

#### The Tech Startup Day Plenary Session

September 19th 2013 Christophe Rousseaux, CEO





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### Imagine a clock...

# Each second, 24/7, 3 new visitors come to IMMOWEB

## Welcome to the 1st Real Estate website in Belgium

Source: CIM Metriweb 05/2013 + Google Analytics. Cumulated audience web + apps





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In 2012, Axel Springer Digital Classifieds took a majority stake in Immoweb.

This is the accomplishment of a team work of 16 years, and the beginning of a new adventure...





# This story has begun **17 years ago**, when Christian Rousseaux, my father, decided to invest in a new concept...





# It was not so easy We've encountered doubts We've won victories But the battle is not over...







# While only 3% of the Belgians had Internet at home, my father decided to create

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Same year : Launch of Hotmail Birth of Wi-Fi protocol (indeed, no Wi-Fi before ;-))







# At that time he established the **foundations** of our future **mission** and **vision**:

- Focus on real estate classifieds
- Online only
- Surfers oriented
- Invest to become the leader





#### Launch of Google

Birth of the BlackBerry



7.5% of Belgian households access Internet at home
4.000 classifieds
6.000 pictures
1.000 daily visits





#### "Internet bubble bursts"... Immoweb is still losing money

**30%** Internet connexion at home

15.000 classifieds
22.000 pictures
130 new properties each day
3.500 daily visits





40% Internet penetration 40.000 classifieds 200.000 pictures 30.000 daily visitors

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IMMOWEB reaches his break-even point!





82.000 classifieds in Belgium 47.000 classifieds abroad 950.000 pictures 90.000 daily visits Immoweb launches the «V3»

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Apple announces *iPhone* 





> 80% Internet in Belgium 120.000 properties (BE) 80.000 abroad 1.500.000 pictures 220.000 daily visits Launch of Immoweb iPhone app'



Immoweb is partner with Google for the launch of Streetview in Belgium







And now



150.000 classifieds in Belgium
95.000 classifieds abroad
2.100.000 pictures
293.000 daily visits
500.000 downloads of our mobile apps (iPhone, iPad, Android)
40.000 fans on Facebook







### ... more than 4.500.000 classifieds published up to now on Immoweb





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### **Our foundations**

An exceptional TEAM

A mission and a vision

A long-term strategy

Our house of orientation

And a little bit more which makes the difference...

### An «exceptional» team

Christophe Rousseaux CEO



53 people, combining passion and expertise

And over **10** open vacancies!

Ingrid Willems COO



Ann Krekels CFO



Vincent Dumont CMO



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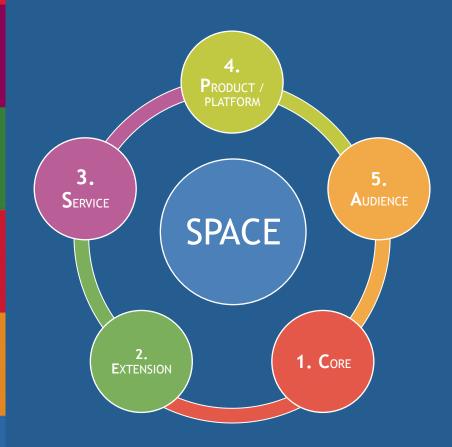
#### A clear Mission & Vision

Immoweb aims at remaining and growing as the leading real estate online platform in Belgium providing online real estate classifieds as well as a range of real estate services, such as tips and advice in decoration, renovation & construction in the most profitable way and by serving a broad range of clients and consumers



### A long-term strategy

Immoweb strives to be the reference regarding real estate and housing in Belgium for readers / surfers, real estate advertisers and sector related advertisers...



- 1. by protecting its core business &
- by extending into new & adjacent business opportunities.
- To achieve this, we will focus on
- 3. Delivering good service (internal focus)
- 4. Bringing high quality products and stable platform - efficient & easy usage at any time & place adapted to end user needs
- 5. Answering the needs/expectations of our (target) audience via multiple channels & personalized communication



Our House of Orientation				
Immoweb aims at remaining and growing as the leading real estate online platform in Belgium				
Strategy	SPACE			
Values	Openness - Creativity & innovation - Respect Responsibility - Team spirit - Solution oriented			
Philosophy	Our surfers are our ambassadors			



Some ingredients of our success: Little things make the difference...

#### Team

#### Passion

Surfers oriented

Strategic partnerships

Largest customer database

Efficient and easy to use platform

100% Automation of a maximum of tasks



Immoweb CO2-neutral since 2009





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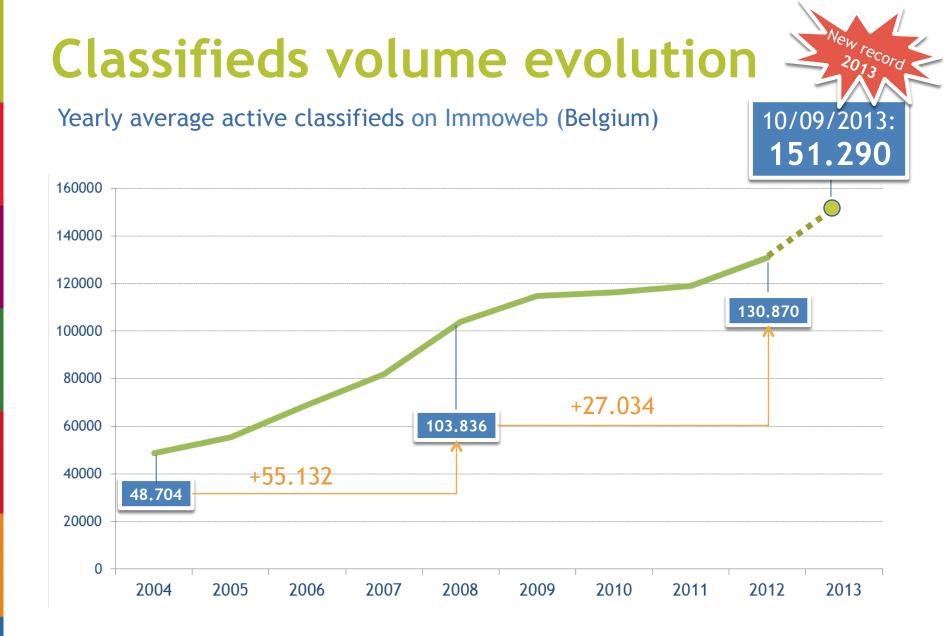
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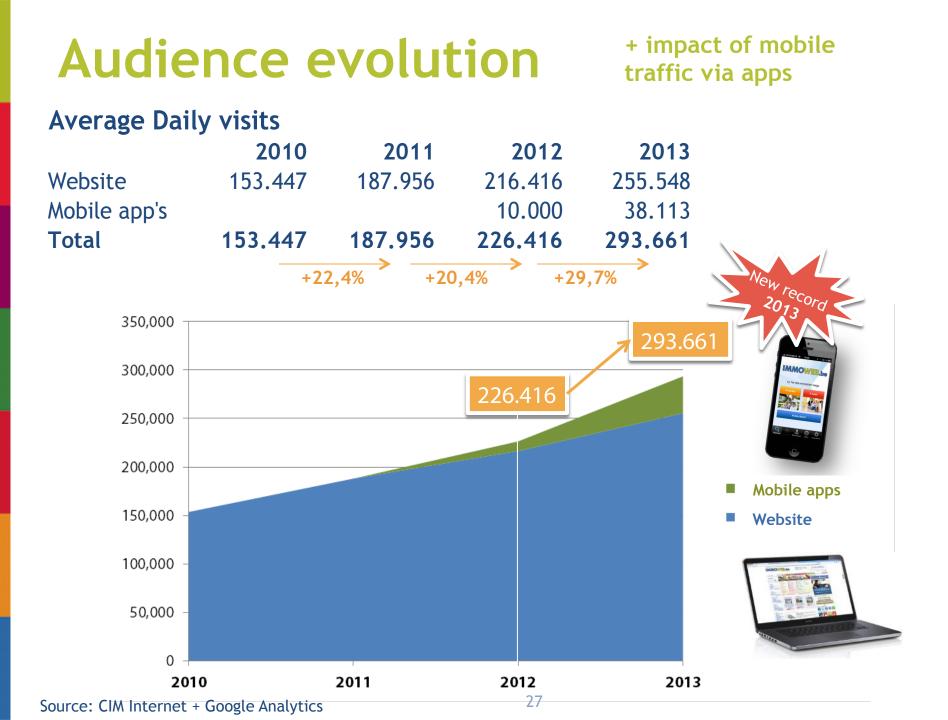
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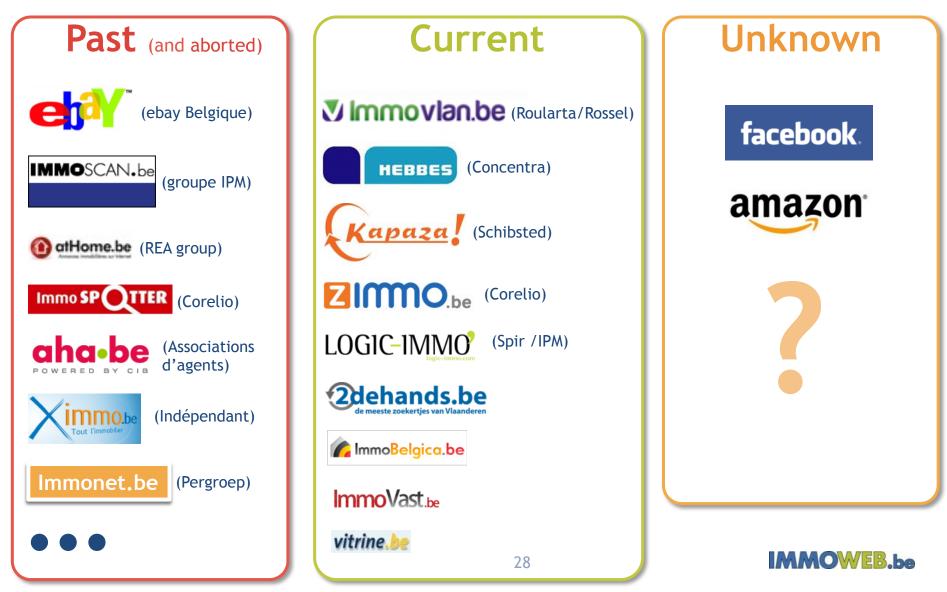




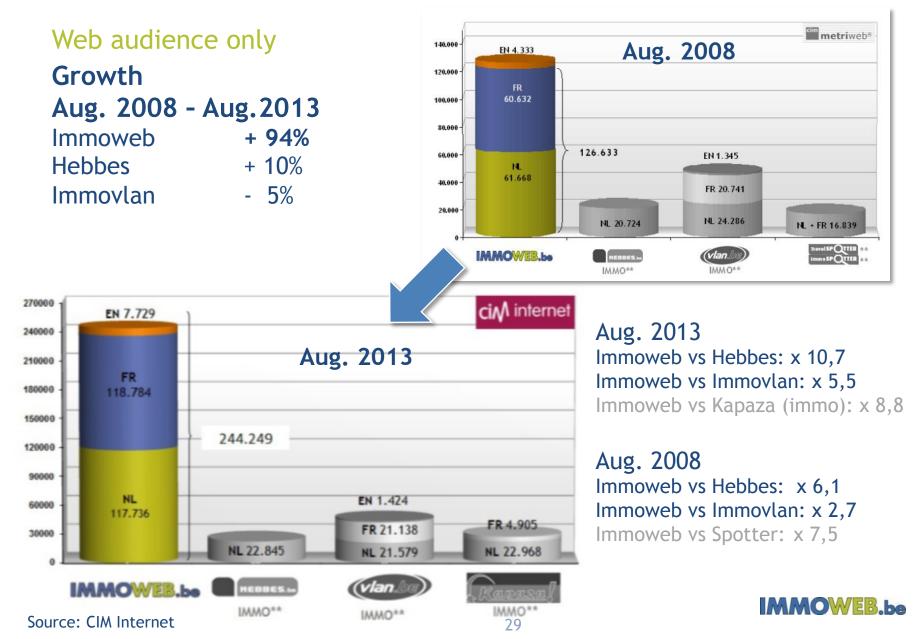


### Competition

#### We are not alone! Competition is large and moving...



### **Comparison of audience evolution**

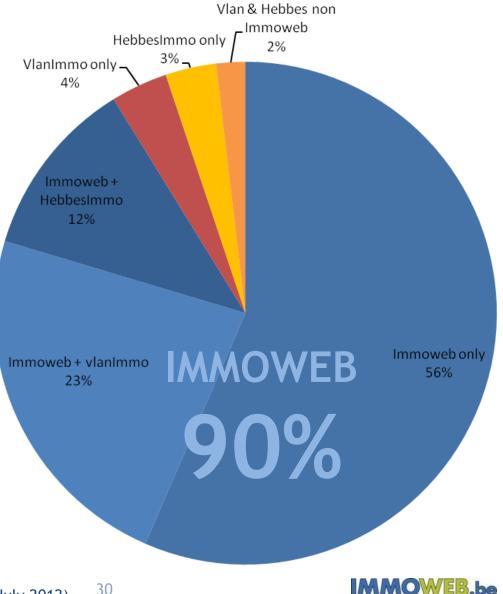


#### Market share

Publishing a property on Immoweb reaches more than 90% of the real estate Internet audience

#### All figures are authenticated by CIM

Assumption for Vlan & Hebbes 'non Immoweb' based on common audience Vlan and Hebbes (IMMO-section) which is 36.5%



Source: CIM July 2012 (Benchmark & Monthly reports - July 2012)

#### Focus on MOBILE

#### **30%** visits on IMMOWEB via **mobile devices** in Aug. 2013 (of which 18% via Immoweb app's)

500.000 downloads Available on iPhone, iPad and Android Radar feature Real-time warnings

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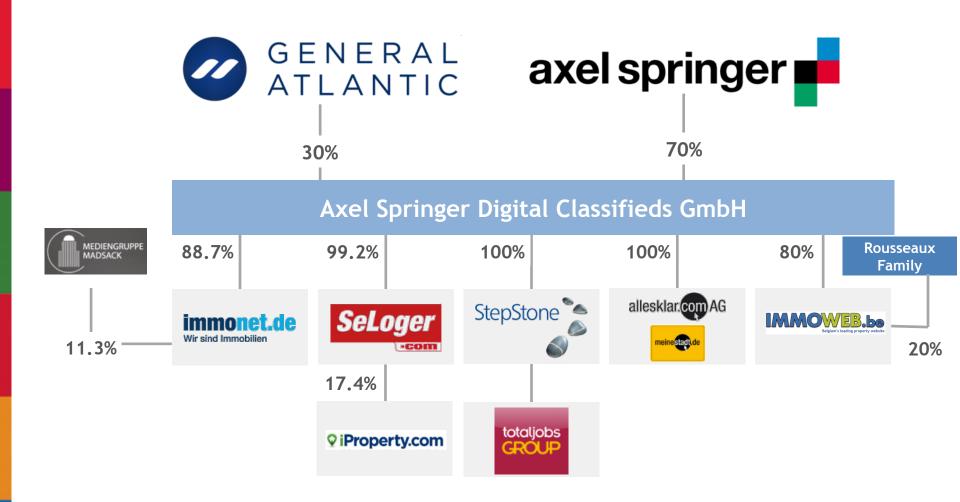
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### **Axel Springer Digital Classifieds**





#### Synergies within the group



Real-Estate sector opportunities

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Structural opportunities



### Investments opportunities



#### Our clear investment criteria:

Strategic fit: where we can provide leverage Proven and scalable business models Clear path to profitability / profitable businesses Experienced management / commitment Reasonable valuation





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### My recommendations to you:





# Be «realistic» dreamers



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Enter your **niche** and transform it into **stronghold** before extending your business



Open your mind to your *business* creativity. If you want to dance faster than the tempo, write your own music!





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### Conclusions

You don't need to go to the Silicon Valley to develop a profitable business on Internet...

### It happens **also** in Belgium

# So, now, it's UP TO YOU !





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