



# BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN UKRAINE

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### **FACTS AND FIGURES**

- Private organization
- Established in 1927 as «Schweizerische Zentrale f
  ür Handelsf
  örderung»
- Non-profit-organization with 2,290 members
- Annual budget of CHF 36 million, including CHF 24 million in subsidies from the national government
- Global presence with 22 Swiss Business Hubs
- 100 employees in Switzerland
- 85 employees abroad
- Head office in Zurich, Offices in Lausanne and Lugano (Monica Zurfluh)



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#### **Ukraine: Key Facts**

## Area:

603,500 square kilometers The largest country within Europe

## **Economy**:

Market economy Major industries: world player in agriculture industry, energy, metallurgy, chemicals, manufacturing, massive high-tech industrial base, fast developing IT and high-tech sector

# Location:

Borders Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary and Moldova in the west, Belarus and Russia to north and east, Bulgaria, Georgia and Turkey to the south over the Black Sea,

# **Political System:**

Parliamentary-Presidential Republic

# **Diaspora Worldwide:**

20 million strong network



# **Population:**

45 million 70% urban-based Source: World Bank, data as of 2016

#### **Ukraine: Key Facts**

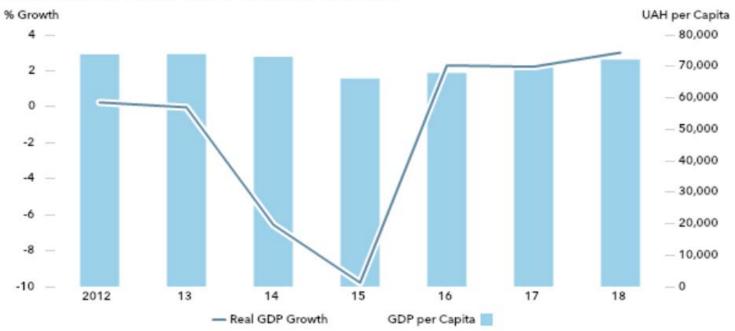


Chart 1 Real GDP Growth and Per Capita GDP: 2012-2018

Source: Euromonitor International from national statistics/Eurostat/OECD/UN/IMF Note: Data for 2018 is forecast. GDP per capita are in constant 2017 prices

#### **Switzerland-Ukraine Trade Relations**

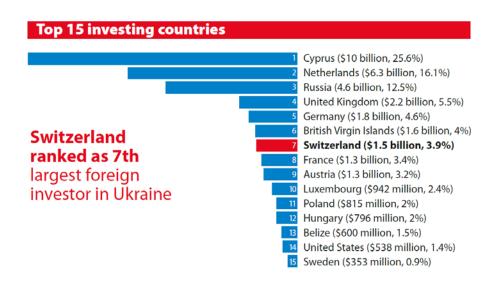
- Free Trade Agreement between Ukraine and EFTA
- Agreement on Double Taxation CH-UA

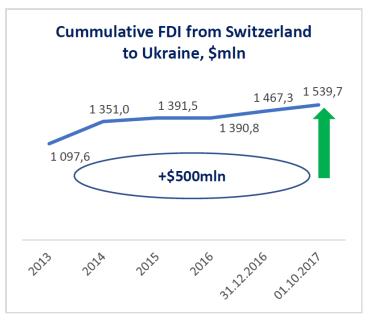
- Exports from Switzerland to Ukraine:
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Machinery
  - Watches
  - Agricultural Products

#### **Ukraine: Bilateral Relations**

#### **Switzerland-Ukraine Trade Relations**

Switzerland is one of the Top 10 foreign investors (2017, cumulated: \$1.5bl)





**Ukraine: Bilateral Relations** 

#### **Swiss Presence in Ukraine**



## SWOT Analysis: Ukraine

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul> <li>Domestic Market (45m)</li> <li>Proximity to EU</li> <li>Free Trade Agreement with EU</li> <li>Huge Agricultural Ressources</li> <li>Low Production Costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Corruption</li> <li>Lack of Transparancy (e.g. Public Proc.)</li> <li>Lacking Legal Security and IP-Protection</li> <li>Shrinking Population</li> <li>Low Income per capita</li> <li>Outdated Infrastructure</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul> <li>Continuation of Reforms</li> <li>Further Economic Integration with EU</li> <li>IFI projects in Infrastructure, Industry and Agriculture</li> <li>Strengthening of Value Chain in Agriculture and Food Industry</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Political Instability in Relations to Elections 2019</li> <li>Macroeconomic Instability</li> <li>End of Reforms and Fight against Corruption</li> <li>Further Emigration of Skilled Workers</li> <li>Unsolved Conflict in Eastern Ukraine</li> </ul>

## **Business Opportunities (1/3)**

#### **Agribusiness / Food Processing & Packaging:**

- "Bread Basket of Europe"
- 70% of country is agricultural land
- Ukraine is leading producer and exporter of:
  - Sunflower Oil
  - ➤ Barley
  - > Corn
  - ➢ Wheat
  - ➤ Walnuts



→ Potential: "Value Chain Food" (Agritech, Foodtech, Packaging) (livestock breeding, grain storage, irrigation, fertilizer, …)

## **Business Opportunities (2/3)**

#### **Medical Equipment / Pharma**

- Medical Equipment Market worth \$290ml (2017)
- Market Growth 3-4%: State Programs and World Bank Projects
- 90% import rate!
- Pharma: fast growing market
- Trend to Import Substitution
- Pharmtech as opportunity



## **Business Opportunities (3/3)**

#### **Outsourcing / Production**

- ICT: «The World's Digital Workshop»
- Automotive
- Textile
- Aerospace





#### **Ukraine: Outlook**

#### What will the future bring?

Developments relying on many internal and external factors:

- Relations to Europa and Russia
- Presidential Elections 2019
- Continuous reform process
- Fight against Corruption
- Sustainable State Programs
- Currency Stability
- Continuation of IMF-Cooperation
- Building trust  $\rightarrow$  Attraction of new FDI
- ...and many more



- Business Mission to Ukraine: 30.9.-2.10.2018



## Thank you for your attention!

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