



## SWITZERLAND Société Anonyme (S.A.)

The Swiss Confederation (Switzerland) is a federal republic made up of 26 cantons and covers an area of 41,285 km<sup>2</sup>. It has a population of approximately 8,000,000 inhabitants.

The local legal system is based on Civil Law and the three official languages are German, French and Italian.

### STRUCTURE

- Minimum of one Director, who must be a Swiss citizen residing in Switzerland, and one Shareholder
- If more than one Director is appointed the majority must be Swiss citizens residing in Switzerland
- Public record of Shareholders
- Minimum authorised share capital of CHF 100,000 issued
- CHF 50,000 to be paid up at the time of incorporation
- Corporate Directors are not allowed
- Company names must end in "Société Anonyme" or "S.A."

### TAX & ACCOUNTS

- Requirement to file audited accounts
- A Swiss company is subject to tax at a federal level, cantonal level and municipal level
- Each of the 26 Swiss cantons has its own taxation system (corporate tax varies from 4% to 25%)
- If regular business activities are conducted federal taxes at 8.5% apply

### ADVANTAGES

- Confidentiality regarding Beneficial Owner/Director details
- Attractive tax regime
- Politically and economically stable independent state

### TIME TO INCORPORATE

- It normally takes approximately 2 weeks to incorporate a new Swiss S.A. and a further 10 days to provide you with all company papers

Interested or want to know more about this structure?  
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