

The TechFounders Accelerator Program starts with its 12th batch.

Munich, July 13, 2020. Today is the kick-off of the 12th batch of the Startup Accelerator Program TechFounders. The Munich-based accelerator program of UnternehmerTUM, Europe's leading center for innovation and business creation, will host 10 innovative technology startups over the next 20 weeks. Due to the current situation and regulations, the program's first phase will be held virtually.

During the upcoming 20 weeks, TechFounders will support the startups with individual training, coaching and mentoring to scale their companies and prepare them for their next financing round. In addition, the selected startups will conduct a pilot project with one of the TechFounders' corporate partners ALDI Nord & ALDI SÜD, DATEV eG, Festo, Knorr-Bremse and Miele. In the upcoming batch, TechFounders also supports an additional startup that works closely on a solution to help with the Corona crisis. The selected startup joins the program without a collaboration with one of the corporate partners, but with an overall support from TechFounders to develop their product ready-to-use and to further distribution.

The future of the selected startups looks promising: 92% of the TechFounders program's alumni companies are still active. Since 2015, TechFounders alumni startups have collected in total close to €300 million financing capital and created over 1,700 jobs and therefore contributed significantly to the growth of the German startup ecosystem. Success stories such as Konux, ProGlove, or Inveox prove that the TechFounders concept works.

The combination of highly individual coaching, projects with industry leaders on real use cases and a rich network of experienced mentors and investors give startups a massive boost at an early stage. At the same time, the established business partners can use the solutions of startups to develop new, innovative products and digitalize their traditional business models.

The TechFounders Batch #12 Startups are:

Ebenbuild

Munich-based Ebenbuild offers a solution that can be lifesaving to patients suffering from Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), a condition that can be caused by severe illnesses such as COVID-19. In ARDS lungs cannot provide the body's vital organs with enough oxygen and mechanical ventilators are mandatory part of the treatment. The startup has developed a software that uses computed tomography and machine learning to create a virtual, patient-specific digital twin of the lungs. This enables automated, personalized and precise prediction of

the optimal mode of ventilation that can be used anywhere, from highly specialized to remote hospitals.

ECOMPLY

ECOMPLY offers an all-in-one GDPR compliance solution for companies. The company turns data protection and privacy management into a seamless process for businesses. The Munich-based startup strips down the complexity of GDPR and guides companies step by step down the process of complying with national data legislation. Their service saves companies the expense and trouble of hiring an external consultant and reminds of upcoming data protection tasks. (Corporate partner: Datev eG)

FixFirst

FixFirst from Berlin keeps home appliances healthy and supports global change towards a circular economy. The startup's AI-powered software provides the user with an instant error analysis and remote video consultations from the local repair services providers, manufacturers, retailers, and insurances. It also offers a booking for inspections and repairs and recommends sustainable appliances. The solution extends the appliance's life span and saves consumer the trouble of waiting in customer service line. The startup aligns with the ambitions of the European Commission Circular Economy Action Plan. (Corporate partner: Miele)

FotoNow

FotoNow helps to identify a wide range of typical manufacturing quality issues with their AI-powered visual manufacturing inspection system. The Munich-based startup reduces manufacturing costs by decreasing the number of production interruptions and manual inspections. Their solution is ideal for frequently changing high-value manufacturing, such as in the automotive industry. FotoNow integrates easily with the existing manufacturing and enterprise systems and works with almost any type of camera, including the ones in smartphone devices. (Corporate partner: Festo)

Betterfish

Betterfish from Berlin introduces the newest food trend. Their sustainable food products are a unique combination of organic sea plants from Europe and locally grown vegetables. The founders of the company are passionate about driving positive impact on the oceans and maritime industry. The startup's sea salad won PETA's Vegan Food Award 2020 and the company's next product expansion will be plant-based alternatives for tuna. (Corporate partner: ALDI Nord & ALDI SÜD)

Mushlabs

The growing population of our planet is forcing us to find new sustainable and waste-free food sources. This demand led to the founding of Mushlabs, a startup which brings the food industry, sustainability, and tech together. This company is creating the next generation sustainable food from fungi, the living organisms that mushrooms are the fruiting body of. The Berlin-based startup believes in the power of biotechnology to change the way people eat by producing tastier, healthier and more sustainable foods. (Corporate partner: ALDI Nord & ALDI SÜD)

Sause UG

The Munich-based startup Sause offers sustainable and vegan alternative to the conventional liquid soap. Sause offers fizzy tablets, which simply dissolve in tap water, making them lighter and smaller in size comparing to the water-containing options. The weight-loss leads to reduced transportation costs and CO₂ emissions and the packaging is completely plastic-free. The startup wants to offer clever sustainable solutions that allows people to maintain their usual level of comfort without exploiting the planet. (Corporate partner: ALDI Nord & ALDI SÜD)

Pylot

PYLOT from Munich makes autonomous driving a reality. The startup is building the leading teleoperation software platform that enables autonomous vehicles to be truly driverless. Their platform has been developed together with various German manufacturers and combines the power of artificial and human intelligence. The company believes that the power of new mobility will change the world by making it greener, safer, and more connected.

WeavAir

WeavAir from Toronto, Canada, is improving indoor air quality and potentially saving human lives. The WeavAir team develops solutions to indoor air problems using AI, advanced sensors, and secure blockchain technologies. Their data-driven solution for ventilation system can help predict issues early and prevent the spreading infections and contamination. In addition, their solution optimizes system energy efficiency, reducing energy consumption up to 20%. (Corporate partner: Knorr-Bremse)

WebTotem

Whether you are a small business with a single webpage or a big corporation with multiple sites, WebTotem has you covered. The startup from Warsaw, Poland, offers a personal AI-powered security assistant that keeps your site safe. Their solution covers all stages of cyberattacks and discovers outdated third-part components. In addition, it offers risk calculations and security recommendations. WebTotem's solution has already been awarded in the biggest international hacking competitions. (Corporate partner: Festo)

At the end of the 20-week program on November 30, the startups will present themselves at the UnternehmerTUM's Ultimate Demo Day in front of an audience consisting of venture capital firms, business angels, industry representatives, experienced founders and the media.

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TechFounders is the 20-week tech-startup accelerator program that strategically coaches startups, brings them together with established businesses, and prepares them for the next venture capital round with individual coaching and a broad mentoring network. A total of 109 startups have joined the accelerator program since 2015. With TechFounders, UnternehmerTUM strengthens its role as a central platform for cooperation between startups and companies. Together with UnternehmerTUM's innovation consultancy UnternehmerTUM Business Creators, TechFounders also operates the SAP.iO accelerator program in Munich and the RESPOND Accelerator Program for the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt.

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