Media Release

**Venture Leaders Technology 2020: Venturelab sends 10 Hightech Startups to Silicon Valley**

Zurich/Lausanne/St. Gallen, February 4th 2020 – The Swiss National Startup Team will head to Silicon Valley in March. The roadshow will showcase Switzerland’s most-innovative technology startups to the leading investors and industry experts.

Venturelab has organized international roadshows for the Swiss National Startup Team for 15 years. The ambitious entrepreneurs and their promising startups are introduced to leading investors and potential customers in technology hubs in San Francisco, Boston, New York, China, and Barcelona.

This year’s Venture Leaders Technology roadshow to Silicon Valley is supported by DPD, Kellerhals Carrard Rothschild & Co Bank, Canton de Vaud, EPF Lausanne and ETH Zurich. The ten innovative startups were chosen from more than 140 applicants, by a jury of professional investors and experts. The startups cover sectors ranging from agtech and big data, to quantum technologies and the internet of things. The roadshow’s program of meetings with top-notch investors and industry leaders will accelerate the startups’ expansion into the U.S.-market, help them build global business networks and raise capital from investors.

**Building on Previous Successes**

For the last years U.S. investors were truly impressed by Switzerland’s high-tech startups and expressed their interest in welcoming the future teams. “Last year for example we had pitch sessions with Bessemer Venture Partners, New Enterprise Associates and Partech Ventures who all have several billion of assets-under-management. The investor agenda for 2020 is equally promising,” said Stefan Steiner, Venturelab’s co-managing director.

Mathieu Munsch, chief executive of Qnami, was part of the 2019 team and said “The Venture Leader program is all about the journey you'll make with peers, mentors and the great organization team. The combination of unique access to top VCs and exclusive workshops with constant and personalized feedback from the entire team is the real value of the roadshow.”

Several Venture Leaders Technology alumni were acquired by large tech companies. Lemoptix and Composyt Light Labs (both acquired by Intel), Faceshift (Apple), HouseTrip (TripAdvisor), Kooaba (Qualcomm) and Dacuda (Magic Leap) and many more. See [www.venture-leaders.ch](http://www.venture-leaders.ch) for more details.

**Swiss National Startup Team 2020 for Venture Leaders Technology:**

**Aero41** | Frederic Hemmeler | [www.aero41.com](http://www.aero41.com) | Aigle
*Aero41 develops a drone dedicated to crop protection including a flight controller which follows at low level the complex plots and a flexible and intelligent platform that integrates AI and collects data to make crop protection more and more eco-responsible while being effective to ensure the necessary yields.*

**Distran** | Florian Perrodin | [www.distran.ch](http://www.distran.ch) | Zurich
*Distran develops a gas leak detection sensor that literally sees the leaks, in real-time and from a safe distance. Based on the ultrasounds waves leaks are creating, the hand-held device pinpoints the leaks in all industrial environments from up to 20m and independently from the gas type.*

**Eyeware** | Serban Mogos | [www.eyeware.tech](http://www.eyeware.tech) | Martigny
*Eyeware develops eye tracking software for cars, smartphones, laptops and more. Eyeware’s software products enable attention sensing in 3D for a wide range of applications, including driver monitoring, gaming and shopper research.*
GenLots | Arnaud Alves de Souza | www.genlots.com | Lausanne
GenLots developed an artificial intelligence technology to discover the optimal way to place an industrial company’s orders through time, based on its material requirements forecasts, while taking into account real parameters and complexity (perishability, lead times, storage, evolutionary prices, supplier constraints), to minimize the total cost of ownership.

Kido Dynamics | Ignacio Barrios Baños | www.kidodynamics.com | Lausanne
Kido Dynamics democratizes Big Data, providing the most advanced insights to make cities smarter. Companies, governments and public institutions can know deeply understand people’s mobility patterns: where they come from and go to, the routes they take, and time and seasonal aspects.

L2F – Learn to Forecast | Aldo Podesta | www.l2f.ch | Lausanne
L2F’s technology “Giotto” is a Python-based machine learning platform created and designed to address problems in complex dynamical systems by bringing mathematical innovation to machine learning pipelines. It provides data scientists with a unique library for all state-of-the-art data analysis tools.

Nanos | Sasha Schriber | www.nanos.ai | Zurich
Nanos offers marketing automation for non-expert users powered by machine learning algorithms - an all-in-one solution to create, publish and optimize ads simultaneously on various search platforms and social media channels.

Nanoleq | Vincent Martinez | www.nanoleq.com | Zurich
Nanoleq brings the next generation of elastic conductors to the textile industry with their first two products: StretchOne, the first truly stretchable cables for textile integration and ElectroSkin, the soft dry electrodes with the best-in-class conductivity and performance.

Sevensense | Gregory Hitz | www.sevensense.ch | Zurich
Sevensense’s autonomy-in-a-box is a versatile autonomous navigation system for all types of ground robots. With its unique ease of use, it enables non robotics experts to give self-driving capabilities to their machines even in complex environments such as crowded supermarkets, train stations and airports.

Skypull | Reinout Oussoren | www.skypull.com | Lugano
Skypull develops an airborne wind energy system with ground-based generator. With 95% less material than wind turbines but double their production capacity, it produces renewable energy at lowest cost.

Follow the Venture Leaders Technology roadshow from March 30th to April 4th using the hashtag #VleadersTech. Meet the Venture Leaders Technology 2020 team in Zurich at the Startup Champions event at ETH Zurich on March 4th.

About Venture Leaders
The members of the Swiss National Startup Teams have a clear-cut goal. They envision themselves as global players and want to take the first step to their global expansion. Venturelab has 15 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 alumni have created more than 3,500 jobs, and raised more than 1.7 billion Swiss francs in capital.

List of Venture Leaders alumni: https://www.venturelab.ch/venture-leaders-alumni

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