

## Press release Swiss FinTech Awards 2017

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## The Swiss FinTech Awards 2017 go to the Qumram and Crowdhouse start-ups and the Swiss Finance Startups federation

The purpose of the Swiss FinTech Awards is to promote regional development while helping create the strongest possible Swiss FinTech ecosystem underpinned by unprecedented international network links. This network, made up of selected partner organisations and Fintech experts, will present the Swiss FinTech Awards to Swiss FinTech start-ups and influencers in the «Early Stage Start-up of the Year», «Growth Stage Start-up of the Year» and «Fintech Influencer of the Year» categories.

The «Early Stage Start-up of the Year» category consists of Swiss based Fintech start-ups set up less than two years ago or funded with less than CHF 2.5 million. Start-ups exceeding these limits are judged in the «Growth Stage Start-up of the Year» category. The «Fintech Influencer of the Year» category was created for individuals or organisations who have positively shaped or influenced the Swiss Fintech scene. All start-ups were subject to a multi-tiered application process whereas the winner of the Influencer category was nominated directly by the jury.

The Finanz und Wirtschaft Forum acts as organiser of the Swiss FinTech Awards and their eco system which consists of knowledge partner Accenture, a jury of 22 designated FinTech experts and the four “sponsor banks” who provide the CHF 24,000 prize money. Remaining partners are drawn from the worlds of networking, communication and academia. Please see our website [www.swissfintechawards.ch](http://www.swissfintechawards.ch) for detailed information on the jury and ecosystem.

The Swiss FinTech Awards Night, when the winners are announced, took place on 09.03.2017 following an extensive selection process. More than 70 applications were received, ten of which reached the Top-10 round to become the ten best rated FinTech companies. All ten companies passed through the FinTech Boot Camp organised by our knowledge partner Accenture and given the opportunity to make a presentation to the assembled jury members and sponsor banks as part of a “speed dating session”. The four finalists were chosen based on assessments of their online platform applications and the strength of their “speed dating session” and ultimately selected within their respective categories. For more information please visit [www.swissfintechawards.ch](http://www.swissfintechawards.ch).

**Crowdhouse is the winner of the «Early Stage Start-up of the Year» category. Qumram is the winner of the «Growth Stage Start-up of the Year» category and Swiss Finance Startups have been selected as the «Fintech Influencer of the Year».**

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## The 2017 Swiss FinTech Awards finalists and winners

Below is a list of the top ten, top four and the eventual winners of the 2017 Swiss FinTech Awards together with short self-penned resumes of the four start-up finalists and Swiss Finance Startups. The portraits of the individual organisations were provided.

Top ten FinTech companies	Top four FinTech companies	Two start-up winners
AAAccell llc (early stage)	Bexio (growth stage)	Crowdhouse (early stage)
Advanon (growth stage)	Crowdhouse (early stage)	Qumram (growth stage)
Arviem (growth stage)	Gatechain (early stage)	<b>One influencer winner</b>
Bexio (growth stage)	Qumram (growth stage)	Swiss Finance Startups
Crowdhouse (early stage)		
Fundbase Fund Services (growth stage)		
Gatechain (early stage)		
Inpher (early stage)		
Lykke Corp (growth stage)		
Qumram (growth stage)		

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### About Bexio

Bexio is Switzerland's leading provider of cloud based business and accounting software for small businesses. More than 8,000 companies use Bexio. With up to 600 new businesses joining the Bexio platform each month, we are one of Switzerland's fastest growing start-ups. Bexio is more than a software. By linking accounting firms, banks, lenders and other key suppliers with small businesses, our team is building a platform to help small businesses succeed.

Click here to see Bexio's video portrait (provided by Global Tech Box):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEsbo0CEZus>

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### About Crowdhouse (Winner «Early Stage Start-up of the Year»)

Crowdhouse is an investment platform developed to make direct investments in Swiss property simple and possible for everyone and securing the investor's entry in the land register. The rate of return is generated from rental income and distributed quarterly. Every investor participates directly in the performance of the platform.

Click here to see Crowdhouse's video portrait (provided by Global Tech Box):

<https://youtu.be/IUw09-F7ISU>

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### About Gatechain

Gatechain has developed solutions for trade finance on a decentralised network which allows to seamlessly link all participants in the trade ecosystem. Our blockchain based solutions enable significantly reduced processing times and costs while improving cash-flow in trade.

Click here to see Gatechain's video portrait (provided by Global Tech Box):

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### About Qumram (Winner «Growth Stage Start-up of the Year»)

Qumram enables every digital interaction – web, social and mobile – to be recorded and replayed, in movie-like form, on demand. This 100% digital audit trail provides compliance with the record-keeping requirements of global regulations, including MIFID-II, FFSA, Fidleg and SEC. Qumram also facilitates fraud detection, monitors employees' digital behaviour as well as interactions from external sources, and delivers deep customer insight for customer experience analytics.

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### **About Swiss Finance Startups (Winner «Fintech Influencer of the Year»)**

Swiss Finance Startups (SFS) was founded in May 2014 in Zurich by a group of pioneers of the Swiss Fintech industry to create synergies, join forces and to drive innovation, inspiration and change in the world's financial epicentre. SFS is a non-profit organisation run and organised by the ventures involved. The Swiss fintech scene has meanwhile grown to more than 180 start-ups. Under the umbrella of SFS they foster the common Swiss start-up spirit and are at the forefront of the digitisation of the financial industry.

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