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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

61

Member companies
of which

38

Ordinary
members

2

Start-ups

21

Associate
members

2.7

Billion Swiss francs
global turnover

85%

Of turnover
made in export

189

Million Swiss
francs invested
in Ticino in 2025

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)**



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Member companies competences

The tables show partial data; updates are available online.

● Yes ○ Limited

Main Activity

	1. Alkemira SA	2. Alpex Pharma SA	3. Avyxa GmbH	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. Evlitis SA	14. Farma Mondo SA	15. Flarer SA	16. Fordras SA, a Bioseutica Company
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

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

Drug Product Forms

	1. Alkemira SA	2. Alpex Pharma SA	3. Avyxa GmbH	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. Evlitis SA	14. Farma Mondo SA	15. Flarer SA	16. Fordras SA, a Bioseutica Company
Aerosol																
Inhaler									●							
Injectable	●		●		●								●			
Oral (solid)	●	●							●	●	●		●			
Oral (liquid)	●	●							●	●			●			
Spray	●												●			
Topical	●							●	●				●			
ODF (Orodispersible Film)	●															
Other drug form	●	○											●			

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Ordinary members



Start-ups







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Associate members

FIT associate members provide specialised expertise and services supporting pharmaceutical and life sciences companies throughout their business activities.

Specialised Services for the Life Sciences Industry

	1. Ala Trasporti SA	2. Altea Hub SA	3. Avvale Sagl	4. Carlo Volponi SA	5. Easydiet SA	6. emergee Sagl	7. Fontana Print SA	8. Fracht SA	
Logistics & Supply Chain	•							•	
Digital & IT		•	•						
Consulting & Compliance		•	•			•			
Sustainability & ESG			•						
Packaging & Printing				•			•		
Communication & Marketing									
Finance & Banking									
Insurance & Risk									
Facility & Operational Services									
Events & Hospitality					•				

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