

Press release

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Rahn+Bodmer Co. supports the USZ Foundation in promoting pioneering medical research at the University Hospital Zurich

To mark its 275th anniversary this year, Rahn+Bodmer Co. is supporting the USZ Foundation with a donation of CHF 1.375 million. The partnership underscores the Bank's commitment to social and scientific causes, and it is leading by example in promoting cutting-edge medical research.

The donation will be paid out over five years in annual tranches of CHF 275,000 and support a specific project each year. In the first year of the collaboration, a major research project investigating the gut microbiome will be funded. In this study, Professor Michael Scharl of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology is examining how certain bacteria in the gut can strengthen the immune response of affected patients and contribute to the cure of cancer and heart disease. The findings may make it possible to develop new, less aggressive forms of treatment.

The University Hospital Zurich and the USZ Foundation as partners in innovation

The University Hospital Zurich (USZ) is a pioneer of cutting-edge medical research and plays a key role in promoting Switzerland as a centre for medicine. The charitable USZ Foundation supports the University Hospital Zurich in this task and ensures that the funds collected are funnelled directly into medical advances that improve people's quality of life.

"We would like to congratulate Rahn+Bodmer Co. on the occasion of its 275th anniversary and extend our heartfelt thanks for this generous donation," says Monika Jänicke, CEO of the University Hospital Zurich. "We are very pleased to have Rahn+Bodmer Co. by our side, and we look forward to the projects that we will be carrying out together over the next five years. The focus throughout will be the well-being of our patients."

Rahn+Bodmer Co. provides strategic support for scientific endeavour

For many years, the Zurich-based private bank has been promoting charitable projects that have a lasting impact. "In connection with our social commitments, supporting research and promoting pioneering medical innovations are causes that are particularly important to us. We are proud to contribute to the long-term development of the healthcare system and the quality of life for so many patients through our support for the USZ Foundation," says Christian Rahn, partner at Rahn+Bodmer Co.

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Rahn+Bodmer Co.

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USZ Foundation

The USZ Foundation is the University Hospital Zurich's independent charitable foundation. We work with you to promote medical innovations at the USZ that directly improve people's quality of life. Thanks to your donation, we can do even more.