**10 Venture Leaders China Winners Prepare for a 10-Day Roadshow in Chinese Innovation Hubs.**

Venture Leaders' intense, ten-day roadshow brings a new team of ambitious Swiss startups to fundraise in five of China’s mega-cities and participate the Annual Meeting of New Leaders, also known as the Summer-Davos. This will be the 5th time Venturelab brings the Swiss National Startup Team to China. Meet the team at the Startup Champions event in Zurich on May 23rd.

St. Gallen/Zurich/Lausanne, April 16th, 2019 – Following in the footsteps of startups such as Cellestia Biotech, Flyability and Ava Women, the latest Venture Leaders team will showcase Switzerland’s innovative technology across mainland China and Hong Kong, and at the summer World Economic Forum in Dalian.

The ten-day tour, including intense pitching and networking sessions with China's technology investors and leaders in Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Shanghai, Dalian and Beijing. It will be Venturelab’s 27th global roadshow with the Swiss National Startup Team. The program will offer the entrepreneurs multiple sessions with investors, and insights into doing business in the world’s fastest-growing innovation market.

**From medtech to music application, a display of fast-growing Swiss startups**

The winner are amazing entrepreneurs with global ambitions, who are active internationally and have already raised several million francs in investments. The ten startups are a reflection of the breadth of Switzerland’s technology leadership, representing innovation in medtech, drones, business and consumer software, virtual reality, artificial intelligence, IoT and nanotechnology.

“China is one of the most exciting, complex markets in the world, so we want to ensure that Swiss startups have the best chances there,” said Jordi Montserrat, managing partner of Venturelab. “After five years, we are extremely proud of the program’s track-record and alumni-successes.”

During last year's edition leukemia drug-developer Cellestia Biotech AG made connections that led to regional investors joining the company's $20 million round.

"Venture Leaders is a one-of-its-kind program that has been instrumental in helping me reach out to potential investors and potential business partners in mainland China, Hong Kong and Asia. These contacts led to having them join our Series A, which is a great asset for our future development. The meetings and program organized by Venturelab and swissnex China for this roadshow were just world class," said Cellestia's CSO Rahwinder Lehal.

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**Venture Leaders China winners 2019**

**Beekeeper AG | Daniel Sztutowojner | [www.beekeeper.io](http://www.beekeeper.io)**

Two billion people in the global workforce don’t work at a desk and aren’t given corporate email addresses. Beekeeper’s mission is to transform the way these frontline employees work with a mobile-first communication platform that reaches every shift, location, and language through real-time one-on-one and group messaging.

**Exploris Health AG | Peter Ruff | [www.exploris.info](http://www.exploris.info)**

Coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death worldwide. Cardioexplorer is the first simple, accurate, non-invasive, AI-supported cardiovascular test for detection / exclusion of life-threatening constrictions of the heart arteries, the main cause of heart attacks.
Mandatory inspections of oil and gas industry infrastructure are expensive. Flybotix is developing a drone, combining the flight-time of larger quadcopters with the manoeuvrability of smaller drones, to fly inside narrow shafts and ducts.

much of current augmented reality technology is trapped in expensive, custom apps. Holo|one has developed a standardized AR-platform, sphere, to encompass the most-common use cases that industrial manufacturers, OEMs and architects can integrate simply.

IDUN Technologies is developing and manufacturing soft and stretchable dry electrodes for biometric and stimulation wearables. The patent-pending surface structure of these electrodes provides high quality signals with skin-friendly materials without electrolyte gel.

The Internet of Things is disrupting every industry sector. LORIOT provides the secure, reliable and scalable LoRaWAN network servers IoT clients need to deploy more quickly and more cheaply.

More than 16 million people have chronic lymphedema, a common, debilitating and incurable side-effect of cancer therapies. Lymphatica has patented the first implantable system for chronic lymphedema treatment that replaces the draining function of the damaged lymphatic vessels.

Equine vets are stuck in the dark ages when it comes to monitoring and diagnosing their patients. Piavita has developed a diagnostic system that enables the remote, long-term and precise monitoring of horses’ vital signs.

Learning an instrument can be a difficult process and paper sheet music doesn’t meet musicians’ needs. As a result, many learners give-up. Tomplay's interactive sheet music lets musicians practice accompanied by high-quality audio recordings, with an automatically scrolling on-screen score.

Touchless Automation invented a novel tool that can manipulate components of any material, without touching them. Based on this technology, the company builds industrial machine for the manipulation and inspection of photonics, MEMS and micro-optical components.

Meet the Venture Leaders China 2019 team at ETH Zurich on May 23rd. Follow the Startup Champions and the Venture Leaders China roadshow from June 24th to July 4th on social media using the hashtag #VleadersChina

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About Venture Leaders
The Venture Leaders – members of the Swiss National Startup Team – have a clear goal. They envision themselves as global players and want to take the first step to their global expansion. Venturelab has 19 years of experience bringing Switzerland’s best entrepreneurs to the heart of technology hotspots: Silicon Valley, New York, Boston, Barcelona, Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong. Companies founded by the 360 Venture Leaders alums have created more than 3,500 jobs, and raised more than 1.7 billion Swiss francs in capital.

Discover all the alums: www.venture-leaders.ch/venture-leaders-alumni