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Startups

TechShop's Gadget Factory

Dozens of businesses have gotten their start at TechShop, a Bay Area company that charges inventors and hobbyists \$125 a month to use its power tools, metal- and woodworking gear, and design software. TechShop, which has two outlets, plans to expand to nine more U.S. cities in the next year. Here are a few of the ventures hatched in its Menlo Park (Calif.) flagship.



Square

A mobile credit-card reader for the iPad, iPhone, and other smartphones



Fauna Sauna

Infrared heated spa beds for pets intended to relieve pain from arthritis and other ailments



Clustered Systems

Liquid cooling systems designed to more efficiently control temperatures in data centers



Strike Models

Remote-controlled scale models of combat ships used in war games



Embrace

A heated sleeping bag that serves as a low-cost warmer for premature babies in developing countries



Team Phoenicia

Attempting to build a lunar lander and rocket technology for the Google Lunar X Prize competition