



**Timo Hahn**

Timo is the Chief Venture Officer (CVO) at the Zurich-based venture builder and venture capitalist Sparrow Ventures, where he is responsible for the operational aspects of the ventures, bringing them together with the venture teams, from idea to startup to scaleup.

Before starting his current role, Timo worked as Team Lead at the Company Builder Stryber, a strategic partner to ramp up venture building operations at Sparrow Ventures. Here, he has been deeply involved in the operations of the Migros-daughter company since it entered the market in 2018, and been in particular responsible during that time for the conception and development of ventures in the area of "Banking & Insurance" for Sparrow Ventures. Before that, he spent more than 10 years in leading positions at financial and insurance institutions such as Deutsche Bank, UBS and Zurich Insurance Group. There, his responsibilities included leading digital projects, from conception to implementation.

He holds an EMBA from the University of St. Gallen and an MBA from the University of Toronto. After getting his degrees in 2015, he entered the world of entrepreneurship by co-founding his own startup - wydr, the "Tinder for art". Ever since, the startup ecosystem has become a big part of his life. Next to work, Timo is an active member in mentoring entrepreneurs and organising well-known events such as the Startup Weekend or Lean Startup Meetup, helping entrepreneurs to validate their early-stage ideas.

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