



TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award 2019 - Switzerland's 100 most-promising startups

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Zurich/Lausanne, September 4th, 2019 – Swiss startups are playing in the global Champions League. That was the message at the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award tonight, as an audience of more than 700 international investors, startups, corporates and startup experts celebrated Switzerland's top-ranked startups. The ninth edition of the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award was presented in partnership with Credit Suisse, SVC, Swiss Prime Site, SECA and digitalswitzerland.

Global investment for world-leaders

TOP 100 startup alum GetYourGuide (3rd place, 2012) achieved unicorn status thanks to a \$484 million funding round led by Japanese investors SoftBank, while Geneva's Amal Therapeutics (8th place, 2016) was acquired for €425 million by German pharmaceutical giant Boehringer Ingelheim. Several of this year's TOP 100 made headlines with financing rounds in the tens of millions, while deeptech companies such as Flyability, which leads the ranking this year, established themselves as world leaders in fast-growing markets. Bastian Zarske Bueno, head of Corporate Ventures at Swiss Prime Site confirmed the trend: "Many of the top 100 startups are already internationally sought-after technology and innovation partners, as well as attractive investment objects."

TOP 3 in 2019: the ultimate rivalry

Flyability, Lunaphore and Ava occupy the TOP 3 places, in a fierce, final rivalry in what is their last appearance in the TOP 100, having reached the age-limit for the ranking.

Winner **Flyability** (4th last year) is a prime example of Swiss tech's global appeal: With more than 350 customers across global markets, the EPFL-spinoff is the market leader for hazardous site inspections in the nuclear, energy, chemical and mining industries. The founders have raised more than CHF 15 million, as they seek to make Flyability the industry-standard inspection tool. Adrien Briod, co-founder and CTO, emphasized the importance the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award played in establishing Flyability's credentials. "Our position in the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award in the last years helped us build credibility with prospective investors and customers."

Runner-up **Lunaphore** (3rd last year) launched its first automated tissue diagnostic machine this year, targeting the industry's key opinion leaders. Collaborations with multi-billion-dollar global corporation PerkinsElmer and biomedical research firm Vitro, underline the potential of this startup's high-speed tissue-staining technology to revolutionize lab diagnostics and enable more personalized medicine.

Third-placed **Ava Women** (1st last year) enjoyed an impressive year of growth, as the fertility-tracking startup saw revenue exceed CHF 10 million, new offices in Hong Kong, and plans to expand into China. Leadership at the fertility data-tracker will pass to co-founder Lea von Bidder in January, as the startup's attention focuses on greater measurement of women's health.

A jury of 100 leading investors and experts rank the country's most-impactful startups. The TOP 100 Public Voting, which runs parallel to the expert ranking, was the public's chance to highlight an excellent Swiss startup. The winner of this year's public vote is GuestReady, based in the Appenzell town of Trogen (pop. 1,742), which offers management services to Airbnb hosts in 14 cities around the world.



Tracking the growth of Switzerland's scale-ups

New for this year's edition is the scale-up ranking. As startups cannot appear in the TOP 100 for more than 5 years after incorporation, the TOP 100 experts were also asked to select the TOP 25 scale-ups. These companies, aged five years or more, show the greatest potential for further growth. From VIU VENTURES counting 400 employees in 6 years, to Sophia Genetics opening 2019 with a 77-million-franc financing round, this ranking further illustrates the amazing potential shown by Swiss startups. "The TOP 100 startups all have the potential to develop into major global successes over the next 10 years," commented Andreas Gerber, Head of SME Business at Credit Suisse and President of the Swiss Venture Club.

Key facts and figures in 2019

- To date, the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award has recognized a total of 397 startups.
- Cumulatively they have raised more than CHF 4.3 billion, with 42 exits and two IPOs.
- The TOP 100 startups represent more than 8,700 active jobs.
- 58 of the TOP 100 startups have women in management, including 25 as co-founders.

About the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award

Each year since 2011, Venturelab has organized the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award. The 100 most innovative and promising Swiss startups are picked by a panel of 100 leading investors and startup experts. Each one nominates 10 favorite Swiss startups, less than five years old, with the greatest commercial potential. The first-placed company gets 10 points, the second 9 and so on. All these individual rankings are compiled to generate the final TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award ranking, which therefore recognizes the startups that have most impressed all 100 jury members.

The TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award 2019 is supported by presenting partners Credit Suisse, SVC, Swiss Prime Site, SECA and digitalswitzerland.

Pictures from the award night will be shared in the [media kit](#) from 20:30 on Wednesday.

www.top100startups.swiss offers the German, French, English and Chinese editions of the TOP 100 Startup magazines, the full 2019 ranking, and more information about the TOP 100 Swiss Startup Award.

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The full ranking:

Rank	Company	Incorporation	Sector	Canton
1	Flyability SA	23.09.2014	Drones	VD
2	Lunaphore Technologies SA	24.04.2014	Medtech	VD
3	Ava AG	11.09.2014	Medtech	ZH
4	Wingtra	03.06.2016	Drones	ZH
5	Bestmile SA	05.02.2014	Software	VD
6	Cutiss AG	08.03.2017	Biotech	ZH
7	Gamaya SA	22.01.2015	Drones	VD
8	Piavita AG	01.03.2016	Medtech	ZH
9	Advanon AG	03.03.2015	Fintech	ZH
10	9T Labs AG	19.01.2018	Engineering	ZH
11	Versantis AG	18.03.2015	Biotech	ZH
12	Astrocast SA	01.10.2014	Engineering	VD
13	Ledgy AG	07.07.2017	Software	ZH
14	Polyneuron Pharmaceuticals AG	03.12.2014	Biotech	BS
15	Volumina Medical SA	05.01.2018	Biotech	VD
16	TOLREMO therapeutics AG	16.03.2017	Biotech	ZH
17	Crypto Finance AG	21.04.2017	Fintech	ZG
18	Bring! Labs AG	14.04.2015	Online	ZH
19	Cellestia Biotech AG	09.05.2014	Biotech	BS
20	Fixposition AG	08.08.2017	Drones	ZH
21	Exeon Analytics AG	10.08.2016	Software	ZH
22	Daphne Technology SA	22.12.2017	Cleantech	VD
23	CREAL3D SA	10.11.2017	Engineering	VD
24	T3 Pharmaceuticals AG	06.05.2015	Biotech	BS
25	yamo AG	23.08.2016	Foodtech	ZG
26	OrbiWise SA	20.02.2014	Software	GE
27	Proton Technologies AG	18.07.2014	Online	GE
28	Insolight SA	31.08.2015	Cleantech	VD
29	IMVERSE SA	22.05.2017	Software	GE
30	aktiia SA	14.05.2018	Medtech	NE
31	Carvolution AG	08.03.2018	Online	BE
32	PXL Vision AG	06.03.2017	Fintech	ZH
33	MaxWell Biosystems AG	01.09.2016	Biotech	BS
34	Resistell AG	04.04.2018	Biotech	BL
35	TestingTime AG	12.01.2015	Online	ZH
36	ARTIDIS AG	04.07.2014	Medtech	BS
37	Anaveon AG	11.12.2017	Biotech	BL
38	guuru AG	15.10.2015	Online	ZG
39	AlgoTrader AG	24.03.2014	Fintech	ZH
40	nanoleq AG	16.05.2017	Engineering	ZH
41	Loanbox GmbH	16.04.2018	Fintech	ZH
42	Nomoko AG	11.06.2015	Software	ZH
43	Dotphoton AG	19.04.2018	Software	ZG
44	Inositec AG	21.12.2015	Biotech	ZH
45	CodeCheck AG	07.05.2014	Online	ZH
46	AgroSustain SA	22.05.2018	Biotech	VD
47	Scailyte AG	19.06.2017	Medtech	LU
48	PriceHubble AG	28.01.2016	Proptech	SZ
49	Peripal AG	19.06.2015	Medtech	ZH
50	Eyeware Tech SA	23.09.2016	Engineering	VS
51	xorlab AG	29.07.2015	Software	ZH
52	Locatee AG	28.04.2014	Proptech	GR
53	AAAccell AG	11.02.2017	Fintech	ZH
54	Diamond Digital AG	04.05.2017	Fintech	SZ
55	GRZ Technologies AG	10.03.2017	Cleantech	VS

56	LIGENTEC SA	12.07.2016	Engineering	VD
57	Olympe SA	18.11.2015	Software	VD
58	Scewo AG	29.08.2017	Engineering	ZH
59	Apiax AG	12.05.2017	Fintech	ZH
60	ANYbotics AG	14.09.2016	Engineering	ZH
61	H55 AG	05.06.2015	Engineering	VS
62	EBAMed SA	08.10.2018	Medtech	GE
63	Crypto Real Estate AG (SwissRealCoin)	19.12.2017	Proptech	ZG
64	Qnami GmbH	22.11.2017	Engineering	BS
65	LuckaBox Logistics AG	07.09.2017	Online	ZH
66	InterAx Biotech AG	29.04.2016	Biotech	AG
67	SwissDeCode Sàrl	13.04.2016	Foodtech	VD
68	FAIRTIQ Ltd	30.05.2017	Online	BE
69	Topadur Pharma AG	10.03.2015	Biotech	ZH
70	PharmaBiome AG	25.02.2015	Biotech	ZH
71	Avrios International AG	05.02.2015	Online	ZH
72	Perspective Robotics AG (Fotokite)	10.03.2014	Drones	ZH
73	Skribble AG	16.03.2018	Online	ZH
74	Futuræ Technologies AG	13.12.2016	Fintech	ZH
75	Seervision AG	08.09.2016	Engineering	ZH
76	SONECT AG	26.08.2016	Fintech	ZH
77	Elthera AG	16.02.2016	Biotech	ZH
78	uniqFEED AG	26.03.2015	Software	ZH
79	Insightness AG	30.05.2014	Engineering	ZH
80	Spectroplast AG	17.09.2018	Engineering	ZH
81	Crowdhouse AG	09.03.2015	Proptech	ZH
82	ScanTrust SA	15.01.2014	Software	VD
83	Nanogence SA	18.12.2017	Cleantech	VD
84	Auterion AG	16.11.2017	Drones	ZH
85	INVOLI SA	20.10.2016	Drones	VD
86	Haelixa AG	23.05.2016	Biotech	ZH
87	myCamper GmbH	23.04.2015	Online	BS
88	GTX Medical SA	21.10.2015	Biotech	VD
89	Equippo AG	05.08.2014	Online	ZG
90	Farmy AG	06.06.2014	Online	ZH
91	Araris Biotech AG	31.01.2019	Biotech	ZH
92	Sygnum AG	16.05.2018	Fintech	ZH
93	Dicronis Sagl	02.05.2018	Medtech	TI
94	Mirrakoi SA	15.01.2018	Online	VD
95	TwentyGreen Holding AG	04.07.2016	Biotech	LU
96	Altoida AG	17.05.2016	Medtech	LU
97	Pregnolia AG	13.01.2016	Medtech	ZH
98	FinanceApp AG (FinanceFox)	20.11.2014	Fintech	ZH
99	recapp IT AG	13.10.2014	Software	VS
100	OneVisage SA	19.10.2016	Software	VD