

Mikhail Andreev

Exited Technical Founder | CTO @ Virtual Staging AI (acq. by Zillow)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Zillow** **Munich, Germany**
Sr. Manager, Applied Science *Oct 2024 – Present*
- Leading the acquired team of ex-Meta and MIT scientists.
 - Delivering generative media experiences to zillow.com (250M monthly unique users).¹
- Virtual Staging AI** **Munich, Germany**
Co-Founder & CTO *Jan 2023 – Oct 2024*
- Image editing models for real estate (pre-Nano Banana).
 - Grew from 0 to \$5M ARR & 15k paid subscribers in 16 months. Patent pending.
 - Acquired by Zillow (NASDAQ: Z).
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München** **Munich, Germany**
Research Assistant *May 2023 – Dec 2023*
- Computer Vision & Learning Group, led by Prof. Dr. Björn Ommer.
 - Research on generative video and image models, transformer models for visual tracking.
- Unconvo** **Munich, Germany**
Founding Engineer *Mar 2021 – Mar 2022*
- Built an ML-powered Goodreads.
 - Sourced a dataset of 1M+ books. Built a recommender system and timeline algorithm on it.
- Marshfield Clinic Health System** **Marshfield, WI, USA**
Volunteer *Feb 2017 – Jun 2018*
- Volunteered at the clinic's Child Advocacy Center.

EDUCATION

- Harvard Innovation Labs** **2023**
Started Virtual Staging AI
- Center for Digital Technology and Management (CDTM)** **2023**
Technology Management *Left to found Virtual Staging AI*
- 20% of all German unicorns are CDTM startups.²
- Graduate School of Systemic Neurosciences – LMU Munich** **2021 – 2022**
Neuroscience (Theoretical component of M.Sc.)
- Technical University of Munich** **2020 – 2026**
B.Sc. Computer Science *Leave of absence from 2022 to 2025 to found Virtual Staging AI*
- Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf** **2018 – 2020**
B.Sc. Mathematics courses as a high school student

HONORS & AWARDS

- **AI Grant '24:** Accelerator by ex. CEO GitHub & SSI co-founder; notable alumni: Cursor, Perplexity
- **Press:** TechCrunch, Forbes, Fortune, Inman, HousingWire, Zillow Group

¹Q3 2025 Zillow Shareholder Letter

²<https://cdtm.com/startups>