

# SWITZERLAND

Although not a member of the European Union, Switzerland benefits from bilateral treaties that allow free access to the European market. It is well-known for its advanced legal, banking, fiduciary and asset management infrastructure. Many of the world's most prestigious private banks are headquartered in Geneva, Zurich and Lugano. The country prides itself on its engagement in operational practices that ensure client confidentiality and portfolio diversification to the greatest extent currently possible.

ZEDRA'S Swiss team is highly experienced and multilingual with broad experience working in other jurisdictions besides Switzerland. The office provides bespoke services to its clients which include Swiss and international companies, entrepreneurs, business professionals and high-net-worth families.

## Corporate Services

ZEDRA specialises in the establishment and management of Swiss corporate entities, which benefit from Switzerland's attractive tax regime.

Our services include:

- Providing a registered office address
- Providing one or more directors and officers
- Delivering corporate secretarial, accounting, payroll and legal services
- Providing all tax compliance services required (including CIT returns, VAT withholding tax)
- Managed company and other "white-label" services

We also cater to the management and administration of international companies that may have been obtained through ZEDRA'S network of offices, or from elsewhere, with full tax efficiency.

## Wealth Services

ZEDRA delivers succession and intergenerational guidance to international families, entrepreneurs and family offices. We are also well connected to Swiss and international companies that deliver investment, asset management and insurance services.

## Trust Services

Switzerland has ratified The Hague Convention on Trusts, with recognition of trust law concepts, even if Switzerland has no trust laws itself. ZEDRA can, therefore, provide a Swiss Trustee to many foreign trusts and these trusts can be administered as well as enforced in Switzerland through the Swiss courts. For example, many of the Channel Island trusts, which ZEDRA establishes for its clients, now have a Swiss trustee or co-trustee. We can also provide (Swiss) companies that will act as private trustee companies to family trusts with a variety of different governing laws.

## Employer Solutions

Through our Guernsey-based team of specialists, ZEDRA can provide for the establishment and administration of a wide range of employee incentive arrangements for both listed and private companies including employee benefit trusts and administration for warehousing and nominee arrangements, joint ownership planning, deferral arrangements and facilitation of carry and co-investment structuring.

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