

Handbook for Investors

SWITZERLAND AS A BUSINESS LOCATION



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Welcome



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Dear reader,

Switzerland is one of the world's leading locations; regular top positions in international rankings testify to this. Its innovative and competitive companies, excellent universities, first-class experts and excellent infrastructure form a strong foundation.

But we do not want to rest on our laurels with these achievements. As Director of the Swiss Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), I am committed to maintaining and further consolidating these excellent conditions. We are thus cultivating and strengthening Switzerland to be a location that is attractive both now and in the future. We want it to enable local and international companies as well as research institutes from all sectors to keep performing at their best. These companies must remain consistently on the right path so they can assert themselves in global competition. If these conditions are met, our country can continue to score points with its performance, quality and innovation in the future.

The Swiss economy has mastered the international challenges of recent years very well, thanks not least to the good conditions, but above all thanks to the productivity and innovativeness of local companies.

We want your company to become part of this success story. An initial guide for the choice of location can be found in this manual. To help you learn more about the specific advantages and the circumstances of individual location factors, the settlement specialists from Switzerland Global Enterprise and the cantons here in Switzerland, and also those in the Swiss Business Hubs abroad, are on hand to advise you. They are very familiar with the concerns and needs of international companies as well as Switzerland's economic fabric and can actively support you.


We look forward to seeing you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Guy Parmelin', written over a circular scribble.

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Investment Promotion

As part of its remit from the Swiss Confederation (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO) and the cantons, S-GE provides potential foreign investors with information about the particular strengths and operating conditions of Switzerland as a business location. Its services for foreign companies include assessing the potential of their projects before they are presented to the cantons. S-GE assists the cantons by presenting Switzerland as a business location abroad and by coordinating the activities of all the bodies involved.



The image shows a large, modern atrium with a high, vaulted ceiling featuring a series of large, arched glass windows. The space is bright and airy, with white structural columns and a polished floor. In the foreground, a black information board stands on a circular base. The board displays the logo of the University of St. Gallen and lists various programs and services. The board is divided into sections for Executive Graduate (EG) and Undergraduate (UG) programs, with specific course numbers and descriptions.

Universität St. Gallen

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	14-029	Business Engineering Accelerated 2013
	14-021	Executive MBA HSG / Lehrgang 45
	14-030-14-034	THE 2013
UG	14-U112-14-U114	ES-HSG / Wirtschaftsrecht für Manager
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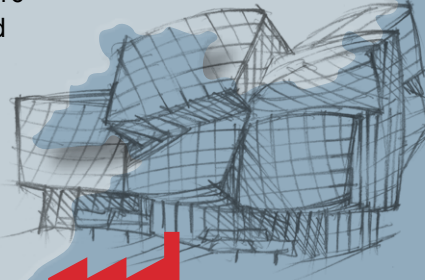
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SWITZERLAND – YOUR BUSINESS LOCATION

Switzerland is the most competitive business center in the world. There are numerous good reasons to locate a business in Switzerland: innovation and technology, a liberal economic system, political stability, close links with foreign markets, excellent education and healthcare systems, an outstanding infrastructure, a high standard of living, and a competitive tax system.



Globally leading education system



Leading Industry Clusters:

- Life Sciences
- Engineering
- ICT



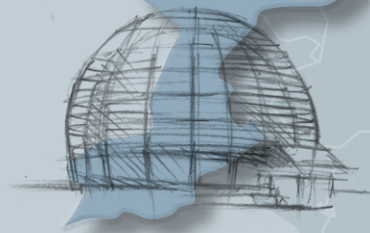
Leading technology ecosystems

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Robotics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Personalized Health
- Blockchain

INNOVATION + TECHNOLOGY



World's most innovative country

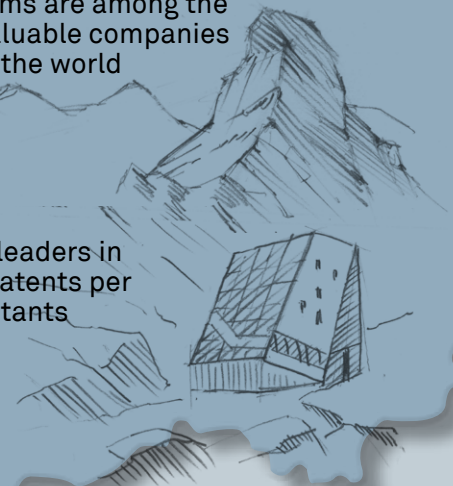



One of the happiest nations in the world

3 Swiss firms are among the 50 most valuable companies in the world




Among the world leaders in the number of AI patents per million inhabitants






Motivated workforce:
No general strikes for
more than 100 years




Most attractive country
for highly qualified foreign
workers


SECURITY + TRUST



Employees with significant
international experience



World's best working
conditions




World's highest
purchasing power




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DE RM
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plus English


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and political stability



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popular countries for
expatriates



3 in the top 15:
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high standard of living