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PRESS RELEASE

**Swiss Centers Brings Swiss Innovation to CSITF 2026 with Lausanne as International Guest City of Honor**

- ***Lausanne is participating as International Guest City of Honor at the 12th China (Shanghai) International Technology Fair (CSITF).***
- ***The Swiss Pavilion, organized by Swiss Centers, the City of Lausanne, and Innovaud, showcases 18 leading Swiss organizations and companies.***
- ***Swiss Day highlights Switzerland's innovation ecosystem while fostering new partnerships between Swiss and Chinese stakeholders.***

Shanghai (June 11, 2026) – Swiss Centers, the leading Sino-Swiss public-private partnership helping Swiss companies establish, grow, and innovate in China, is showcasing Swiss innovation at the **Swiss Pavilion** during the **12th China (Shanghai) International Technology Fair (CSITF)**, taking place from June 11-13, 2026, at the Shanghai World Expo Exhibition & Convention Center.

In recognition of its world-class innovation ecosystem, **Lausanne** has been invited as the **International Guest City of Honor** at CSITF 2026. The Municipal Councilor and Vice Mayor of Lausanne, Mr. **Pierre-Antoine Hildbrand**, leads a Swiss delegation attending the fair. During the event, the delegation holds dialogues with Shanghai municipal authorities, innovation parks and local enterprises to identify potential areas for bilateral collaboration.

It is worth noting that the Canton of Vaud carried out a successful economic mission to China back in June 2025, led by State Councilor Isabelle Moret, with 25 entrepreneurs and corporate executives from the region. This visit deepened mutual understanding between the two sides, unlocked new channels for joint cooperation, and ultimately laid the groundwork for Lausanne's landmark designation as this year's Guest City of Honor at CSITF 2026.

Together with the **City of Lausanne** and **Innovaud**, Swiss Centers has curated the Swiss Pavilion, bringing together 18 leading Swiss organizations and companies to showcase Switzerland's strengths in life sciences, artificial intelligence, precision engineering, advanced manufacturing, sustainability, and innovation services. Building on previous editions that welcomed more than 50,000 visitors and nearly 1,000 exhibitors, CSITF has established itself as one of China's premier platforms for international technology exchange, innovation cooperation, and technology trade.



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“The Swiss Pavilion at CSITF is much more than an exhibition space,” said **XIAO Zhen, CEO of Swiss Centers Group**. “It is a platform where Swiss innovation, entrepreneurship, and expertise meet China’s dynamic market and technology ecosystem. We are eager to help create new opportunities for collaboration, investment, and sustainable growth between our two countries.”

## Showcasing Swiss Innovation

The Swiss Pavilion presents a cross-section of Switzerland’s innovation ecosystem. Participants include innovation promotion agencies, research institutions, multinational companies, technology pioneers, and industry associations from the Lausanne region and beyond.

Among the exhibitors are organizations such as **Biopôle**, one of Europe’s leading life sciences hubs and home to around 200 companies. Other exhibitors in life sciences and medtech are **Roumai Medical** and **Acrostak**, which present breakthrough solutions in cardiovascular care, focusing on tissue-engineered vascular grafts and precision interventional devices, respectively. Leveraging exclusive research in cutaneous neuroscience, **Bioressant** introduces its innovative organic neuro-cosmetics solutions.

Lausanne also showcases its strengths in digital technologies and AI: **FinalSpark**, developer of the world’s first bio-processor based on living neurons; **AlpVision**, a global leader in anti-counterfeiting and traceability technologies; and **Noisypeak**, which applies artificial intelligence to enhance broadcast and streaming video processing.

Swiss excellence in precision engineering and industrial solutions is represented by companies whose technologies support demanding applications across a wide range of industries. **LEMO** offers high-reliability connector solutions tested from deep-sea to outer space environments. **Sonceboz** provides the “heart” of high-end machinery with its precision mechatronic drives and motion control systems. The specialty chemicals leader **Sika** will present its sustainable solutions for construction and industry.

Healthy living and innovation services reflect a human-centric application of technology. Visitors can explore future nutrition science with the global food giant **Nestlé** and experience Swiss-origin hard water softening technology for healthy hydration from **ClaroSwiss**.

A complete innovation ecosystem relies on top-tier education, investment, and standards. The world-renowned **EHL Hospitality Business School** demonstrates innovation in services and education. The international M&A advisory firm **AION Advisory AG**, specializing in tech enterprises, showcases its AI-powered platform and cross-border network for optimizing deal value. The **Fondation de la Haute Horlogerie (FHH)** represents the highest standards of precision and craftsmanship. Finally, **Innovaud** and **Greater Geneva Bern area (GGBA)** provide one-stop support for Chinese companies seeking to establish a presence in Switzerland and access investment opportunities.

## Swiss Day: Strengthening Sino-Swiss Cooperation



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A key highlight of the program is **Swiss Day @ CSITF on June 11, 2026**, hosted by the City of Lausanne, Innovaud, and Swiss Centers. The event features official opening remarks, project launch and signing ceremonies, keynote presentations, company pitches, expert discussions, and dedicated business matchmaking sessions. With participation from leaders in government, academia, industry, and investment, Swiss Day fosters new partnerships and strengthens existing ties between Switzerland and China.

This year also marks **the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishing the Innovative Strategic Partnership between Switzerland and China**. The Swiss Day event showcases the fruitful outcomes of this long-standing partnership, and facilitates exchanges on future collaboration opportunities in technology, research, investment, and sustainable development.

“With Lausanne serving as International Guest City of Honor, Switzerland has a unique opportunity to showcase the strengths of its innovation ecosystem,” added Mr. Xiao. “From life sciences and advanced manufacturing to artificial intelligence and digital technologies, the Swiss Pavilion reflects the diversity and excellence that Switzerland is known for worldwide.”



*Picture legend: Featuring 18 leading Swiss organizations and companies, the Swiss Pavilion at CSITF 2026 serves as a gateway for strengthening business, innovation, and investment ties between Switzerland and China.*



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## **About the Swiss Centers:**

Founded in 2000 as a non-profit Sino-Swiss public-private partnership, the Swiss Centers are by far the **largest cluster of Swiss companies in Asia**.

Swiss Centers' **practical solutions supported the businesses of over 500 companies** in China – both SMEs and large enterprises. Among them, the Swiss Centers have established more than 100 companies in China, both B2B and B2C, production companies and offices, active in various fields. In cooperation with the diplomatic representations in China, the Swiss Centers also conducts surveys that provide the most detailed expertise available on the situation of Swiss companies in China, and at the same time **promotes the Swiss Made brand** and Switzerland as a country for **quality, innovation and industrial leadership**.

With locations strategically situated on China's dynamic East Coast (Shanghai, Changzhou and Tianjin), the Swiss Centers are **constantly adapting to the needs of the Swiss economy**:

- Instant physical **office space** as well as **ready-to-use workshops, showrooms, and warehouses**
- **Relations with local Chinese authorities** and connections to **Swiss government and institutions** in China
- Support for secure technology transfer and **intellectual property protection**
- Access to **professional services** tailored to SMEs in all aspects of setting up and developing business in China (legal, tax, accounting, recruitment, HR management, IT, marketing)
- **Unique solutions** such as **hosting employees locally** or **storing and delivering goods** on behalf of clients in the Shanghai **free trade zone** to facilitate business development in China and the rest of Asia

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