

## Leading global accelerator supports responsible FinTech Challenge in Zurich

*Finalists from the Support Disruption for Good (SDG) Challenge compete for accelerator spot*

April 27, 2017, Zurich, Switzerland – The Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI) Summit 2017 is pleased to announce that the three finalists for the Support Disrupt for Good (SDG) Challenge will have the opportunity to pitch their startup to F10 FinTech Startup Incubator & Accelerator, a Swiss accelerator focused on FinTech, InsureTech and RegTech sponsored by the SIX Financial Information and leading Swiss banks and insurers.

After the three finalists, Tez Financial Services, Pintail and AgriFunder, present at the RFI Summit, one will be chosen to receive a ‘golden ticket’ where they will be one of 50 startups to present to the 5 corporate partners with the hopes of being selected as one of the final 15 startups selected to the F10 program.

Commenting on the announcement, Blake Goud, CEO of the RFI Foundation, which organized the SDG Challenge said: “We received an overwhelming response to the SDG Challenge with many great startups developing scalable, sustainable and impactful FinTech businesses. We are very excited to connect the three finalists to F10 Accelerator to give their businesses greater visibility. It demonstrates the RFI Summit’s commitment to delivering positive impact on responsible finance that will continue after the Summit concludes.”

Markus Graf, Head of F10 Accelerator added: “We have watched the process of the SDG Challenge with great interest and look forward to hearing the three finalists’ presentation at the RFI Summit. We see a significant opportunity in responsible FinTech and a special opportunity since our platform stands a in the worldwide unique position to foster actual collaboration between Startups and big international financial players.”

The finalists from the SDG Challenge will present during the third session at the RFI Summit. Visit [www.rfisummit.org](http://www.rfisummit.org) for more information about the Summit and to secure a spot in the audience!

### **About the Support Disruption for Good Challenge**

The RFI Foundation, in partnership with the Swiss Finance + Technology Association, Finocracy and the Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI) Summit partners, launched the Support Disruption for Good (SDG) Challenge to find the most promising ethical, responsible or Islamic FinTech. All applicants were judged against a transparent set of criteria by an independent judging panel and judges evaluated the ability of each entrant to effectively scale, contribute to financial inclusion and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals while becoming financially sustainable. Three finalists were selected to present their innovation on 4 May 2017 during the RFI Summit in Zurich.

### **About the Responsible Finance & Investment Summit 2017**

The Summit, to be held on 3 and 4 May 2017 at the Atlantis Hotel by Giardino in Zurich, Switzerland, will play a vital role in connecting representatives from across the responsible finance industry to build on

the growing cooperation between responsible investment (RI), environmental, social and governance (ESG) and Islamic finance. The RFI Summit in Zurich is an initiative of the RFI Foundation and Swiss Arab Network, two globally active nonprofits institutions seeking to build awareness of shared values that can bring together people from various backgrounds working towards similar goals connected to generating benefits to society.

### **About RFI Foundation**

The RFI Foundation is a non-profit organisation with a mission to identify a neutral, nonpartisan and universal value proposition that encourages convergence of responsible finance practices. RFI evolves Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing (SRI), Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and the Islamic finance sectors towards a convergence of their shared standards, and engages stakeholders to build the responsible finance industry as a catalyst to support equitable, inclusive and sustainable economic development. Visit us at [www.rfi-foundation.org](http://www.rfi-foundation.org)

### **About Swiss Arab Network**

The Swiss Arab Network (SAN) is a non-profit networking organization with headquarter in Zurich and affiliations in the Arab world that strives to bridge gaps, promote sustainable exchange and intensify the mutual understanding among Swiss and Arab people. SAN is a networking platform and organizes events and gives speeches on topics like Swiss and Arab finance, business, culture, art and film. Established and high-profile organisations from Switzerland and the Arab world are members of the network. Visit us at [www.swissarab.org](http://www.swissarab.org)

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