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- Easy registration process
- Part of EEU with access to 170mln+ market
- High quality service infrastructure
- Large number of double taxation avoidance treaties

## Fast facts

Full name:	<i>The Republic of Armenia</i>
Population:	<i>2.9 million (as of April 1, 2018)</i>
Capital:	<i>Yerevan</i>
Area:	<i>29.743 sq. km (11.484 sq. miles)</i>
Major languages:	<i>Armenian (national), Russian, spreading</i>
Major religion:	<i>English</i>
Life expectancy:	<i>Christianity</i>
Monetary unit:	<i>71.6 years (men), 78.3 years (women)</i>
Exchange rate:	<i>Armenian dram (AMD)</i>
Other commonly used currencies:	<i>As of Feb, 7, 2019: 488,26 AMD/USD US dollar, Euro, Russian Ruble</i>
System of law:	<i>Continental. Foreign law governed contracts can be enforced based on New York Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards.</i>
Main exports:	<i>Metal products, foodstuff, copper ore, brandy, processed diamonds, textile, electricity, cigarette.</i>
GDP, current USD:	<i>11,537, million USD (2017)</i>
GDP per capita, PPP:	<i>9,647 (current international \$, 2017)</i>
Internet domain:	<i>.am</i>
International dialing code:	<i>+374</i>

## Sovereign Country Ratings

Moody's:	<i>B1, positive (March 9, 2018)</i>
Fitch (long-term IDRs):	<i>B+, positive (Nov 30, 2018)</i>

## Armenia's stand in international rankings

Ease of Doing Business ( <i>The World Bank</i> ):	<i>47 (Rank, 2018, out of 190 countries)</i>
Index of Economic Freedom ( <i>Heritage Foundation</i> ):	<i>44 (Rank, 2018, out of 180 countries)</i>
Human Development Index ( <i>UNDP</i> ):	<i>84 (Rank, 2018, out of 189 countries)</i>
Global Competitiveness Index ( <i>World Economic Forum</i> ):	<i>70 (Rank, 2018, out of 140 countries)</i>
Corruption perception index ( <i>Transparency International</i> ):	<i>105 (Rank, 2018, out of 180 countries)</i>

## Banking system

17 commercial banks regulated by the Central Bank of Armenia.  
Major international banks: Credit Agricole and HSBC

## Ease of travel

Visa requirement:	<i>No visa for USA, EU, CIS countries for 180 days. Moscow (around 10 flights per day),</i>
Air transport:	<i>UAE (6-7 flights per week), Vienna, Tbilisi, Kiev, Tehran, Paris, Istanbul, Minsk, etc.</i>



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## Corporate information

Company registration process (turnkey)	1-4 days, \$400 fees, ~\$150 for legal consulting, ~\$300 for accounting, no annual license costs
Corporate name:	Armenian name together with translated versions (Cyrillic and Latin) all have legal force
Data to be kept in local premises:	None if legal and accounting services are outsourced.

## Shareholder and beneficiary

Information disclosed to local agent:	Yes
Information disclosed in open registrar:	No
Minimum number of shareholders:	1*
Residency requirement for shareholders:	None
Legal entities allowed to be shareholders:	Yes
Information on beneficiary is disclosed:	Yes**

\* If shareholders are more than 49, open joint stock company should be established.

\*\*Non disclosure is technically possible, but is subject to being reported to the Central Bank of Armenia and may cause refusal to opening a bank account.

Armenia is EEU member and does not fall under the Russian CFC regulations.

## Shareholder and beneficiary

Reporting requirement:	Limited requisite filing to Tax authorities
Open access to reporting:	No
Requisite audit:	None
Availability of global auditors:	All Big4 auditors and GTA
Party to the Hague Adoption Convention	Yes

## Director and secretary

Minimum number of directors:	None
Residency requirement for directors:	None
Legal entity allowed to have a seat on Board:	No, can nominate a director

## Shares and share capital

Minimum share capital requirement:	None
Minimum paid up capital requirement:	None
Bearer shares allowed:	No
Currency of equity instruments:	Only AMD*

\* Only AMD is allowed for equity instruments. Debt instruments can be denominated in foreign currencies

## Taxation

Minimum income tax for legal entity:	20%*
Capital gain tax:	10% for non-residents
VAT:	20%
Tax at source:	5-20%
Other taxes:	Personal Income Tax
Tax on dividends:	10% for non-residents 5% for resident
Forex regulation:	None
Double-taxation treaties:	47 countries**

\* Certain exemptions apply. Funds are taxed at 0.01% of net assets, some categories of IT startups are exempt.

\*\*Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Belarus, Canada, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Georgia, Ireland, India, Iran, Italy, Finland, France, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Netherlands, Moldova, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Spain, Syria, Turkmenistan, Thailand, Kuwait, Slovenia, UK, UAE, Ukraine.

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