

## Press release

# Abionic awarded twice in a week: SEF High Potential & Finance Monthly Game Changers Awards

- Abionic has received today the SEF High Potential certification, which confirms the quality and the potential of its rapid diagnostic device;
- Abionic also received the same week the Finance Monthly Game Changers Award in recognition of its business model, that has the potential to change the world.

**Epalinges, Switzerland, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017** - Abionic SA, a developer of disrupter nanotechnology based point-of-care diagnostic solutions, announced today the receipt of 2 important recognitions.

Abionic received the SEF High Potential certification, also known as SEF4KMU, granted by the Swiss Economic Forum to SMEs and young companies having a very high growth potential. The company also announced that it received the Finance Monthly Game Changers Award, that is granted to promising and innovating leaders around the world. Abionic is the only company having received this award in Switzerland.

Thanks to these 2 additional recognitions, Abionic is reinforcing its position as the most awarded young Medtech company in Switzerland, with more than 20 awards.

"Receiving this certification from the Swiss Economic Forum is a proof that Abionic has successfully completed its metamorphosis from start-up to scale-up", declared Dr. Nicolas Durand, founder and CEO of Abionic. "The Jury composed of experts has recognized our ability to grow rapidly, and has as well indicated on which aspects we should continue to focus".

"The Finance Monthly Game Changers award is a recognition of the quality of the work done these last few years ", declared Boris Iseli, CFO of Abionic. "An innovative business model and operational excellence are the foundations on which we're building the future of Abionic".

#### About Abionic

Abionic has developed and commercialized abioSCOPE, a rapid point of care diagnostic platform to improve medical diagnosis. This revolutionary nanotechnology-based test system provides healthcare professionals with tools that help them to make a diagnosis from a single drop of patient's blood. The first abioSCOPE applications are in allergy and iron deficiency anemia. On top of this, Abionic has recently announced having received the European certification (CE mark) for the world's fastest sepsis test.

Abionic products, such as the abioSCOPE (the reader), the tests containing nanofluidic sensors and the abioGUIDE (the application for smartphones and tablets) have been developed and assembled within the company.

Founded in 2010, Abionic developed its nanotechnology within the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL). For further information, visit <a href="https://www.abionic.com">www.abionic.com</a>.

Awards and grants received since 2010, non-exhaustive list, by order of reception:

- PERL (Prix Entreprendre Région Lausanne), 2010
- Startups.ch Award, 2010
- DebioPharm Award for Life Sciences, 2010
- Young Entrepreneur Award, 2010
- Venture Leaders, 2010
- KPMG Inspiration / Innogrant EPFL, 2010
- VentureKick Winner of all 3 stages, 2010
- De Vigier, 2011
- IMD Startup Competition, 2011
- European Academic Enterprise Awards, 2012
- Venture 2012 (Phase 2 Business Plan), 2012
- Red Herring top 100 best European Startups, 2012
- 4i Venture Forum, 2013
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Award, 2013
- Swiss Excellence Product Award, 2013
- Fondation Pfau, 2014
- Techtour top 20 European Startups, 2014
- CTI Boot Camp Boston, 2015
- Best Swiss Medtech Startup Top 100 (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015)
- Scale-up Vaud, 2016
- SEF4KMU label, 2017
- Finance Monthly Game Changers, 2017

#### About SEF4KMU label

Through its SEF4KMU initiative, also called "SME High Potential", the Swiss Economic Forum (SEF) is supporting selected companies that have a strong presence in the market, offering them a complete support, with a strong orientation on practice. It offers future-looking SMEs a possibility to have their growth strategy assessed by entrepreneurs and seasoned experts, in an SQS certified process, as well as having it optimized in order to obtain the SEF "High Potential" quality label.

The SEF certification allows companies to reinforce their position in the market, with regards to relations with stakeholders (suppliers, manufacturers and investment partners).

More information: <a href="http://www.sef4kmu.ch">http://www.sef4kmu.ch</a>



The Swiss Economic Forum awards the SEF.High-Potential quality label to SMEs with proven growth potential that is reviewed in a three-step process by an interdisciplinary team of entrepreneurs and other experts. The SEF qualification process is qualitatively demanding and certified by the SQS.

www.sef4kmu.ch

**Abionic Ltd.** Valid until February 2018

### **About Finance Monthly Game Changers**

Finance Monthly, a well-known UK-based financial news media, just launched the "2017 Finance Game Changers Award", which recognizes players in diverse fields who have demonstrated an innovative strategic vision, revolutionizing consumers' habits

A jury composed of experts proceeded to an evaluation of companies that had demonstrated the ability to "change the world", and assessed that Abionic deserved this award.

More information: <a href="http://gamechangersawards.finance-monthly.com">http://gamechangersawards.finance-monthly.com</a>



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