



[Martin Tobias](#) is a serial entrepreneur and venture capitalist. He is a [recognized](#) leader in technology and renewable/green/cleantech who sees [the powerful intersection of those worlds](#) driving significant innovation over the next decade.

In September 2008, Martin started [Kashless, Inc.](#) directly in the middle of sustainability and technology. Kashless leverages the internet, mobile technology, social networks and local partnerships to make finding stuff to reuse and recycling of your own stuff safe and easy.

Martin led [Imperium Renewables](#) as a major investor, CEO and Chairman from May of 2005 thru January 2008. Under his leadership the company grew sales from zero to over \$80M, raised over \$240M in equity and project debt and scaled their technology from bench to build the largest biodiesel refinery in the world at Gray's Harbor Washington. Martin is a recognized leader in renewable energy across investment banks, private equity and the analyst community.

Martin has over 10 years experience as a principal investor both privately and through funds. Martin has been a Venture Partner with Ignition Partners (>\$800M early stage software and wireless VC) since 2002 working with the infrastructure software and networking team and currently serves on the board of [Cloudmark](#). He has personally invested in over two dozen start-ups, across technology and cleantech. In 2004 he founded the [Northwest Energy Angel](#) network and continues to serve on their Board of Directors.

Prior to Ignition, Martin spent 15 years in operating roles in technology companies. Martin was the Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of [Loudeye Technologies, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: LOUD), a pioneer in digital media production, distribution, and applications. Under his leadership, the company raised over \$175M (including an IPO) and grew to be one of the largest providers of digital media enabling solutions for the Internet.

Prior to Loudeye, Martin spent six years with Microsoft in various operational management roles and four years with Andersen Consulting (Accenture). Martin was one of the first Accenture consultants to break the strict formal dress code and wear jeans, a tee-shirt and flip-flops to work, one of the earliest in a string of broken rules which litter and distinguish his career. Martin received his bachelor's degree in marketing and computer science from Oregon State University. Martin and his companies have been profiled in numerous media outlets including [Newsweek](#), [Businessweek](#), [NPR](#), [Wired](#), [Wired house](#), KIRO TV, [CNBC](#), and more. He holds two [technology patents](#). Martin starred in the 1998 motorcycle documentary "[Biker Dreams](#)" and is involved in a number of charities through the [Martin Tobias Foundation](#) and blogs at [DeepGreenCrystals.com](#).