being responsible for European Internet Service Provider business get2net and as CEO of the everyday.com portal.

Niklas later co-founded and served as CEO of KaZaA, the world's most downloaded Internet software to date with more than 350 millions downloads.

After that Niklas founded and served as CEO at Joltid, a software company developing and marketing p2p solutions and p2p traffic optimization technologies to companies.

Niklas also co-founded Altnet, the world's first secure p2p network promoting commercial content to millions of consumers and integrating the full value chain of promotion, distribution, and payment of digital content, including being the worlds largest issuer of DRM licenses.

Niklas' newest venture is Skype, the global internet telephony company based on peer-to-peer principles.

When Niklas is not creating new cutting edge disruptive businesses, he enjoys sailing, skiing, outdoor activities and travelling. Niklas is happily married.