

Life Sciences Industry

The choice of location – an important success factor



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Life Sciences in the Canton of Aargau

Perfect conditions:

- excellent accessibility due to the outstanding transport infrastructure and the proximity to the airports in Zurich and Basel
- leading research institutes in the region (Universities of Zurich/Basel, Paul Scherrer Institute etc.)
- central to the national and European markets (common border to Germany)
- company-friendly government
- high quality of life

You will find in the Canton of Aargau

- highly motivated and well-trained employees
- close proximity to your national and international customers
- Medical Devices Industry: Smith & Nephew, Bauerfeind, Varian Medical Systems and many more
- Global Pharmaceutical Corporations: Roche, Novartis, Tillotts, DSM
- High-tech companies: qualified sub-contractors for diagnostics and medical implants manufacturers

Your advantage: a solid based Life Sciences Industry with qualified and motivated employees for your company.

Research & Development

- Paul Scherrer Institute: Structural Biology, Protein-Crystallography, Proton Therapy
- University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Molecular and Therapeutic Technologies
- Universities of Zurich/Basel, leading research institutes

Medical Devices

- more than 90% of the goods produced in Switzerland are exported
- Switzerland has Europe's highest concentration of medical devices companies
- Europe's highest share of employees working in the medical devices industry
- Aargau has very strong sub-contractors in the fields of mechanical manufacturing, plastics applications and electronics

Chemical & Pharmaceutical Industry

- internationally leading companies (Novartis, Roche, Syngenta, DSM, BASF, Solvias) and their sub-contractors are located in Aargau
- Swiss chemical and pharmaceutical industry with over 90% share of specialty chemicals
- Switzerland is the 7th largest exporting nation globally for chemical/pharmaceutical products

Biotechnology

- Switzerland is leading in the number of patent registrations (250 patents per million inhabitants, USA 83, Germany/Great Britain 36 each)
- Aargau is part of the largest Swiss pharmaceutical cluster

Testimonials

Alhenia AG

Manufacturer for medical components and biocompatible surfaces

“Thanks to liberal labor legislation and minimum state interventions, companies, or rather company owners, can operate with great entrepreneurial freedom.

Both reliable employees with a high awareness for the production as well as technically and scientifically qualified specialists can be recruited fairly easy.

We act globally, the close proximity to the international airports in Zurich and Basel is of great benefit to us.”

Jorge Garcia-Forgas, President, www.alhenia.com

Medicoat AG

Manufacturer for coatings on implants and corresponding systems

“Aargau’s geographical location is perfect: both Zurich and Basel airport can be reached in no time.

The proximity to universities and the German border is of great benefit when it comes to recruiting qualified personnel.

Aargau offers an ideal infrastructure, pleasant places to live and affordable prices.”

Philipp Gruner, CEO, www.medicoat.ch

Mediwar AG

Supplier for surgical workplaces and orthopaedic rehab technology

“We feel happy in Aargau. We have a network here and our staff is from the region.

When working with the local authorities the experience was very positive. They are uncomplicated, fast, dynamic and extraordinarily flexible and business-oriented.

Real estate cost and rents as well as salaries are at a substantial lower level than in the metropolitan areas of Switzerland.”

Harald Schatzl, CEO, www.mediwar.ch

SwissCo Services AG

Manufacturer for high-quality pharmaceuticals and food supplements

“We value the excellent connection to the motorway network and the short distances to the airports of Basel and Zurich.

When working with the local authorities the experience with the public building authority and the office for migration was very positive.

Even with all the electronic communication possibilities, the face to face interaction with customers is vital. This is an additional advantage for being so close to the German border and the pharmaceutical industry in Basel.”

Dr Reto Stahl, CEO, www.swissco.ch



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I am supporting you with:

- my knowledge of the Life Sciences Industry
- my network in the medical devices and the engineering industry
- my experience from sales, marketing and product management
- my background as a former recruiting consultant

I am looking forward to assisting you in your relocation project!