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Farma Industria Ticino

Canton Ticino: platform for international business



Located just south of the beautiful Swiss Alps, Ticino is the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland. Its strategic geographic position represents a bridge between northern and southern Europe and between two of the strongest and most dynamic economic areas in Europe: Lombardy – with Milan at its heart – and the Zurich region.

In a unique harmony it unites the Swiss accuracy and reliability with the Italian flexibility, resulting in an excellent combination of creativity and sound economic development.

Thanks to the mild climate and the attractive landscapes, Ticino is one of the furthestmost touristic locations in Switzerland, but at the same time it showcases a wide array of business activities. The local economy ideally balances the industrial and the service sectors. Alongside a leading tertiary sector (Lugano is the third finance market in Switzerland) there is a solid industrial sector with export-oriented, internationally competitive, and highly innovative companies.

The backbone of the industrial sector, composed by a few SMEs in the fields of life sciences, mechanics, and electronics, has recently been complemented by rising new sectors like renewable energies, advanced logistics, and the fashion industry.

In this latter, several top brands found ideal conditions for their regional or worldwide headquarters. In the life sciences field an important role is played by the pharma industry, where top quality niche-producers cover the entire supply chain. The success of the local industrial companies is based on one hand, on the advantages offered by the “Swiss system” in terms of exceptional political and institutional stability, a competitive and flexible labour market, complete security, and a mild taxation. On the other hand, the availability of highly skilled labour force with exceptional multilingual skills and the opportunity for companies to collaborate with top notch research institutes stimulates the local enterprises to constantly invest in innovation and remain competitive with a cutting-edge technology.

The local authorities are equipped to advise and support business ventures at their various stages.

- Particular attention is paid to the general framework conditions, in order to provide a business-friendly and unbureaucratic environment. In addition, the public administration is always available for a smooth and prompt resolution of any procedural issue that might arise.
- The Economic Promotion Agency informs foreign companies about the business opportunities in our region and simplifies their settlement by providing practical and direct support.
- The Agire Foundation maintains dialogue and works with the most important industry partners on a cantonal, national, and international level. Thanks to its extensive network of partnerships as well as its coordination of the Regional Innovation System, the Foundation can deal with all inquiries. Following an efficient sifting process, the Foundation can provide direct support or, alternatively, make referrals to the most suitable partners for the type of inquiry.
- TiVentures is a seed investment fund owned by the Fondazione Centenario Banca Stato that invests in early-stage companies with innovative technologies and high growth potential, principally in southern Switzerland. TiVentures has a diversified portfolio of companies and is mainly active in the life science, medical, high-tech and IT sectors.
- The Innovation Park’s framework is represented by Competence Centers (CC), which are also defined in the canton’s economic development policy strategy. Three CCs – Life Sciences, Drones, and ICT Blockchain – are at an advanced stage of development, while other initiatives are being developed with future potential in mind. Physical sites will be created for companies, containing offices, laboratories, machinery, and open spaces for testing. The project is managed by the Agire Foundation on behalf of the State Council.
- The Life Sciences Competence Center promotes innovation and research in the biomedical field, the development of sustainable solutions, and the creation of a network of collaborations between academic and industrial partners. It provides an important development opportunity for local and international companies operating in the industry, offering them access to cutting-edge skills, technologies and infrastructure.
- Bellinzona Institutes of Science (Bios⁺) is a non-profit association aiming to promote, support and coordinate the scientific research and teaching activities of its members in view of the establishment in Bellinzona (Switzerland) of a national and international research center for life sciences. Bios⁺ was founded on July 21, 2021 with two members, the Institute for Research in Biomedicine (IRB) and the Institute for Oncology Research (IOR) based in Bellinzona.

Association of chemical and pharmaceutical industries of the Swiss Canton of Ticino

59

Member companies

of which

39

Ordinary
members

2

Start-ups

18

Associate
members

2.6

Billion Swiss francs
global turnover

>84%

Of turnover
made in export

442

Million Swiss
francs invested
in Ticino over
2023/2024

The Economic Promotion Agency

The Agire Foundation

TiVentures

The Innovation Park's

The Life Sciences Competence Center

Bellinzona Institutes of Science (Bios+)

**The Institute for Research in
Biomedicine (IRB)**

The Institute for Oncology Research (IOR)

The University of Italian Switzerland (USI)

**The University of Applied Sciences
and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)**



Farma Industria Ticino

Member companies competences

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● Yes ○ Limited

1. Advitech Consulting SA

2. Alpex Pharma SA

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4. BGG Europe SA

5. Bracco Suisse SA

6. Cerbios-Pharma SA

7. Chemo AG, Vienna, Lugano Branch

8. Contrad Swiss SA

9. Curaleaf International Pharma Sagl

10. Developharma SA

11. Dipharma SA

12. ECSA Chemicals AG

13. Evultis SA

14. Farma Mondo SA

15. Flarer SA

16. Fordras SA, a Bioseutica Company

17. Gnosis Bioresearch SA

Main Activity

Licensing-In		●	●						○											
Licensing-Out		●	●		○	●			●						●			○		●
Development		●	●		●				○		●				●			●		●
Co-development		●	●							●	●				●			●		
Imaging					●															
Trading		●			●			●						●	●			●		
Drug Product CMO		●				●									●					
Drug Substance CMO					○	●												●		●
Drug discovery					●															
Drug development		●	●		●						●				●					
Drug commercialization		●			●				●						●					
API Manufacturing					●	●				●								○		●
Extracts				●						●								●		●
Isolates									●											
Analytical Services	●	●	●												●			●		●
Micronization															●					
Pre-formulation		●	●								●				●					
Spray-Drying		○													●					
Other Activities		●							●						●					

Markets

CH	●	●	●	●	●	●		○	●	●	●	●	●		●					●
EU Top 5	●	●			●	●		○	●	●	●	●	●		●				●	●
Rest of Europe	●	●			●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○		●				●	●
USA and Canada	●	●	●		●	●			●	●	●				●				●	●
Japan		●			●	●	●								●				●	●
LATAM	●	●			●	●	●	○							●				●	●
MENA		●			●	●	●	●							●					●
BRICS		●	●		●	●	●	●					○		●			○		●
ASEAN		●			○	●	●	●		●					●				●	●
Australia	●	●				●	●		●	●	●				●					●
Other market		●			○	●		●			●				●					●



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Certifications/ Audits

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Swissmedic	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●		●	●	●
FDA	●				●	●				●							●
FDA-Dietary													●				
European Medicines Agency		●			●	●				●							
EDQM		○			●	●									●		
Korea FDA		●			●												
BRC Global Standards																	
GMP		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	○	●		●		
ISO 9001				●				●				●	●				
ISO 13485			●		●			●									
ISO 14001					●								●				
ISO 45001					●								●				
EAEU		●															
PMDA					●	●											
Safebridge Consultants																	
Anvisa					●												●
BS OHSAS 19001																	
Japan MHLW						●											
AIFA		●			●												
KOSHER				●		●											
HALAL				●		●											
HACCP		●				●							●				
HARPC																	
Other Certifications		○			●							●	●				



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ESG Certifications & Collaborations

GRI		●			●												
Ecovadis		●				●	●						●			●	
AEnEC/EmAW		●															
UN Global Compact		●				●											
Other		●				●							●				

Drug Product Forms

Aerosol																	
Inhaler									●								
Injectable					●								●				
Oral (solid)		●	●					○	●	●	●		●				
Oral (liquid)		●	●					○	●	●			●				
Spray			●					○					●				
Topical			●					●	●				●				
ODF (Orodispersible Film)			●					○									
Other drug form		○	●					●					●				

Ordinary members



Start-ups



Associate members

ALTEA
HUB+

avvale

carlo since 1963
volponi

mergee

Fontanaprint
la tipografia per il tuo packaging

Fracht GROUP
Switzerland

INSTANT LOGISTIC +
International Freight Forwarders

ISS

KPMG

lineagrafica
tipo
off-set so

Luini6

MedicAir

ORIENTO

PHARMAPROCESS

POSITIVE
ORGANIZATIONS

SWISSACR
SWISS APPLIED COATING RESEARCH GmbH

UBS

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