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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Atlanta is home to the Consulate General of Switzerland. Mr. Claudio Leoncavallo serves as the Consul General.

The Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce is located in Atlanta. The Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce plays an active role in assisting Swiss companies in the United States and U.S. companies in Switzerland to expand their business. Robin Terrell serves as Chairman.

One of the Swiss Business Hub's regional offices is located in Atlanta. The organization's vision is to match Swiss innovation and quality with American marketing. The Swiss Business Hub USA is the Swiss government's business solutions agency for small and medium-sized companies. Ms. Kimberly Corradi serves as Trade Commissioner.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Georgia ranked 12th among states exporting to Switzerland in 2008. Georgia leads among US states in exports to Switzerland of miscellaneous chemical products. Georgia ranks second in exports of aircraft and spacecraft, glass and glassware, and salt, sulfur, earth, and stone, and third in fats and oils. Georgia exported nearly \$319 million to Switzerland in 2008, a 364% increase from 2007.

The Port Authority of Savannah ranked 9th among U.S. ports receiving imports from Switzerland in 2008. Primary imports included: machinery, optics and medical instruments, electrical machinery, organic chemicals, and pharmaceutical products. Imports from Switzerland totaled more than \$452 million in 2008, an increase of nearly 15% from 2007.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Switzerland include:

AJC International Inc.
CIBA Vision Corp.
The Coca-Cola Company
Delta Air Lines Inc.
Hooters of America Inc.
Infor Global Solutions
Interface Inc.
Invesco Ltd.
JBoss Inc.

Kurt Salmon Associates
Markem Imaje
NIIT Technologies
Novelis Inc.
Russell Corp.
United Parcel Service Inc.
UPS Supply Chain Solutions
Visiprise Inc.



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Swiss companies with operations in Georgia include:

ABB Inc.	Optima Electronic Packaging Systems
Ajilon Communications	Habasit America
Lee Hecht Harrison	Buhler Quality Yarns Corp.
Ajilon Legal North America	Holcim US
Adecco North America	Nagravision STB Solutions
Alu Menziken Aerospace	Kuehne & Nagel Inc.
Cellnet+Hunt	Kuehne & Nagel Contract Logistics
Bossard Milwaukee Inc.	Kuoni Travel Inc.
Material Management Group Inc.	Morrow Equipment Company, LLC
Clariant Corp.	Mediterranean Shipping Company (USA) Inc.
Teuscher Chocolates of Switzerland	
Column Financial Inc.	
Dartfish USA Inc.	



Swiss cumulative capital investment in Georgia totals more than \$863.5 million (2006).

TRANSPORTATION

Delta offers direct daily flights from Atlanta to Zurich.



COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

According to the Census Bureau's 2005-2007 American Community Survey, nearly 10,000 Georgians claim Swiss Ancestry.

During the Fall 2007 semester, the University System of Georgia had 21 students from Switzerland enrolled. The University System also offers 4 study abroad programs in Switzerland.

The Swiss Club of Atlanta is an organization dedicated to promoting social life among members in the Atlanta area, preserving Swiss culture, and promoting positive relations between Switzerland and the US.

