



Aeropole Competence Center

Where aviation inspires innovation



The place to B

- 400,000 m² technopark
- 2.6 km runway
- 74,000 m² with access to runway
- 18,000 m² tarmac
- 8,400 authorized movements for civil traffic
- 190,000 m² land for sale
- 220 CHF/m² average price
- > 500 employees of Swiss Air Force
- > 30 specialists trained every year in polymechanics and electronics
- 1h15 from Geneva airport
- 45 minutes from Bern airport

Are you looking to start or expand your high-tech company in Europe?

Aeropole Competence Center is the ideal location for companies active in aviation, aerospace and autonomous solutions, including derived applications on the ground in the ICT, energy and composite sectors. Over 40 hectares and a 2.6 km runway are available for your ambitious industrial projects, immediately next to a military and civil airport and with a dedicated highway exit.

Switzerland, a haven of stability

Switzerland is one of the most liberal and competitive countries in the world. Its business-friendly climate, strong social stability and solid political system mean that investors are able to engage in long-term activities with complete peace of mind.

Swiss quality as a competitive advantage

Swiss products and services are universally associated with quality, reliability and exclusivity. The excellent reputation they enjoy is a clear competitive advantage for manufacturers and service providers, who can position their Swiss made products and services in a higher price segment.

Where innovation fuels business

As the world's most innovative nation, Switzerland is the best place to drive new ideas forward.

Solar Impulse

The solar-powered aircraft was tested at Aeropole Competence Center and took off the 2.6 km runway in 2010. Solar Impulse 2 is now

flying around the world, proving to be a model of successful innovation.

Science to market

The Commission for Technology and Innovation, Switzerland's federal innovation promotion agency, provides funding for market-oriented R&D projects carried out jointly by firms and universities, as well as for the creation and development of science-based companies.

Central, yet close to nature

Located in a multilingual region in Western Switzerland, Aeropole Competence Center is easily accessible by car from Switzerland's major cities and has its own highway exit. Arriving by business jet or helicopter, by train or by car, you will be amazed to be so close to Geneva and Bern, yet in a green living environment, just 10 minutes from the beautiful lake Neuchâtel.

From Aeropole to... Travelling time

Bern	30 minutes
Lausanne	45 minutes
Geneva	1h15
Basel	1h30
Zurich	2h00

Cover image: Solar Impulse 2 flying over Lake Neuchâtel during test flights in 2014. © Solar Impulse | Revillard | Rezo.ch



André Borschberg (left) and Bertrand Piccard (right) © Solar Impulse | Ackermann | Rezo.ch

"The support of the city of Payerne, of the region and of the aerodrome was key in turning this project into reality. We will bring with us all the good times spent here. Without Payerne, there would have been no Solar Impulse 2, no mission, no Round-the-World flight."

Bertrand Piccard, Initiator, Chairman, Pilot, Solar Impulse
André Borschberg, Co-founder, CEO, Pilot, Solar Impulse

Solar Impulse was hosted at Aeropole Competence Center from 2009 to 2015.

Your gateway to Europe

By moving to Aeropole Competence Center, you would thrive alongside the following public and private entities:

- Swiss Air Force Training Center**
Aeropole Competence Center hosts the principal base for the Swiss Air Force, as well as the reception base for various foreign air force companies in Switzerland. The Swiss Air Force Base employs 511 experts on site, and trains over 30 students every year in the fields of polymechanics and electronics.
www.lw.admin.ch
- Swiss Hornet Tactical Simulator**
SHOTS is a next generation simulator with joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS), AIM-9X infrared missiles, datalink MIDS/Link16, Combined Interrogator Transponder (CIT).
www.lw.admin.ch
- Skyguide**
Provider of civil and military air navigation services in Switzerland. It employs 1,400 employees and handles 3,500 flights a day at 14 locations in Switzerland, including the Aeropole Competence Center where it also handles night operations (F/A-18, Super Puma, Cougar and EC635).
www.skyguide.ch
- Swiss Transportation Safety Investigation Board**
State authority of the Swiss Confederation which has a mandate to investigate accidents and critical incidents involving trains, aircrafts, inland navigation ships and seagoing vessels.
www.sust.admin.ch

- Boschung**
Global headquarters for the development and production of machinery and electronic systems for airport maintenance, highway and local service. 150 people will be working on the Aeropole site.
www.boschung.com
- Speedwings**
Business aviation flights operator. It is building a three-hanger facility for aircraft storage, maintenance and operations.
www.flyspeedwings.com
- Groupe E**
Producer and distributor of Swiss electricity to four regional states. Currently developing the biggest production park of solar energy in Switzerland.
www.groupe-e.ch



Groupe E is involved in clean technology. © Groupe E

- S3 – Swiss Space Systems**
Developer, manufacturer, certifier and operator of unmanned suborbital spaceplanes for small satellite deployment.
www.s-3.ch

In addition, a number of multinational companies and SMEs operating in high-value-added sectors have already settled in the region:

ICT

- Blue Coat Systems** – solutions to optimize and secure the flow of information
www.bluecoat.com
- Dartfish** – technologies for televised broadcast footage
www.dartfish.com
- Scout24** – e-commerce platforms
www.scout24.ch



Aeropole Competence Center hosts the principal base for the Swiss Air Force. © VBS

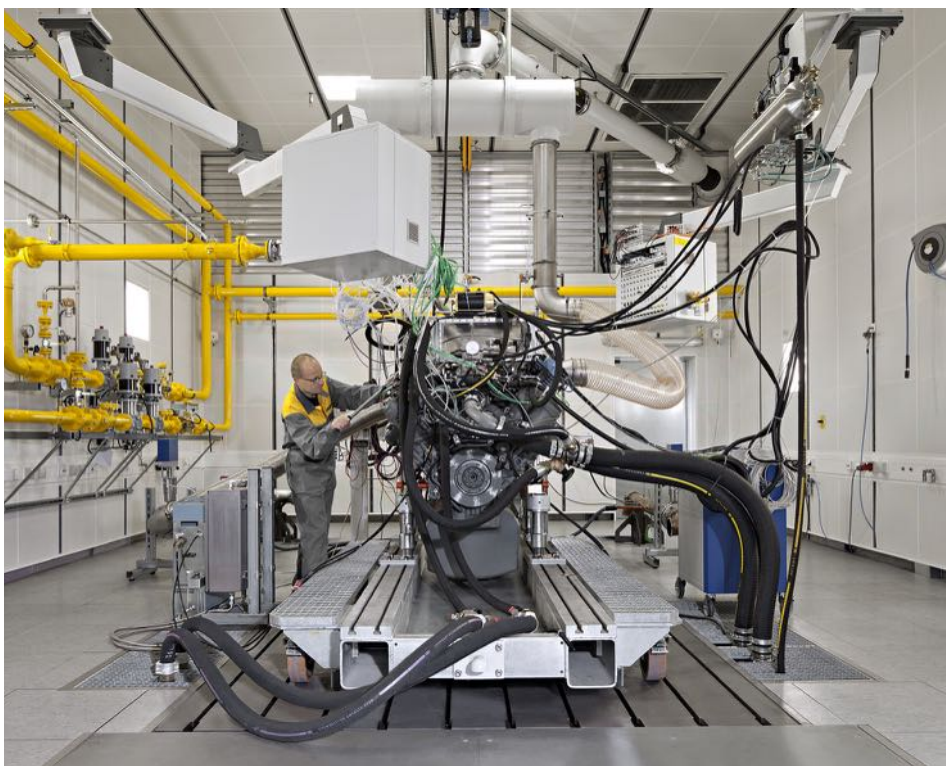
- **Harmonic** – versatile and high performance video solutions
www.harmonicinc.com
- **Ingenico** – secure transaction and payment solutions
www.ingenico.com
- **Lufthansa Systems** – integrated IT services for the aeronautics industry
www.lhsystems.com
- **VeriSign** – operates two of the world's 13 root name servers
www.verisigninc.com
- **Extramet** – production of extruded Tungsten Carbide
www.extramet.ch
- **Honeywell** – aerospace products and services; control technologies for buildings, homes, and industry
www.honeywell.com
- **Mistral Engines** – multi-fuel, liquid-cooled, electronically controlled rotary engines
www.mistral-engines.com
- **Ruag Aviation** – Comprehensive maintenance and repair work for aircraft components, engines and avionic systems; development and design of software solutions; engineering services.
- **Ruag Aerostructures** – specialized in aerostructures and international supply chains of global original equipment manufacturers.
www.ruag.com

Electronics and electromechanics

- **Contrinex** – inductive and photoelectric sensors
www.contrinex.com
- **Maxwell Technologies** – energy storage and power delivery solutions
www.maxwell.com
- **Meggitt** – sensor technology and high-tech vibration monitoring equipment
www.vibro-meter.com
- **Saia-Burgess Controls** – industrial-grade electronic components and systems for control/automation engineering
www.saia-pcd.com
- **Wago Contact** – spring loaded terminal blocks for PCB, capacitor, lighting and ballasts
www.wago.ch
- **Fischer Connectors** – high performance push-pull circular connectors and cable assemblies
www.fischerconnectors.com
- **Leclanché** – multi-technology lithium-ion battery systems
www.leclanche.com

Aerospace-related sectors

- **Schott** – high-tech components in glass and other hard materials; optical assemblies and precision optical components
www.schott.com
- **Liebherr** – construction machinery
www.liebherr.com
- **Bumotec** – machines for high-end industries
www.bumotec.ch
- **COMET Group** – high-tech components and systems based on x-ray, radio frequency and ebeam technology
www.comet-group.com



Liebherr is one of the world's largest manufacturers of construction machinery.

- **Pix4D** – professional image-processing software
www.pix4d.com
- **Gamaya** – hyperspectral remote sensing for advanced crop analytics
www.gamaya.com
- **Flyability** – development of a collision-tolerant drone
www.flyability.com
- **senseFly** – aerial imaging drones for professional applications
www.sensefly.com

Partnerships have already been established with several companies and institutions, including:

Ruag Group

RUAG has outstanding technological capabilities on the ground, in the air and in space.

European Space Agency

Spectratime is the provider of Rubidium atomic clocks and passive hydrogen masers for Europe's Galileo global satellite navigation system.
www.esa.int
www.spectratime.com

Robust and Safe Systems Center Fribourg (ROSAS)

Funded by the companies Johnson Electric International, Liebherr, Meggitt and the School of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg, ROSAS operates as the extended applied research work bench in systems safety, security and reliability engineering for its industrial ROSAS partners as well as for other industrial clients and academic partners.
www.rosas.center

Be part of a top-end ecosystem

Aeropole Competence Center aims to integrate new high-tech companies in a top-end ecosystem composed of R&D centers, complementary companies and a supportive network of public authorities. If you are active in one of the following sectors, don't miss the chance to be part of a new hub for innovation and boost the development of your company.

- Aeronautical and space industry
- Composites (aerospace, nautical and automotive industry)
- IT solutions (data analysis, environment, topography)
- Energy and green energy industry
- Autonomous vehicles industry

Get access to the brightest minds

Aeropole Competence Center is located within close proximity to worldwide top-ranked Swiss research and teaching institutions, allowing your business to benefit from one of the best scientific and academic environments in the world.

EPFL – Swiss Federal Technology Institute 60 km
Science, engineering, architecture, life sciences
www.epfl.ch

IMD Business School – International Institute for Management Development 75 km
Ranked #1 worldwide by Financial Times in open programs for four years in a row; its MBA program consistently places among Forbes' top list
www.imd.org



IMD Business School, Lausanne © IMD

HEIG-VD – University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland 30 km
Microtechnics, industrial systems, electrical engineering, computer science, telecommunications, geomatics and communication-engineering management
www.heig-vd.ch

UNIL – University of Lausanne 60 km
Medicine, life sciences, geosciences,

environment, business
www.unil.ch

SWI – Swiss Welding Institute 30 km
Certified by the European Space Agency as meeting the standards for space in high reliability electronics
www.swi.ch

CSEM – Swiss Center for Electronics and Microtechnology 40 km

Microelectronics and energy technology
www.csem.ch

HEIA-FR – School of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg 30 km
Civil engineering, chemistry, computer science, telecommunications, electrical and mechanical engineering
www.heia-fr.ch

HEG-FR – Fribourg School of Management 25 km
One of Europe's top management schools in the fields of innovation and entrepreneurship, offering multilingual international programs
www.heg-fr.ch

Adolphe Merkle Institute 30 km
Independent competence center located at Fribourg University. Leader in fundamental and application-oriented research on soft nanoscience
www.am-institute.ch

University of Fribourg 25 km
Arts and humanities, science, economics and social sciences, law, theology
www.unifr.ch

BFH – Bern University of Applied Science 25 km
8 faculties with 160 institutes and 8 graduate schools. Its faculty of Science is an international leader in space research and planetary science
www.bfh.ch

A pool of highly skilled talent right on your doorstep

Top-qualified and multilingual, reliable and competent, Swiss employees are also the most highly motivated in the world. The region surrounding Aeropole Competence Center benefits from a large pool of workers and



Aerial view of the EPFL campus © EPFL | Alain Herzog

EPFL at a glance

- Europe's most cosmopolitan technical university
- Over 10,000 students of 112 nationalities
- 14th in the world in the field of Engineering and Technology (Times ranking)
- 354 laboratories
- 900 million Swiss francs of annual expenses
- 157 invention disclosures in 2015
- 88 priority patents filed in 2015
- 210 start-ups established (2000-2015)
- Swiss Space Center on site

attracts talent from around the world thanks to its excellent standard of living. The cantons of Fribourg and Vaud have a combined population of over 1 million inhabitants and growing.



Dominique Dubois © Image Multiplast

"I regularly experience that young engineers with 5-6 years experience are less expensive in Switzerland than in France."

Dominique Dubois, CEO, Groupe Carboman

Specialized in the manufacture of composite parts, Groupe Carboman is the European leader in race boat building and in the production of large industrial parts. It played a key role in the construction of Alinghi and Solar Impulse.

Ready for takeoff?

Aeropole Competence Center offers flexible and diverse solutions for your business. Whether you need office space or you are looking for hangars for manufacturing and storage, a wide range of opportunities will soon be available. You can buy or lease land plots, as well as rent hangars and modular offices. The prices per square meter are particularly affordable compared to the Swiss and international average.

Construction starts in September 2016. Tailored solutions are available until premises are built:

- Temporary and modular facilities can be installed within a few months
- Nearby temporary premises for rent
- Laboratories and hangars can be made available on demand



Soon available on site

- Offices, coworking space, meeting rooms
- Cafeteria and a restaurant
- Laboratories and workshops
- Storage facilities
- General reception

Nearby

- Train station, bus stops
- Hotels
- Affordable apartments and houses for sale and rent
- Hospital, schools, shopping facilities
- Leisure: sailing, hiking, paragliding



Land lots ready for construction



Direct access to taxiway or runway. Prices range from 250 to 300 francs per square meter.

	Total area	Access	Aircraft type	
A1-1	26,000 m ²	Access to taxiway	≤ Category C	Sold
A1-2	26,000 m ²	Access to taxiway	Category A-B	Sold
A1-3	15,600 m ²	Access to taxiway	Category A-B	Sold
A1-4	30,000 m ²	Access to taxiway (by towing)	Category A-B	
A1-5	24,000 m ²	Direct access to taxiway + runway	Category C*	
A1-6	17,000 m ²	Direct access to taxiway + runway	≤ Category C	Sold
A1-7	18,000 m ²	Access to taxiway via A1-6**	Category A-B	

* Cat. D and E under evaluation

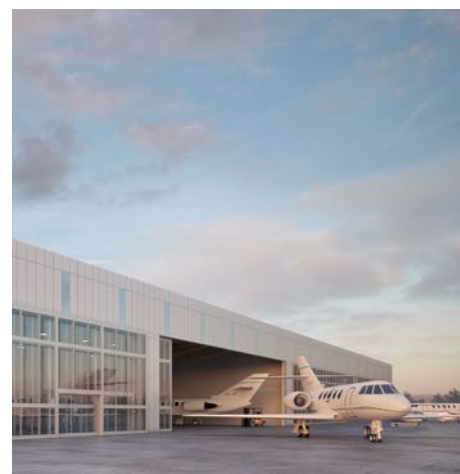
** Price to be determined

Aircraft hangars for sale or rent

4,000 m² of hangar surface will be available as of early 2018.

Modular offices for rent

2,000 m² of office space will be available for rent as of early 2018.



Speedwings is building a three-hangar facility on site.
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We support your innovative ideas

Depending on your project and its potential for added value, in particular in terms of job creation, you may be granted financial assistance or tax relief. Direct financial incentives are available to support specific business projects for companies operating in industry, production-related services and leading edge technologies. Under certain conditions, newly created companies can benefit from an exemption from cantonal and municipal taxes on profits and capital for a limited period of 10 years.

The land can be divided or tailored according to your needs. Prices range from 180 to 250 Swiss francs per square meter.

	Total area	Equipment			Total area	Equipment
A2-1	20,500 m²	Equipped, ready for construction	Sold	A2-8	12,300 m²	Not equipped yet
A2-2	16,400 m²	Equipped, ready for construction	Reserved	A2-9	12,600 m²	Not equipped yet
A2-3	16,000 m²	Partly equipped		A2-10	9,800 m²	Not equipped yet
A2-4	17,200 m²	Partly equipped		A2-11	10,500 m²	Not equipped yet
A2-5	16,300 m²	Partly equipped		A2-12	8,000 m²	Not equipped yet
A2-6	15,400 m²	Partly equipped		A2-13	9,000 m²	Not equipped yet
A2-7	13,500 m²	Not equipped yet		A2-14	5,700 m²	Not equipped yet



The medieval town of Estavayer-le-Lac © VincentP.

Fantastic quality of life

Switzerland is well known for its natural beauty and high standard of living, and the region surrounding Aeropole Competence Center is no exception. It offers an environment in which work, leisure and family life can be balanced in perfect harmony. High-quality infrastructures, stunning scenery and affordable housing make it a great place to live. Swiss public and private schools have a well-deserved reputation for excellence. Children of expatriate employees can be taught in their native language or receive an international education at one of the region's many international schools.

You will feel at home

Unsurprisingly, Switzerland is a favorite destination amongst expatriates: one in four

people living in the country does not have a Swiss passport. Foreign companies and workers make a significant contribution to Switzerland's prosperity. Its linguistic and cultural diversity coupled with the high concentration of foreign residents make Switzerland a country of tolerance and openness.

Save the date

- **EBACE 2016 | 24-26 May 2016 | Geneva**
The European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition is the annual meeting place for the European business aviation community.
ebace.aero
- **Inauguration of the civil tarmac and taxiway | 24 June 2016 | Aeropole Competence Center**
Join the opening celebration of the

18000 m² tarmac and taxiway dedicated to civil traffic. Invitations are available on demand.

www.aeropole.ch

- **FPV Air Race 2016 | 5-7 August 2016 | Aeropole Competence Center**
Don't miss the 1st FPV Air Race in Switzerland counting for the Drone Worlds Hawaii and the FAI World Air Games.
www.swissdronenationals.ch
- **Federal Wrestling and Alpine Games Festival | 26-28 August 2016 | Aeropole Competence Center**
Cutting-edge innovation meets ancient traditions: the Aeropole site turns into a huge stage for the best yodelers, flag-throwers and alphorn players in Switzerland.
www.estavayer2016.ch



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