ANNUAL REPORT 2017

14 NEW FOUNDATIONS
In its tenth reporting year, private persons and institutions have established 14 new foundations under the umbrella of Fondation des Fondateurs (FdF). Two foundations have fulfilled their purpose and have been closed. Furthermore, two potential Fondateurs have made provisions in their will to establish a foundation.

GRANTMAKING VOLUME OF 13.9 MILLION SWISS FRANCS
The grantmaking activities of the 42 foundations (endowment funds) and of the general fund amount to a total of 13.9 million Swiss Francs in the reporting year (2016: 10.8 million CHF). Thus, FdF strengthens its position as one of the major Swiss grantmaking foundations, and it will strive for further growth.

MANAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT FOUNDATIONS
With the acceptance of the management mandate for two independent foundations FdF has successfully established a new business line.

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN ZURICH
In March 2017, FdF has celebrated its 10th anniversary with a well visited event in Zurich.

LEADING UMBRELLA FOUNDATION OF SWITZERLAND
Fondation des Fondateurs is managed with declared philanthropy competence, works independently from financial service providers, cultivates exemplary governance and has a neutral stance with respect to politics, ideology and religion. It is supervised by the Swiss Federal Foundation Authorities, is a member of SwissFoundations and adheres to the Swiss Foundation Code.
GRANTMAKING ACTIVITIES

FdF consequently aligns its activities towards the intentions of the individual founders. It is up to them to decide to which extent information on supported projects and its beneficiaries should be made public. Some founders publish their own annual report and website; others prefer to remain in the background. Therefore, the following charts do not distinguish between the individual foundations but by thematic and geographic areas as a whole.

THEMATIC AREAS IN CHF

THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN CHF

THE NUMBER OF „FOUNDATIONS WITHIN THE FOUNDATION” INCREASES

Since its inception in 2007 FdF has grown constantly. The cumulated grantmaking volume from 2007 to 2017 amounts to roughly 70 million Swiss Francs. The following charts show the development of the number of the individual foundations as well as the grantmaking volume per year.

NEW BUSINESS LINE: MANAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT FOUNDATIONS

With the acceptance of the management of two independent foundations FdF honors the fact that it does not make sense for many smaller and medium sized foundations to have its own management office. Due to its pooling of management resources, administration, office space etc. and its broad expertise FdF can deliver the respective services considerably more efficient and cost-effective. Therefore, this new business line has a lot of potential.
FOUNDATIONS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF FdF

In the reporting year 14 new foundations have been established. Two foundations have fulfilled their purpose and have been closed. As per end of 2017 a total of 42 foundations (endowment funds) are managed under the umbrella of FdF.

For two independent foundation FdF has assumed management responsibility.

For further information please refer to www.fondateurs.ch.

2007/2008
- Allgemeiner Fonds
- Lori und Karl Lutz Fonds
- digitalswitzerland_Venture Kick (bis 2016: Venture Kick)

2009
- Olive Grove Fund

2010
- NLE-Fonds für nachhaltige Energieversorgung
- Stiftung Zürcher Spendenparlament

2011
- Fonds Vodou Kulturzentrum und Museum
- Stiftung Molecusine (ab 2018: innocuisine)

2012
- Boe.PS Foundation
- Erbschaftsfonds Lori Lutz

2013
- ROSA Foundation
- Stiftung FUP – Freiheit. Unternehmertum. Publizistik
- MvS-Stiftung
- Mary Bendet Foundation

2014
- KUMA Foundation
- Terra21 Foundation
- Fondation SapoCycle

2015
- Swiss Friends of the IPO
- Stiftung Hirschen Ensemble
- Startupticker
- AutonomisHome Foundation
- electronic-art.foundation
- Engaresero Foundation
- Char Foundation
- digitalswitzerland_Allgemeiner Fonds (bis 2016: Kick Foundation)

2016
- YODEL Foundation
- Supporter Fund Friends of Classical Music
- Energy for Humanity Foundation
- Stiftung Erhalt Lebensspuren Oberhaus
- PFD Stiftung
- digitalswitzerland Foundation (ds):
  - ds_Kickstart Accelerator
  - ds_Education Digital
  - ds_Innovationskraftwerk Selnau,
  - ds_Swiss Startup Invest (2017)

Abgeschlossen 2017
- Rosa Foundation
- Boe.PS Stiftung

Management of independent foundations
- arcas foundation
- Bärbel und Paul Geissbühler Stiftung

NEWLY ESTABLISHED IN 2017
- SSCF – Swiss South Caucasus Foundation
- Griesbach-Hallenstein-Foundation
- Stiftung für nachhaltige Landwirtschaft
- Stiftung Casa Desax
- MODI Stiftung
- Stiftung AIFORIA
- Goekmen-Davidoff Stiftung

- We Are Play Lab Foundation
- one world foundation Sri Lanka
- Stiftung #Frauenarbeit
- Stiftung KEDA
- Swiss Foundation of Fabry Disease
- Rothschild Community Investment Foundation
- Blue Skies Foundation
10TH ANNIVERSARY

In the business year 2017 FdF has celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special event in Zurich. Fondateurs and Fondatrices, long-standing companions and guests seized the occasion for inspiring conversations and know-how exchange. The various speakers stressed the importance of FdF as leading, independent umbrella foundation in Switzerland and conveyed their congratulations.

The 10th anniversary has offered the chance to receive further media attention. Besides presentations at symposia and in professional journals, FdF has published its own brochure. Furthermore, in November 2017 the journal *Schweizer Monat* in cooperation with FdF has issued a special section with the title „Wir Menschenfreunde – Über Philanthropie im Zeitalter des Rechts- und Sozialstaats“ (We philanthropist – about philanthropy in the era of the constitutional and social state). The publication has triggered a broad and very positive echo.

OUTLOOK 2018

FdF will continue to professionalize its services and adapt them to the needs of the existing and potential Fondateurs. This includes the expansion of the management services for further independent foundations. Furthermore, FdF intends to foster the dialogue among the individual Fondateurs by creating platforms for exchange of experiences. The presence in the media, in professional journals and at symposia will also be continued in 2018.

FONDATION DES FONDATEURS IN A NUTSHELL

Founded in 2007 by Lori and Karl Lutz as non-profit umbrella foundation with the goal to offer founders the opportunity to implement their personal foundation idea on an individual, professional and cost-efficient basis.

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