

The Technology Center Witterswil

A center for green and red technologies 20 minutes close to Basel

The TechnologyZentrum Witterswil (TZW) is embedded in a rural landscape. A mere 10 km south-west of Basel, it is located – truly Switzerland! – neither in Kanton Basel-Stadt nor in Kanton Baselland but in the Kanton Solothurn!



Witterswil is less than 10 minutes from the Freeway, the Basel Main Railway Station can be reached via tram within 35 minutes, and the Euro Airport is within 30 minutes driving distance.

The many start-ups and spin-offs especially in the area of life sciences which already are tenants in TZW make TZW an increasingly attractive place to consider for locating a Biotech start-up.

TZW is fully occupied but has the potential (the vision of its founders) to grow organically according to need. TZW is currently adding a new building complex of approx. 5'000 m² to its present set-up which will host a high tech assembly company (Invacare AG) as the main tenant. Approx. 1000 m² of the available new space is left as "core-and-shell" reserved for local start-ups growing out of their "incubator space" or for new start-ups seeking a harbour.

TZW: a future-oriented technology center in the BioValley

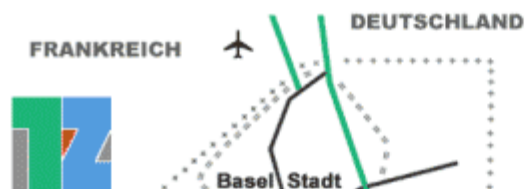
TZW was founded as a spin-off of Novartis in 1997. The former agrobiological research station of SANDOZ AG was turned into a technology center for start-ups and spin-offs by its former director, Dr. Jost Harr. TZW was sold in 2000 to a local entrepreneur, U. Nussbaumer, who is now managing TZW as a cost center. With EBM (Elektra Birseck Münchenstein) an additional partner is investing in TZW AG. TZW is expanding according to need and has the land reserves to add several additional buildings.

TZW: a home already for several biotech companies

The mix of start-up and spin-off companies and a university institute has already led to several synergies in scientific and economic aspects as well as in sharing experience and exploiting human resource opportunities.

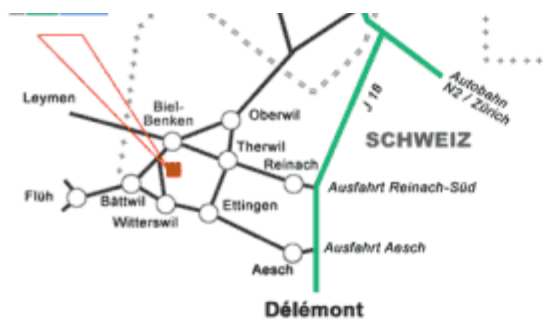
Companies presently headquartered at TZW:

- **Aponetics AG** (Novel Cancer Drugs)
- **BioLytx AG** (Molecular Biological Analysis)
- **Covalys AG** (Protein Identification)
- **Inst. of Pharm. Biology** (University of Basel)
- **TZW Consulting GmbH** (Consulting Services)
- **Vitaplant AG** (Medicinal Plants and Extracts)
- **Zeptosens AG** (Bioanalytical Solutions)



TZW: a convenient site





Freeway: less than 10 minutes away

Basel Main Station: 35 minutes by tram, 15 minutes by car

EuroAirport: 20 minutes by car

The TechnologieZentrum Witterswil is part of a growing cluster of companies and technology centers in the tri-national Basel area.

With its drive and success, TZW AG and its tenants are adding quality and opportunities for a growing BioValley.

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