



PORTRAIT OF THE LIECHTENSTEIN FINANCIAL CENTRE

LIECHTENSTEIN AS A BUSINESS LOCATION

The Principality of Liechtenstein is a constitutional hereditary monarchy on a democratic and parliamentary basis. It is situated at the heart of Europe, in the Alpine Rhine Valley between Switzerland and Austria, and has around 37'000 inhabitants.

With its lean government administration, Liechtenstein offers a stable legal and social system, as well as a traditionally liberal economic order. A sustainable financial policy, short administration channels as well as transparent and predictable tax and legal frameworks contribute to Liechtenstein's attractiveness as a business location. The Liechtenstein economy benefits from the advantages of being a member of both the Swiss and European Economic Areas (EEA).

GLOBALLY ACKNOWLEDGED FINANCE AND BANKING SECTOR

In international comparison, the financial, and especially the banking sector, plays a particularly important role for the Liechtenstein economy. Safeguarding the continuity and the long-term sustainability of its financial centre is therefore of primary importance to Liechtenstein.

For decades the Liechtenstein financial centre has stood for stability, legal certainty, tradition and quality. Its philosophy is guided today, and in going forward, by these values, which assign the highest priority to the protection of the individual's private sphere, as well as to the political stability and liberal business conditions offered by an EEA state. These values are reflected in Liechtenstein's AAA rating.

Liechtenstein is also a very strong business location, which enjoys a good reputation throughout the world, and is home to many prestigious companies that specialise in manufacturing and research as well as the provision of services.

STABILITY AND HIGH SERVICE QUALITY

The Liechtenstein financial service institutes are distinguished by their financial strength and stability. They possess a solid, high-quality equity capital base.

As a small, specialised financial centre, Liechtenstein combines practical knowledge with extensive expertise in private banking and wealth management. Professional advice and premium services are traditional strengths of the Liechtenstein financial centre.

CONVINCING SUCCESS FACTORS

The Liechtenstein financial centre combines advantageous basic conditions with innovative flair and efficiency. This enables made-to-measure products and premium-quality services for discerning international clients.

- The interaction and network of banks, insurance companies, investment funds, company structuring specialists and asset managers enables integral, comprehensive and tailor-made wealth management solutions to be provided.
- In international comparison, Liechtenstein company law is characterised by the variety of corporate structures and a high level of liberalism.
- A modern, attractive and competitive taxation system with a growing number of double taxation treaties.
- International standards in preventing money laundering and terrorism.
- Market access to Switzerland and the European single market.

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