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History of Maxygen

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Ringold partnered Alex Zaffaroni, a pioneer in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry, to help start biotech companies. The upshot was, they started Maxygen, run by CEO Russell Howard. This is a derivative company, using a technology invented for one purpose being applied to a whole host of other problems, says Ringold.



Transcript

So, from there I got together with Alex Zaffaroni and Isaac Stein, who some of you may know. Who is the chairman of our board of trustees here. And formed a partnership to, essentially, help start companies in the biotech world that we, personally, were interested in helping grow, manage and if need be, run; if find couldn't the other people to do so. And the upshot of that is that we started two companies. One called Maxygen which was also a technology first invented in Affymax for rapid evolution of genes and gene pathways to create products in the chemical industry, the agricultural industry and the pharmaceutical industry. That company is run by Russell Howard, CEO. Who used to work for us as Scientific Director in Affymax. When we spun that out, he moved over to run the company. It's publicly traded. You can look it up, Maxygen.

That, again, is a derivative company. A technology invented for one purpose being applied to a whole host of other problems.