

Principality of Liechtenstein



# A financial centre where innovation is backed up by tradition



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Foreword

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Mario Frick  
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Liechtenstein - a tiny,  
isolated nation?  
**The Principality of  
Liechtenstein is a small,  
cosmopolitan nation  
at the heart of Europe  
with worldwide  
business links.  
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Liechtenstein - a medieval  
monarchy?  
**In the Principality of  
Liechtenstein, power is  
securely vested in both  
Prince and People.  
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Liechtenstein - an  
anachronistic statelet?  
**The Principality  
of Liechtenstein is a  
modern industrial  
and service centre.  
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Liechtenstein - a land of  
banks and postage stamps?  
**The Principality  
of Liechtenstein has  
a broadly based  
economy.  
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Liechtenstein - a strictly  
regulated business location?  
**Liechtenstein operates  
a liberal and social  
economic policy.  
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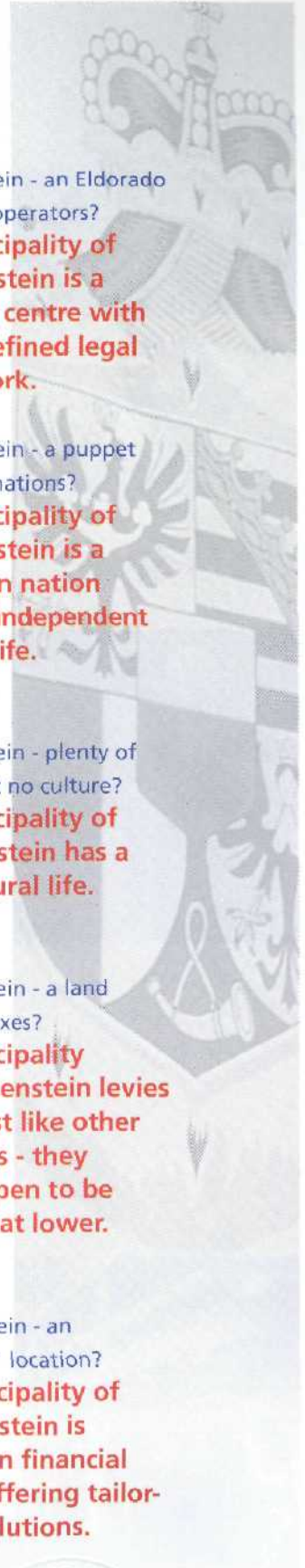
Liechtenstein - an Eldorado  
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**The Principality of  
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**The Principality of  
Liechtenstein has a  
rich cultural life.  
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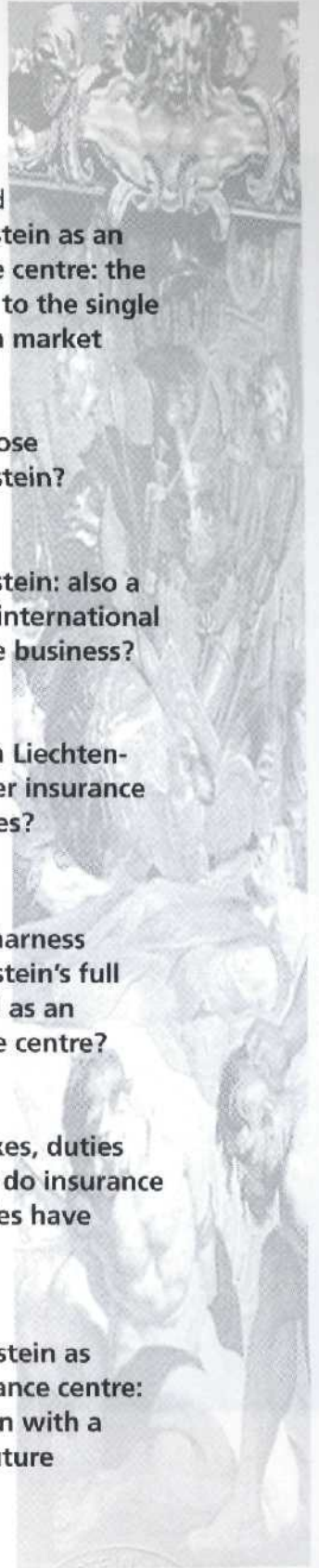
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