

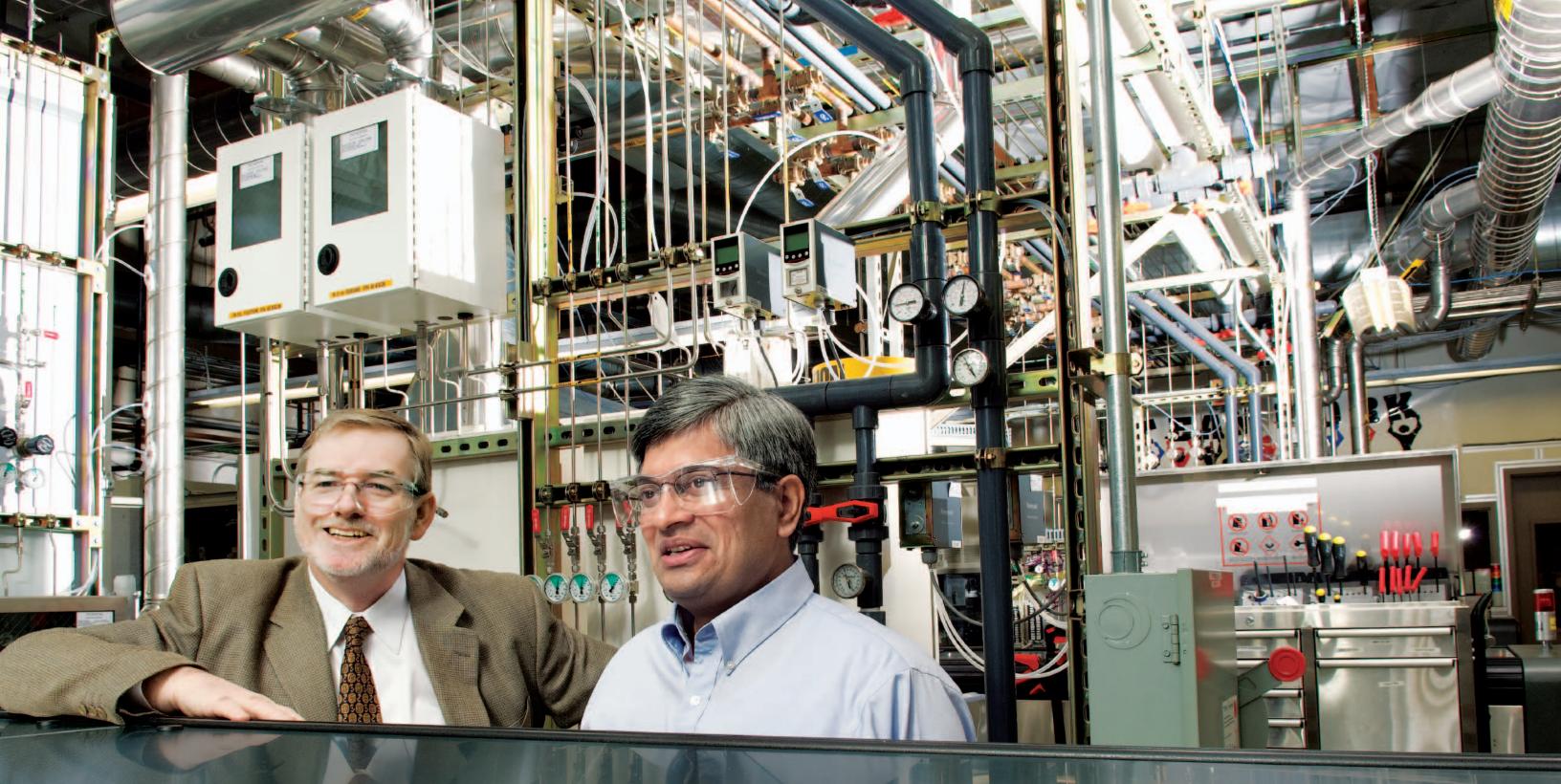
In the midst of these dark days for our industry and the entire economy, the men and women of SVB continue to come to work each day enthused and inspired to be a part of the global innovation community. The entrepreneurial clients we work with push the boundaries of what was previously thought possible. Their ability to see beyond today's limitations to tomorrow's opportunities inspires us. Their optimistic vision for the world we can create makes me personally excited for a better future.

There is no doubt that our clients and their investors will continue to be faced with tough decisions and situations in the coming year. We want you to know, as our client, that we will remain committed, as we have been for more than 25 years, to the technology, life science, venture capital/private equity and wine industries in these turbulent times.

KEN WILCOX, PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SVB FINANCIAL GROUP







NANOGRAM: SMALL IDEAS, BIG IMPACT

"With SVB we get more than a bank—we get a strategic partner. SVB's early capital support has allowed us to validate our technology and value proposition and move into a business growth stage."

KIERAN F. DRAIN, PH.D., PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (LEFT) SHIV CHIRUVOLU, PH.D., VICE PRESIDENT, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT Sometimes, the smallest elements have the biggest impact on life. NanoGram uses microscopic-scale, nano-enabling manufacturing capabilities to improve the performance of materials that are essential to everyday living, from batteries that regulate heartbeats to the LCDs in electronics.



ADEPT TECHNOLOGY: THE ROBOTIC REVOLUTION BEGAN HERE

Since 1983, Adept Technology's visionguided robotics systems and services have transformed automated manufacturing, adding precision and productivity. Today, Adept is the largest U.S. manufacturer of industrial robots.

"It's rare to find a bank that truly cares about and knows its customers—and knows how to help them succeed. SVB does all that for us."

JOHN DULCHINOS, PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (FAR RIGHT)

(LEFT TO RIGHT) JEFF BAIRD, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, LISA CUMMINS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, JOACHIM MELIS, VICE PRESIDENT OF WORLDWIDE SALES





TWITTER: DO YOU TWEET?

Crossing over multiple networks and devices, Twitter technology keeps users up-to-date on friends and open to news and information they want most. The Twitter name has already achieved iconic status, coming to mean real-time messaging for millions of users worldwide.



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"When the markets were falling last year, SVB was the only bank we wanted to manage our cash reserves. The advice we got was phenomenal—all we wanted was a safe haven, and instead we got impressive, unexpected returns."*

JASON WEISBERGER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (LEFT)
JOHN BATTELLE, FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN & CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER (MIDDLE),
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FEDERATED MEDIA: NEW MEDIA, NEW MARKETING

Federated Media has turned social media into commercial reality. For independent Web site authors in search of their voice and for Internet marketers in search of their audience, Federated Media provides the vital connection. The next-generation media and publishing company represents more than 100 of the world's most respected Web sites, blogs and social networking applications to brand marketers and agencies.



FIVEPRIME THERAPEUTICS: TRANSFORMING CANCER THERAPY

FivePrime Therapeutics is transforming—and accelerating—the course of biotherapeutics for cancer and diabetes patients. The company's powerful protein discovery platform enables it to focus on some of the most urgent and drug-resistant medical conditions in the world.

"SVB is the perfect bank for an entrepreneurial company like us-terrific business partners, flexible and committed."

GAIL MADERIS, PRESIDENT & CHIEF

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PRIZM PAYMENTS: INDIA'S NEW FINANCIAL BACKBONE

Prizm is establishing a self-sufficient nationwide payment ecosystem for financial institutions, retailers and service providers. This unprecedented infrastructure for India includes common-branded ATMs, point-of-sale services and card services.





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