



WHY SWITZERLAND DISCOVER A VIBRANT LIFE SCIENCE COMMUNITY



A STABLE POLITICAL, LEGAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Switzerland enjoys a world leading reputation for the quality of its services as well as its security, professionalism and reliability. The stable political federalism stimulates economic development and fosters cultural exchange like nowhere else. Despite its small size, Switzerland is the world's 19th largest economy by GDP and 8th by GDP per capita. In 2014, the chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech industries accounted for 41% of total Swiss exports, making them Switzerland's largest export sectors.





BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS AND ACADEMIC TALENT

Switzerland is the most competitive country in Europe and fourth worldwide, according to the Global Competitiveness Report 2014 – 2015, published by the World Economic Forum (WEF). In addition to the liberal business environment, Switzerland is home to high-class academic research institutes which are ranked among the best in the world. Due to its attractive education and research environment, the country is considered to be a talent pool of international thought leaders.



World's 8th **ECONOMY**
by GDP per capita

Most **INNOVATIVE** country
in the world





A CULTURE OF INNOVATION

Switzerland is ranked the most innovative country in the world, according to the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) Global Innovation Index 2015. According to the OECD, Switzerland is among the three world leaders in the scientific field. In 2014, 4.8% of GDP was invested in research and development activities. In 2016, the government launched the Swiss Innovation Park program, of which Biopôle is a key player, to reinforce Switzerland's leading position as a location for innovation and to maintain the country's economic competitiveness.



Most **COMPETITIVE**
in Europe, and **4TH** worldwide



MULTINATIONALS AND STARTUPS DRIVE PROSPERITY



Switzerland is home to a number of large multinational corporations which are active within the life sciences field, including the likes of Nestlé, Novartis, Roche and Medtronic. For many of these multinationals, Switzerland is particularly attractive for its long-standing expertise in R&D and life sciences. At the same time, startups flourish in the Swiss economic environment thanks to modern infrastructure, numerous funding partners, and easy access to talent and innovation platforms.



World **LEADER**
in the **SCIENTIFIC FIELD**





A PERFECT LOCATION

Located in the heart of Europe, Switzerland is a small yet multi-cultural country, and well-connected both internationally and internally. The country's efficient and punctual railway system and four international airports make it possible to travel easily and quickly. Biopôle is located in the area of Lausanne, 65 km from Geneva's international airport.

4.8% of GDP invested in
RESEARCH and DEVELOPMENT

Located in the
HEART OF EUROPE



Discover a **VIBRANT**
life science community



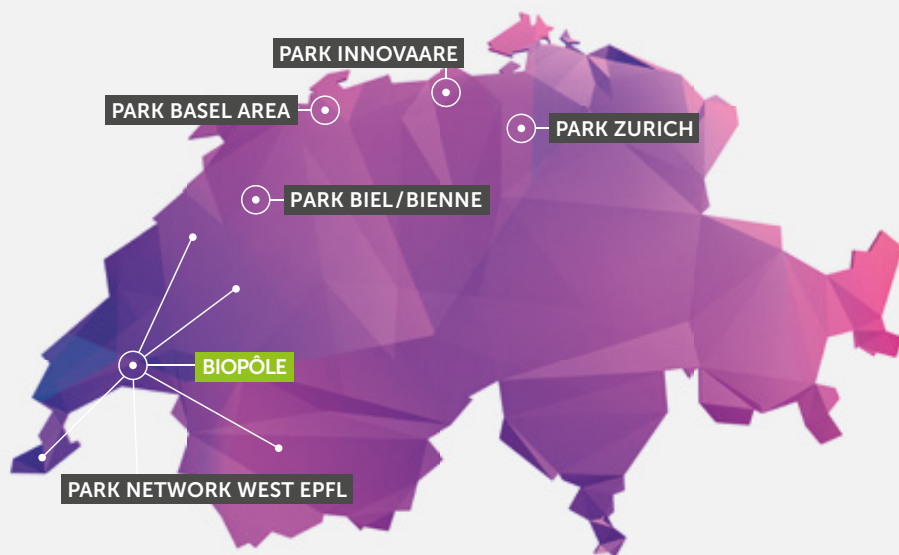
HIGH QUALITY
of service



41% of total Swiss exports in
LIFE SCIENCES sector



PART OF SWISS INNOVATION PARK



ABOUT SWITZERLAND

- 41,285 km² area
- 8 million inhabitants
- 26 cantons and 4 national languages
- Highest intake of chocolate and Nobel laureates per capita
- More high mountain peaks than any other country in Europe with 48 at about 4,000 m
- More than 1,500 lakes



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