

## LIECHTENSTEIN

Nestled in Alpine Central Europe, Liechtenstein is a landlocked country bordered by Switzerland and Austria. Despite its small size, covering only 160 square kilometers and being the fourth smallest in Europe, it boasts a population of about 39,000. Vaduz, the capital, is the political heart, housing the government and parliament.

This German-speaking nation is a constitutional monarchy, balancing power between the Prince and an elected parliament. The Princely House of Liechtenstein, among Europe's oldest and wealthiest royal families, plays a pivotal role in the state's governance.

Economically, Liechtenstein excels in industrialization and is a major player in the financial services sector, known for its liberal corporate and tax laws. This makes it a favored center for asset protection and wealth structuring.

Internationally, Liechtenstein is a member of the United Nations, Council of Europe, European Economic Area (EEA), and European Free Trade Association (EFTA). It is also a signatory to the Schengen Agreement, though not part of the European Union.



### ECONOMY



- The economy is primarily driven by its robust financial sector, following the industrial sector
- The Swiss Franc serves as the national currency
- Advantageous access to Swiss markets, due to a customs union
- The country enjoys one of the world's highest GDP per capita
- It boasts an AAA credit rating from Standard & Poor's and maintains a debt-free status

### FINANCIAL SECTOR



- The financial sector is highly diversified and globally connected
- EU internal market laws apply due to the EEA Agreement
- Financial service providers enjoy unrestricted access to EU, Norway, and Iceland markets
- Favorable tax laws and an expanding network of double taxation agreements with nations including Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, the UK, Malta, Singapore, the UAE, and Hong Kong

### JURISDICTION



- The civil law system is influenced by Austrian, Swiss, and German law
- Liberal and innovative corporate law framework, with expertise in establishing foundations, trusts, and various company structures since 1926
- Liechtenstein adheres to OECD-developed global tax standards
- Automatic exchange of information in tax matters (AEOI) with over 100 countries
- Reliable and efficient court system