Press Release

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Hyperdrives secures oversubscribed €3 million Pre-Seed round to turbocharge electric motors

- Hyperdrives' hollow-conductor cooling unlocks motorsport-level performance with automotive-grade cost and manufacturability
- Funding to validate lifetime durability, accelerate go-to-market, and prepare manufacturing for industrial scale
- Round led by Rethink Ventures with First Momentum Ventures, SDAC, Acequia Capital, 2100 Ventures, Prototype Capital and renowned angel investors

Hyperdrives, a Munich-based deep-tech company building the next generation of high-performance electric drives at scale, today announced the closing of an oversubscribed €3 million Pre-Seed round.

The round was led by Rethink Ventures, joined by First Momentum Ventures, SDAC, Acequia Capital, 2100 Ventures, Prototype Capital, and several renowned angel investors. With the new funding, Hyperdrives will focus on converting its strong customer pipeline into commercial projects, validating lifetime durability to automotive standards, and preparing its manufacturing processes towards industrial-scale rollout.

Founded in 2021, Hyperdrives has developed a hollow-conductor motor cooling technology that enables scaling record power densities at dramatically lower cost – without exotic materials or novel motor layouts and based on existing production processes. The result: motors that are lighter, smaller, more efficient and deliver a unique performance-to-cost advantage across automotive, aerospace, and marine applications.

Quotes

Robin Renz – CEO & Co-Founder of Hyperdrives:

"Hyperdrives is turbocharging electrification with the best performance-to-cost electric motors on the market, designed for industrial-scale production. Over the past years and through three product generations, we have proven that breakthrough motor performance doesn't require exotic materials or new production concepts. With this new funding, we will expand our team to validate lifetime durability to automotive standards, accelerate our go-to-market, and prepare for industrial-scale production."

Michael Numberger – CTO & Co-Founder of Hyperdrives:

"Our breakthrough is making hollow-conductor cooling work for mass production. By cooling directly inside the copper conductor, we achieve up to three times higher current density than today's motors — more power in the same space, or the same power in a smaller, lighter package. With this funding, we can take our technology through the toughest automotive validation and prove it works not just in the lab, but at industrial scale."

Matthias Schanze – General Partner at Rethink Ventures:

"Hyperdrives solves one of the toughest challenges in e-mobility: combining record performance with true scalability. Their hollow-conductor platform is the first I've seen that delivers motorsport-level performance with automotive-level manufacturability and cost. That's why we are excited to support the Hyperdrives team and lead this oversubscribed round."

Andreas Fischer – General Partner at First Momentum Ventures:

"Many high-performance motor companies don't make it because they require new production concepts or don't scale. Hyperdrives takes the opposite approach: by building on proven automotive processes, they achieve revolutionary performance through evolutionary design. That's why we are excited to back the team. We believe this is what it takes to scale electric mobility, also beyond automotive."

About Hyperdrives:

Hyperdrives is a Munich-based deep-tech company building the most cost-effective high-performance electric drives for industrial-scale production.

Using a revolutionary approach to motor cooling, Hyperdrives scales record power densities at dramatically lower cost – without exotic materials and without new production lines. The result is lighter, smaller, more efficient motors with unmatched cost-to-performance across automotive, aviation, marine and other high-volume applications.

Hyperdrives supplies turnkey drive systems with integrated SiC inverters to project customers and partners with OEMs and Tier-1s on industrialization via manufacturing-technology licensing.

Founded by a team that combines a competitive motorsport ethos with years of large-scale industry experience, Hyperdrives already serves a commercial pipeline and generated over €1m revenues in 2024 without any external funding. Now backed by leading VC investors Rethink Ventures and First Momentum Ventures, and advised by seasoned automotive expert Dr. Andreas Cornet (former Senior Partner at McKinsey & Co.), Hyperdrives is setting out to become the global reference for high-volume e-motors.

As OEMs race to cut EV costs while keeping customers at the center, Hyperdrives offers a rare technology that delivers both - lower cost and a more attractive product for the customer.

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