

# Welcome

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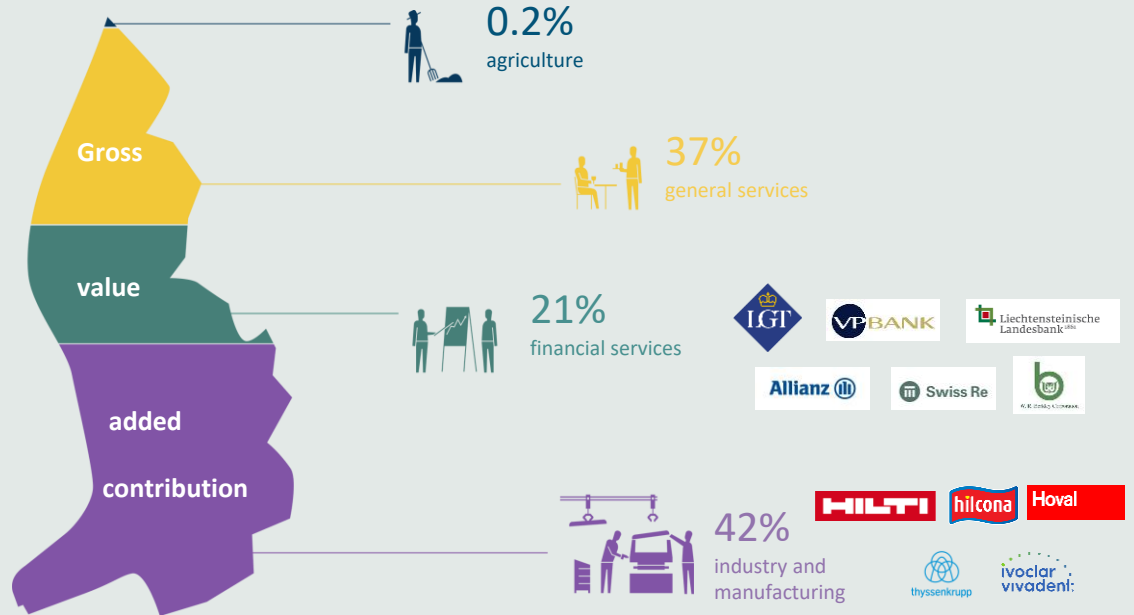
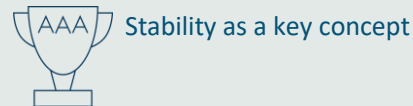
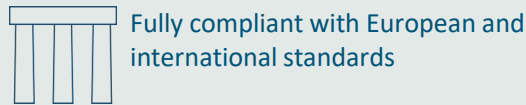
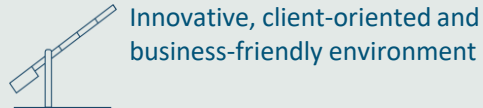
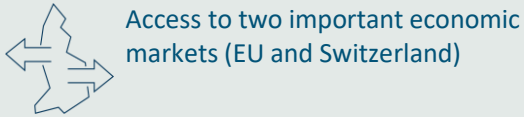
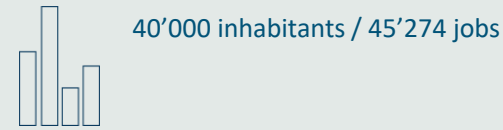


*„Bigger than you think“*

Liechtenstein as a business location



# Broadly diversified business centre with stable industrial and financial sector



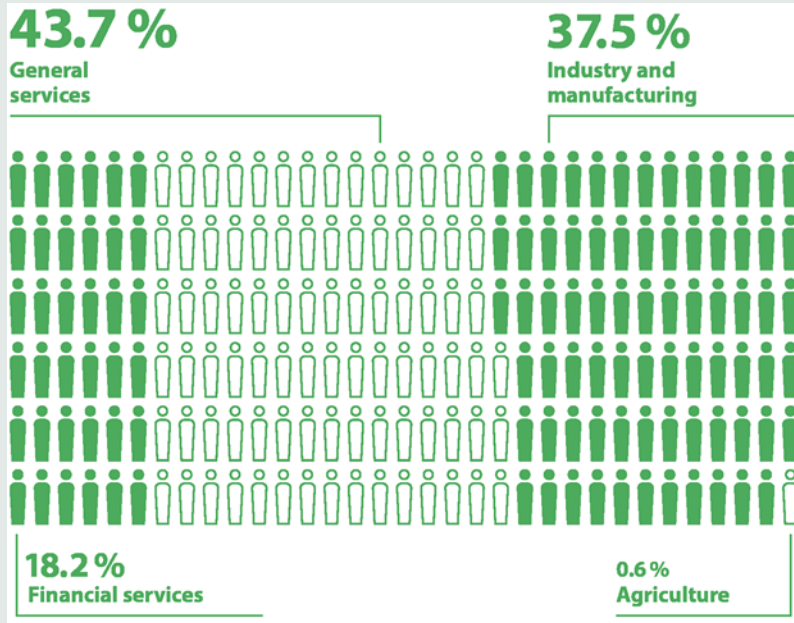
Figures based on latest Statistics on the National Economic Accounts 2022, Office for Statistics, see: <https://www.statistikportal.li/de/themen/volkswirtschaft-und-preise/volkswirtschaftliche-gesamtrechnungen>

## Companies and employees

Branche	Number of companies (2024)	Number of employees (2022)			
		1-9	10-49	50-249	250+
Agriculture, forestry, fishery	96				
Industry	642				
Services	4'688				
<i>Total</i>	5'426	4'782	524	100	20

In Liechtenstein, the ratio of companies to inhabitants is about 1:7. In Switzerland it's about 1:13, and in Germany about 1:25.

## Facts about Liechtensteins workforce



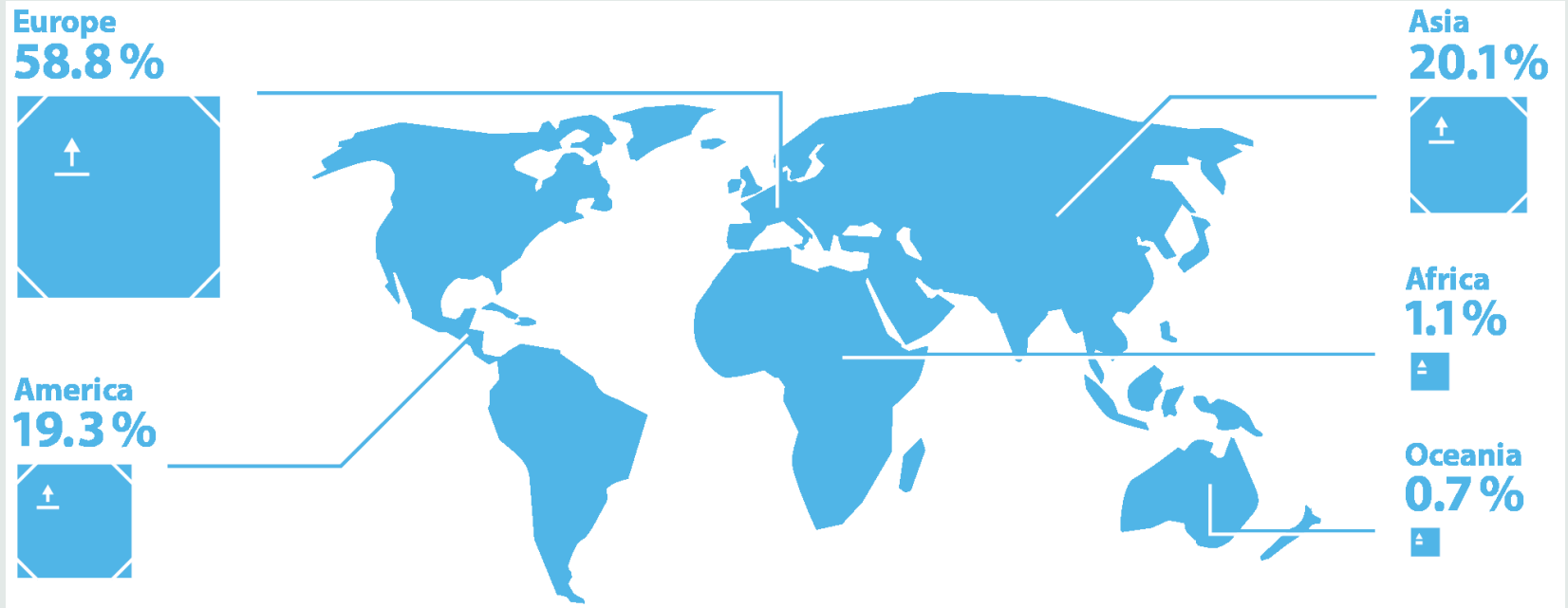
- Workforce of 45'274 employees as of September 2023
  - Services: 86,4 %
  - Industries: 11,8 %
  - Agriculture: 1,8 %
- More than 50.0% of the workforce commutes daily from the neighbouring countries.

## The Pioneers




- In 1935 Toni Hilti founded Scana Konservenfabrik AG → **Hilcona AG**
- In 1936 Gustav Ospelt founded Gustav Ospelt Apparatebau AG → **Hoval Aktiengesellschaft**
- In 1941 Prof. Martin Hilti founded Maschinenbau Hilti OHG → **Hilti Aktiengesellschaft**
- In 1946 Prof. Max Auwärter founded Gerätebau-Anstalt (GAB) → **Oerlikon Balzers**
- In 1951 Dr Adolf Schneider founded Ivoclar AG, previously Ramco AG (1933) → **Ivoclar Vivadent AG**

## Export Champion - from Liechtenstein to the world



## Global market leaders in Liechtenstein

 Year founded  Employees worldwide  Turnover

### thyssenkrupp Presta

Steering systems are produced and developed for over 20 million vehicles every year. One in every four cars worldwide uses Presta steering.

 1941  8500

### Ospelt Group

Sausages, ready meals, pet food. The group has production sites in Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Germany. One in every six frozen pizzas eaten in Germany is produced by Ospelt.

 1957  1800

### Intamin

Leisure facilities and transport systems – No.1 worldwide in the construction of roller coasters.

 1967

### Ivoclar Vivadent

One of the world's leading international dental companies. It delivers to over 120 countries worldwide. Ivoclar Vivadent operates one of the largest research and development centres in the dental industry.

 1923  3596  809 million

### Swarovski

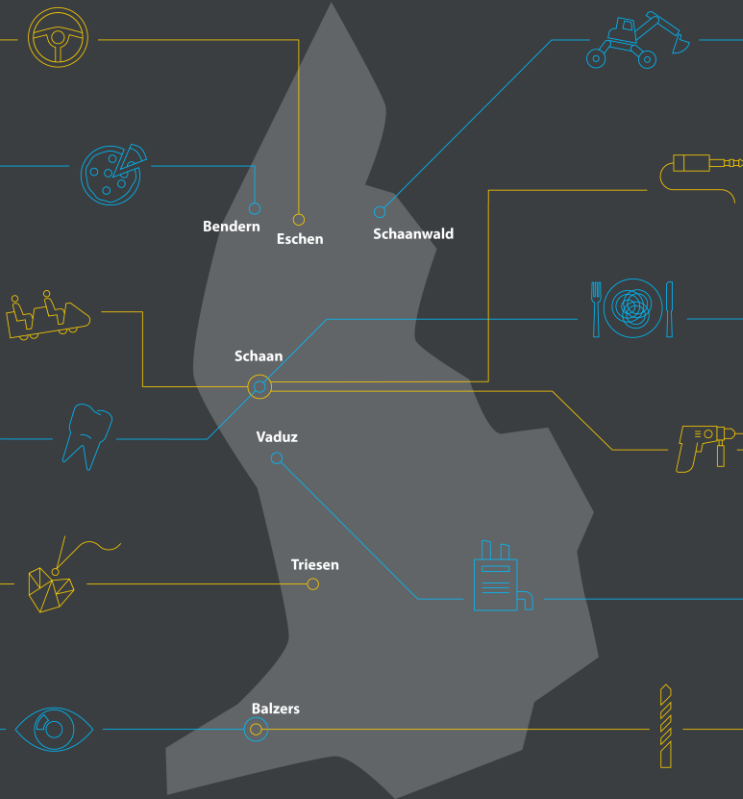
The global supply chain headquarters for the consumer goods business Swarovski brings a sparkle into people's everyday lives – selling 40 000 000 products every year in 140 countries.

 1985  approx. 10 000

### Optics Balzers


The world's leading producer of bespoke optical coatings and components for the photonics industry.

 1946  500





### Kaiser

Leading manufacturer of mobile walking excavators and vehicles for sewer cleaning and industrial disposal. The vehicles are used on 5 continents, in 116 countries and in well over 1000 cities.

 1913  500

### Neutrik

Audio/video connectors – sales companies and distributors in over 80 countries.

 1975  1000




### Hilcona

Over 80 years of innovative thinking, constant innovation and expansion have made Hilcona one of the leading convenience food companies.

 1935  1450

### Hilti

A world leader in dismantling and fastening technology and services for the construction industry. In 2018, 6.3% of its sales were invested in research and development.

 1941  29 004  5.6 billion



### Hoval

Heating and indoor climate solutions – with subsidiaries in 18 countries and some 50 partners worldwide.

 1945  2000

### Oerlikon Balzers

World's leading supplier of surface technologies and coating systems with over 110 customer service centres in 35 countries.

 1946  5100



*„Thinking in generations“*

The Liechtenstein Financial Centre



# Fully integrated in the European Single Market, applying European regulation and benefitting from the European Passporting



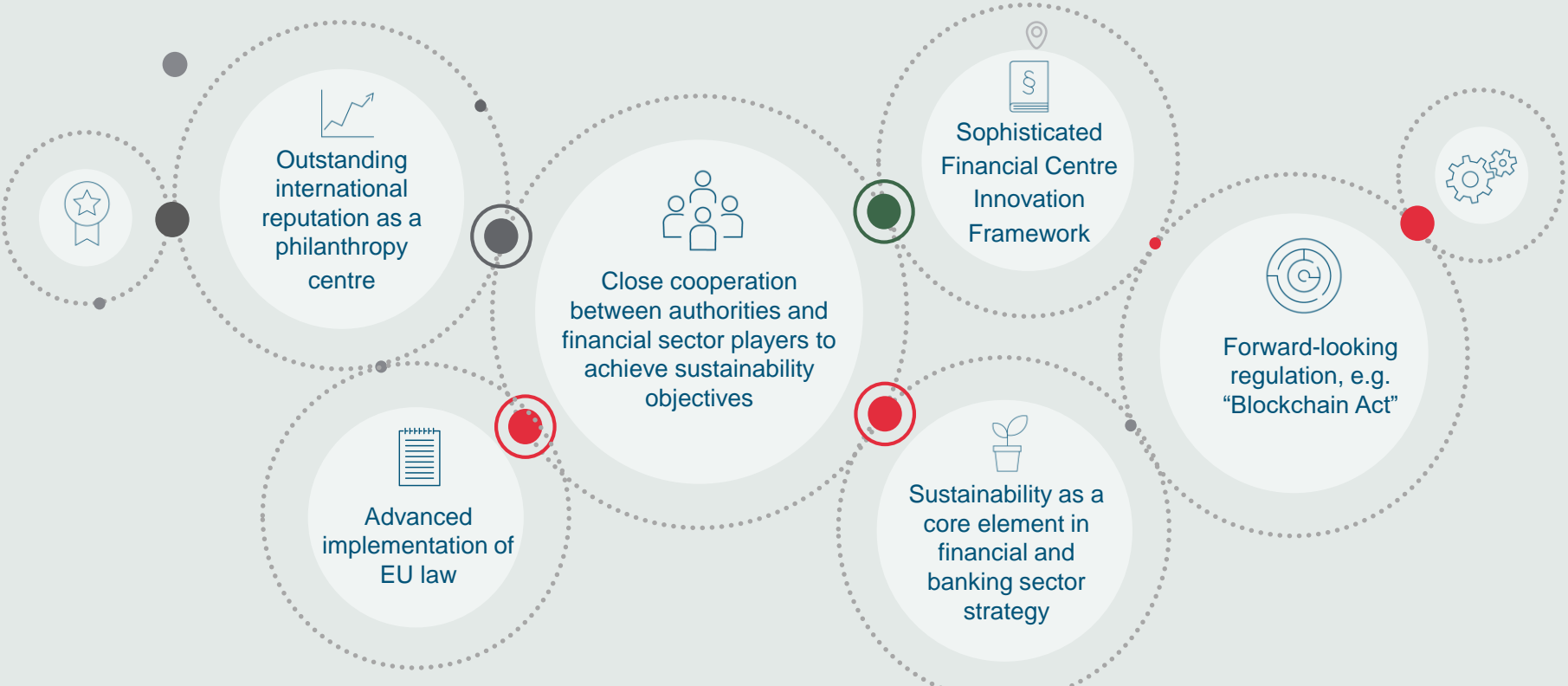
Monetary agreement with the EU



Brexit

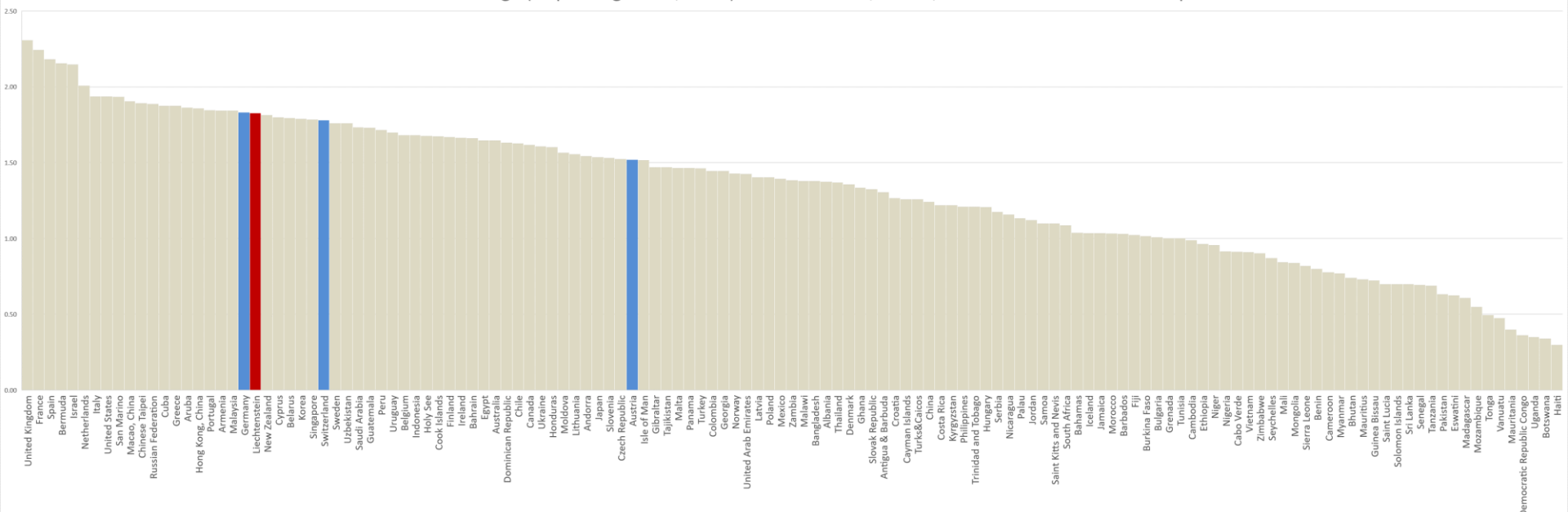


# Perfect combination of innovation and a long-term mindset



# Liechtenstein's 2022 result of the MONEYVAL assessment in international comparison

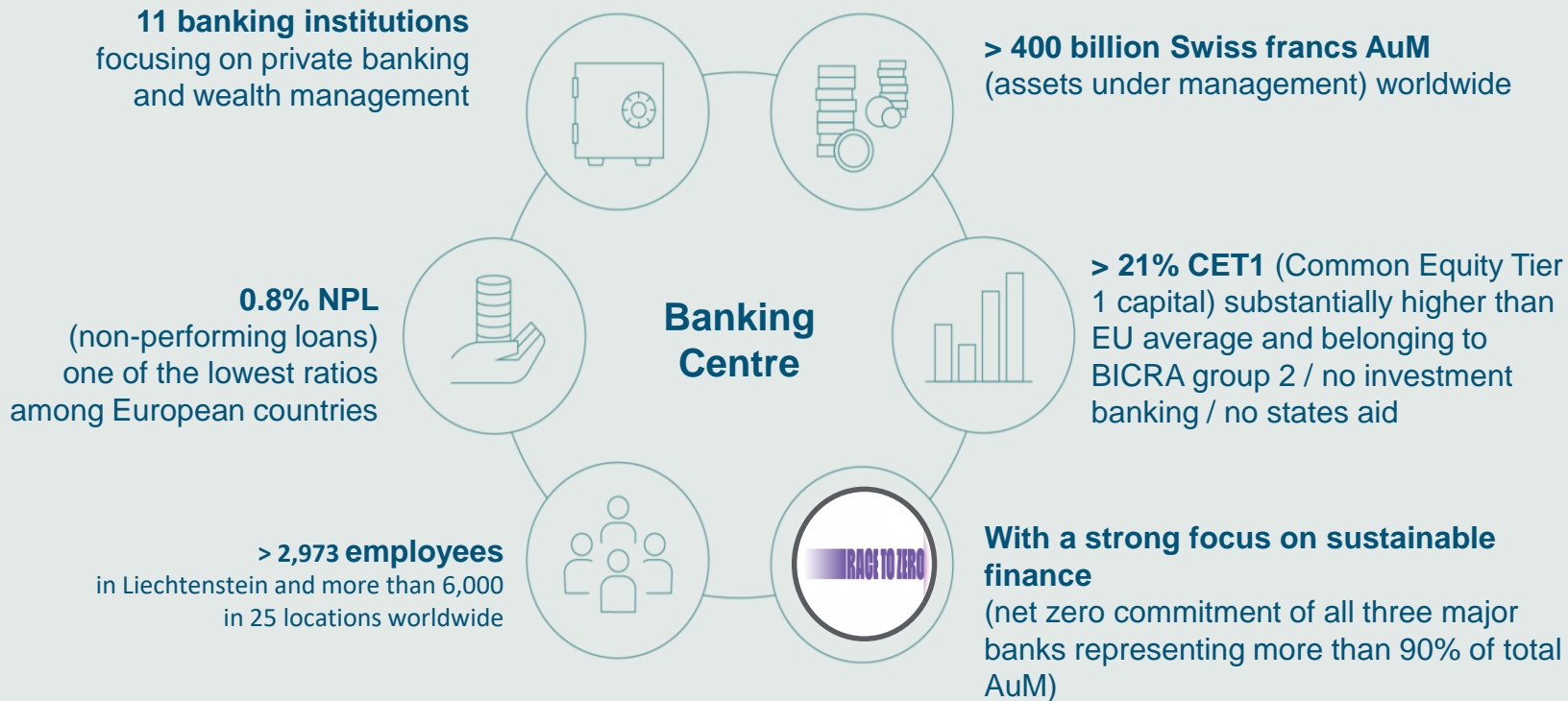
Assessment ratings (as per august 25, 2022) - FATF score IO/TC 1:1; after Mutual Evaluation Report



# Professional, innovative, internationally recognised and diversified Liechtenstein financial centre (as of 2023)



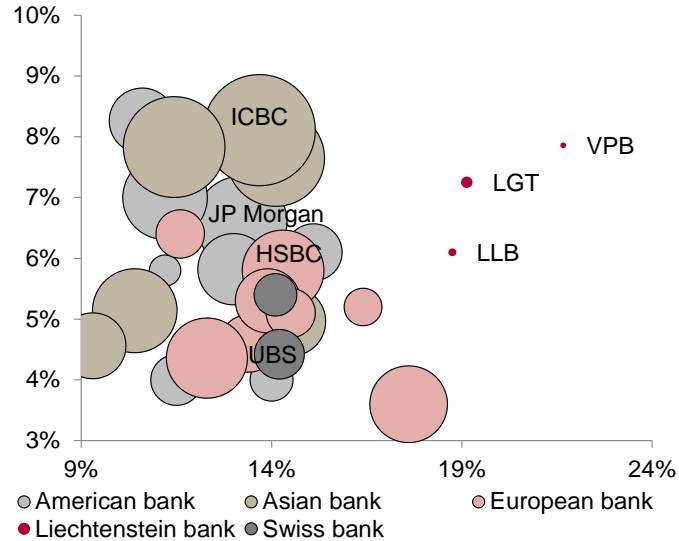
## Internationally oriented banking centre with crossborder private banking as core business



# ...small on a global scale, but outstandingly stable in international comparison

## Size and capitalization (G-SII / LI banks)

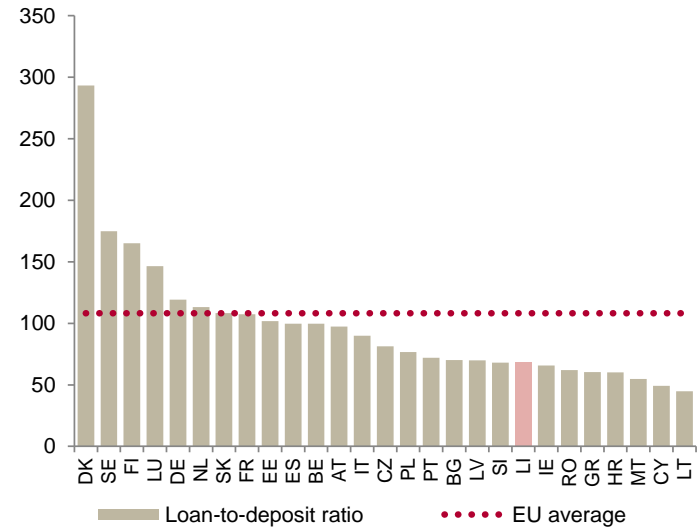
(x-axis: Tier 1 ratio; y-axis: Leverage ratio)



Sources: FMA, Bloomberg, S&P Global. Size of circle: Total assets (USD).


## Loan-to-deposit ratio

(percent)



Sources: FMA, EBA.

## Liechtenstein's tax system for corporates at a glance

		Principality of Liechtenstein
<b>Corporations</b>	Corporate Income Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12.5 % corporate income tax rate</li> <li>• Participation exemption regime (no thresholds)</li> </ul>
	Capital gain / Dividend taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No capital gain and no dividend taxes</li> </ul>
	WHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No withholding taxes</li> </ul>
	Tax incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4% NID on modified equity</li> <li>• Simple tax system</li> <li>• Tax exemption for private wealth structures</li> </ul>
	VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8,1 % (legally linked to Swiss VAT)</li> </ul>

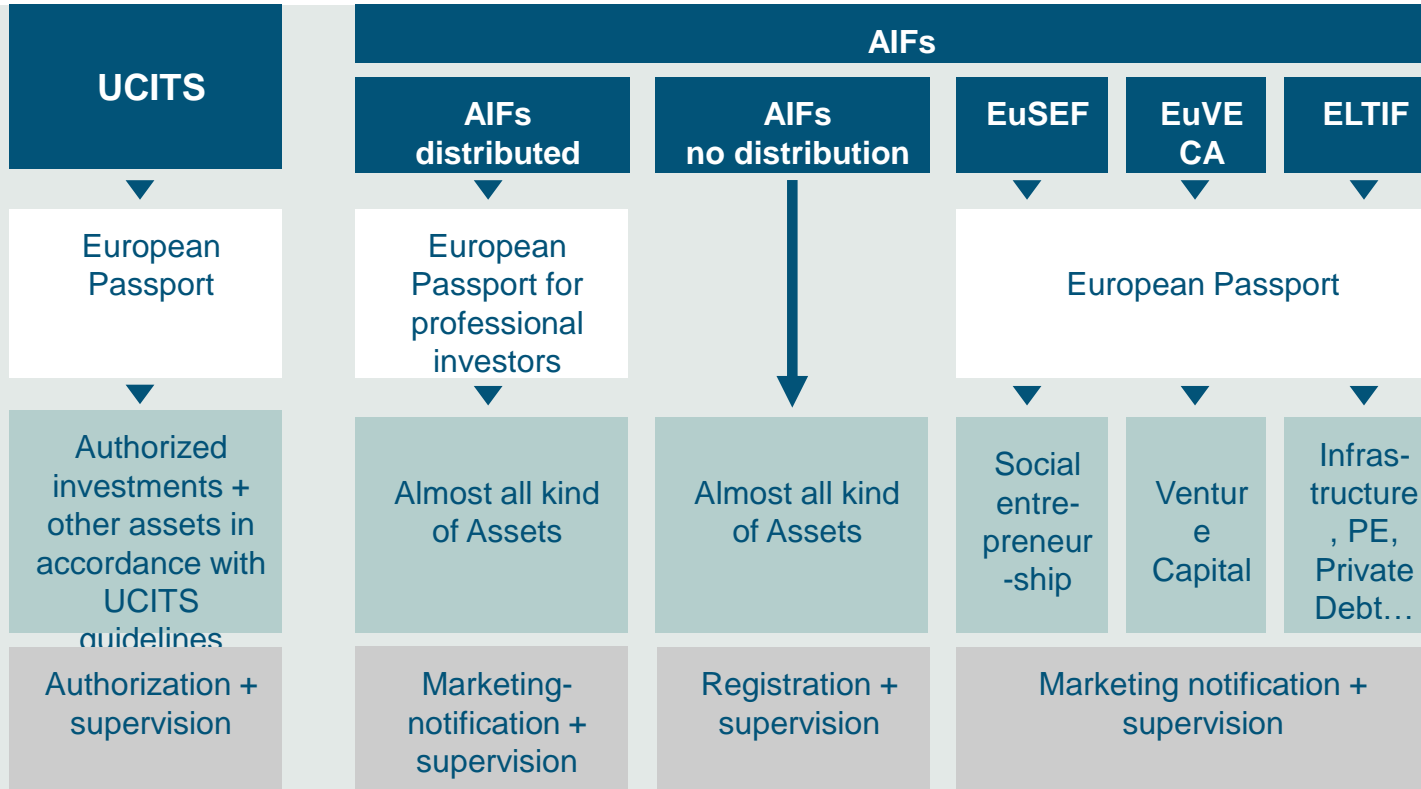


# Liechtenstein Funds

- **Liechtenstein fund industry: specialized in the area of white label funds:**
  - Small and medium-sized asset managers
  - Asset structuring for family offices, wealthy private clients, foundations, etc.
  
- **Cross Border Hub for White Label Funds:**
  - Liechtenstein Funds are passported into 25 European countries
  - The government provides English translations of all laws concerning funds.

# Liechtenstein Funds

## Structuring possibilities



## Number of funds in European comparison (selected countries)

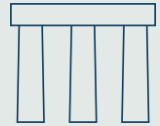
EFAMA\* publishes the number of funds for each country based on share classes (number of ISINs)

Country	January 2016	December 2022	Change %	Change in numbers
<b>Ireland</b>	6 201	8 689	+ 40,1 %	+ 2 488
<b>Germany</b>	5 931	7 438	+ 25,4 %	+ 1 507
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	1 272	2 467	+ 93,3 %	+ 1 195
<b>United Kingdom</b>	2 995	3 331	+ 11,2 %	+ 336
<b>Luxembourg</b>	14 108	14 322	+ 1,5 %	+ 214
<b>Switzerland</b>	1 050	1 199	+ 14,2 %	+ 149
<b>Malta</b>	606	557	- 8,1 %	- 49
<b>France</b>	11 122	10 997	-1,1 %	- 125
<b>Netherlands</b>	1 803	1 611	- 10,6 %	- 192

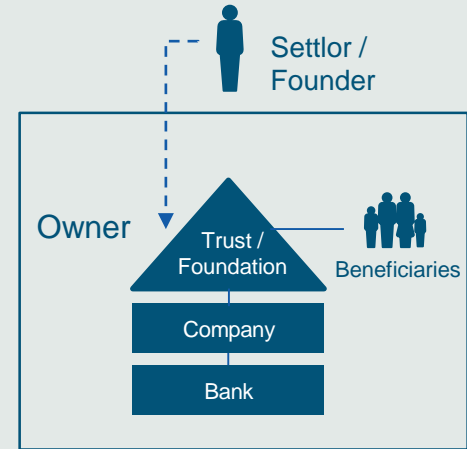
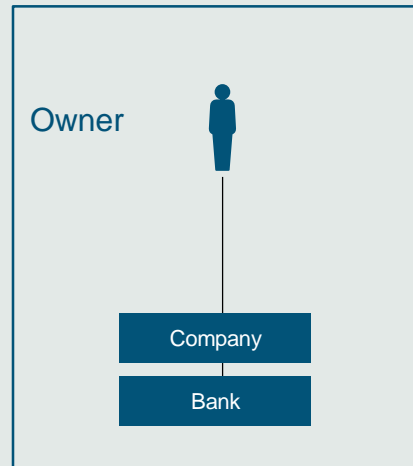
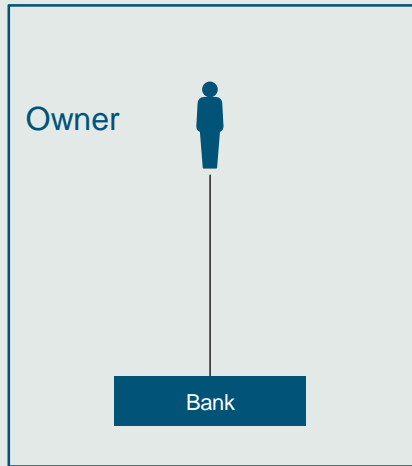
\* European Fund and Asset Management Association

# Key aspects of Liechtenstein as jurisdiction for wealth structuring

- Civil law jurisdiction with own codified trust law (since 1926)
- Liberal legal framework: Structuring possibilities are very flexible
- Non-enforcement of foreign court orders: Foreign claimants must litigate in Liechtenstein (again)
- Big variety of structuring tools: Private Establishment, Trusts can be settled under foreign laws (English law, Hong Kong law, etc.), modern LLC law, Business Trust (Trust reg.)
- Strong privacy protection: long tradition of respecting privacy, strong data protection
- Only 2 years statutes of limitation (time to contest the structure – if irrevocable and counted from the date of endowment): timely adaption of wealth planning possible



# Separation of Assets / Transfer of Ownership: Concept of Trust and Foundation



# Liechtenstein Foundation and Trust

## A closer look (I)



# Liechtenstein Foundation and Trust

## A closer look (II)

### Discretionary / Irrevocable Foundation / Trust

*Irrevocable*

Founder / Settlor

*Setup during lifetime /  
upon demise*

*Endowment*



Family Foundation /  
Trust

*Distributions*



Beneficiaries

*(Class of potential) Beneficiaries  
having no claim to  
Distributions, no fixed  
amount, no defined time.*

### Fixed-interest / Revocable Foundation / Trust

Founder / Settlor

*Settlor / Founder has evtl. the  
right to revoke the legal entity*

*Endowment*



Family Foundation /  
Trust

*Setup during lifetime  
/ upon demise*

*Distributions*



Beneficiaries

*(Named) Beneficiaries having a  
claim to distributions with  
fixed amount and time*

# *Dr. Thomas Zwiefelhofer*

- Born 1969, married, 3 children*
- Studies of Architecture (ETH Zurich) and Law (University of St. Gallen)*
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, Home Affairs and Economy (2013 – 2017)*
- Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in the Principality of Liechtenstein (since 2017)*
- Member of the Group Board of First Advisory Group (since 2017)*
- Wine producer, musician, photographer*

*«Detours increase knowledge»*







*Thank you!*

*Děkuji!*

*First Advisory*