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# ECONOMIC FORUM

AUSTRIA, HONG KONG AND  
THE GREATER BAY AREA



# Austria at a glance

A stylized map of Austria is shown in the background, with a light blue outline and a light blue interior. The map is positioned on the right side of the slide, with the title 'Austria at a glance' on the left. The map is surrounded by a dark blue border.

Area	83,872 km <sup>2</sup>
People	8.9 million
GDP/capita	39,000 €
Export	55.8 % of goods & services
Productivity	16 % above EU average
R&D quota	3.2 % of GDP



# International companies are important



- 3.4 % of companies
- 21.1 % of employees
- 28.6 % of personnel costs
- 29.6 % of production value
- 42.1 % of R&D staff
- 53.1 % of R&D expenditures

# > Austria is a strong industrial country



Tourism



15 %

Industry



29 %

# > Top 5 industries



Metal  
27.4%



Electro / Electronics  
11.6%



Vehicles  
10.5%



Chemistry  
10%



Food  
6.2%

Source: Austrian Economic Chamber, % of total production





# Access to all European markets



3 hrs  
760 mio.  
customers

2 hrs  
450 mio. customers

1 hr  
100 mio. customers



Austrian  
Consulate General  
Hong Kong



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# Top-Investor in Central and Eastern Europe





# VIE: Leading hub to Central & Eastern Europe

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- Austrian Airlines:
- 23 countries
- 40 destinations
- 573 flights per week





# Our tech talent is among the best in the world



English proficiency #2 in Europe

Productivity	14 % above EU average
Education	apprenticeship, dual education
Schools	vocational schools unique to Austria (HAK, HTL)
Universities	34 in total (12 private, 22 public)

- 1,000 research institutions
- 190,000 students and 46,000 researchers → Vienna is the largest German speaking university city
- 18,000 STEM students graduate from Austrian Technical Universities per year
- Universities of Applied Sciences (FH) and vocational schools (HTL, HAK) offer application-oriented technical training



# Investor-friendly tax system

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Corporate tax rate: 25%

Modern group taxation

Tax premium for R&D: 14%

Double taxation treaties  
(also Austria - Hong Kong SAR)

# Austria in Hong Kong

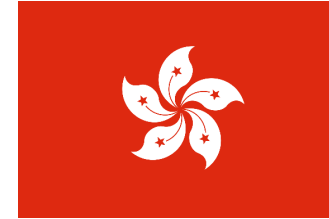
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- 25% of all Austrian Exports to China go via Hong Kong SAR
- Around 200 Austrian companies registered in Hong Kong SAR (60+ major operations), 60 in Guangdong, 1 in Macao SAR
- Austrian Trade Surplus with Hong Kong SAR
- Tourism: In a „regular year“ (2018) 120,000 Hongkong visitors to Austria, 31,000 Austrian visitors to Hong Kong SAR

# Trade & Investment Relations

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	2021
Austrian Exports to Hong Kong in Mio. EUR	500
Hong Kong Exports to Austria in Mio. EUR	104,8
Austrian Services Exported to Hong Kong in Mio. EUR	82
Hong Kong Services Exported to Austria in Mio. Euro	108
Austrian Direct Investments in Hong Kong (2021)	2,052 Mio. EUR
Employees at Austrian Investments (2019)	744
Hong Kong Direct Investment in Austria (2021)	1,582 Mio. EUR
Employees at Hong Kong Investments (2019)	1,347

# > Austria & The Greater Bay Area

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- Hong Kong Investment Gateway
- Chinese companies going international: 60% of all Chinese investments in Austria go via Hong Kong
- International companies going China: 40% of all Austrian investment in China go via Hong Kong
- Trend: More Austrian companies go directly to China
- Advantages if via Hong Kong: East meets West, support of professional service sector, Hong Kong's taxation system (no taxes for foreign/China-sourced income), double taxation treaty (Austria – Hong Kong)

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- **Infrastructure Projects**
  - Austrian Deliveries of Goods and Services to Railways, Construction Companies, Airports
  - Sales and support very often supported via mainland China offices (Shanghai, Beijing..)
  - Trends towards Sustainability, GreenTech
- **Logistics**
- **Production Equipment**
- **Consumer Sector**
  - Increasing Consumer income: more potential for Austrian consumer products and for travelling to Austria
  - Trends towards sustainable, natural products
- **Innovation Dialogue**
  - Interest of Austrian Innovators to experience Asia/China, +trends
  - GoAustria: 4 Hong Kong Startups currently at ViennaUP'22 Festival
  - Shenzhen – prototyping, small scale production



# Hidden Champions

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**200** Austrian Hidden Champions  
w/ annual sales < 200 Mio €

**& 65** World & European Market Leaders  
w/ annual sales > 200 Mio €

- Niche Products for Global Markets
- Technical expertise/solutions
- Headquarters in Austria
- Barely Known in Public
- Often Privately Owned





**LIEBHERR**



**RUBNER**



A large yellow Plasser rail maintenance machine is positioned on a railway track. The machine has various mechanical components, hoses, and a prominent red light. A worker in an orange safety jacket and dark pants stands on the gravel bed of the track, looking down at a white rectangular object. The track extends into the distance under a clear sky. A white diagonal banner is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Plasser Far East**



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