# INVEST **KARNENIA** COUNTRY 2024 Presentation



**11<sup>th</sup> January 2024** Ontario, Canada

## REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

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**CAPITAL CITY** Yerevan

#### CURRENCY

Armenian Dram average exchange rate 1 USD  $\approx$  410 AMD 1 EUR  $\approx$  450 AMD

**TOTAL AREA** 29,743 km<sup>2</sup>

**POPULATION** 2.97 million

#### **GOVERNANCE**

Parliamentary Republic

### LANGUAGE

Armenian (English and Russian are widely used)

**TIME ZONE** UTC/GMT +4

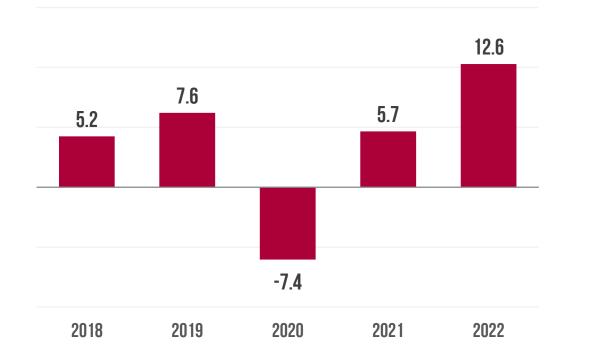
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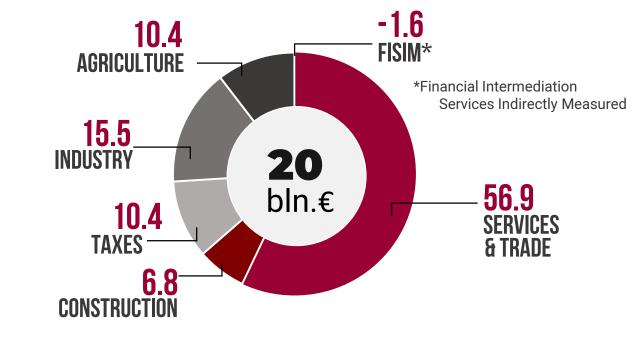
# **GDP STRUCTURE 2022**

### GDP growth 12.6%

Real GDP growth rate compared to the previous year,%, 2022







# **FDI LEGISLATION**

#### **OWNERSHIP**

100% ownership of resident legal entities is permitted for foreigners

### EQUAL TREATMENT

Legal regime no less favorable than the one for nationals, unless a more favorable regime is provided by a respective treaty

#### **NO RESTRICTIONS**

Unrestricted access to almost any sector and geographic location within country

#### LAND OWNERSHIP

Companies registered by a foreigner in Armenia have the right to buy land. Foreign citizens can have long-term lease contracts No restrictions on remittances

Free repatriation of profit

Free exchange of foreign currencies

No restrictions on staff recruitment

### INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES



PROMOTION AND RECIPROCAL PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS DOUBLE TAXATION AND PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION

Argentina, Austria, Belgium and Luxemburg, Belarus, Bulgaria, **Canada,** China, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Korea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Netherlands, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, UAE, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, USA, Uruguay, Vietnam Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Belarus, **Canada,** Switzerland, China, <u>Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Spain, Finland, France, Georgia</u>,

Greece, Croatia, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kingdom of Denmark, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Syria, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, UAE, Ukraine, Germany, Ireland, Kuwait, Slovenia, Indonesia, Tajikistan, Serbia, Sweden, Malta, Singapore, Kyrgyzstan

### MARKET & TRADE **GATEWAY TO MAJOR MARKETS**

#### **Eurasian Economic**

Union Market of

### 185,400,000 Consumers

**OTHER ECONOMIC** AGREEMENTS

Local Market of 3,000,000 Consumers

#### GSP Regime With

USA, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Norway (3500 products)

FTA Armenia With **CIS & Georgia** 

FTA EAEU With Vietnam, Singapore, Serbia & Iran





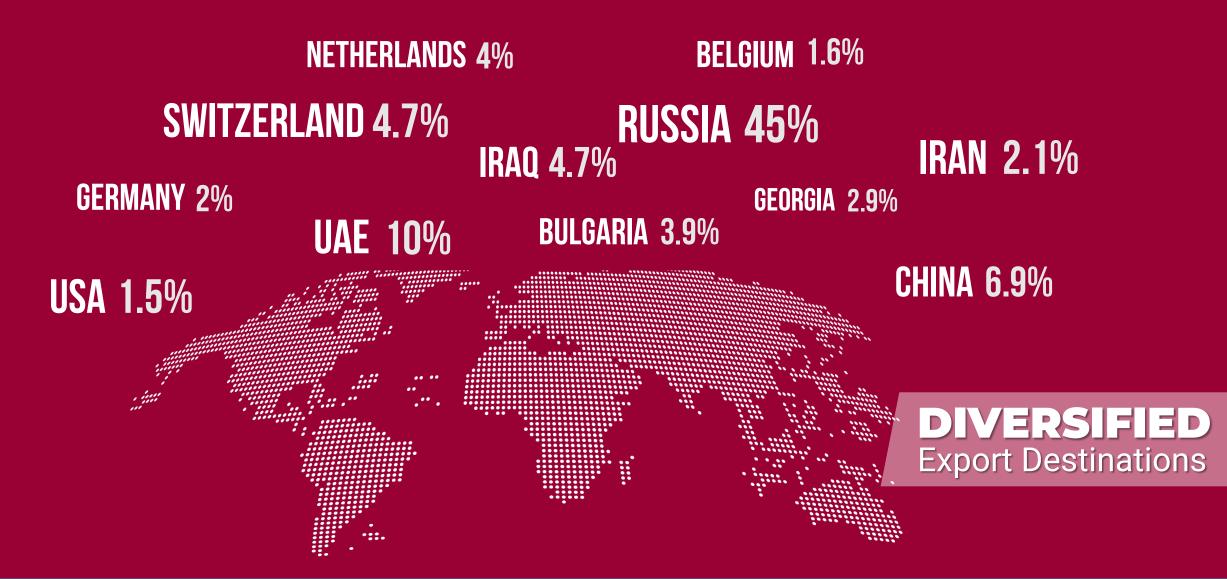


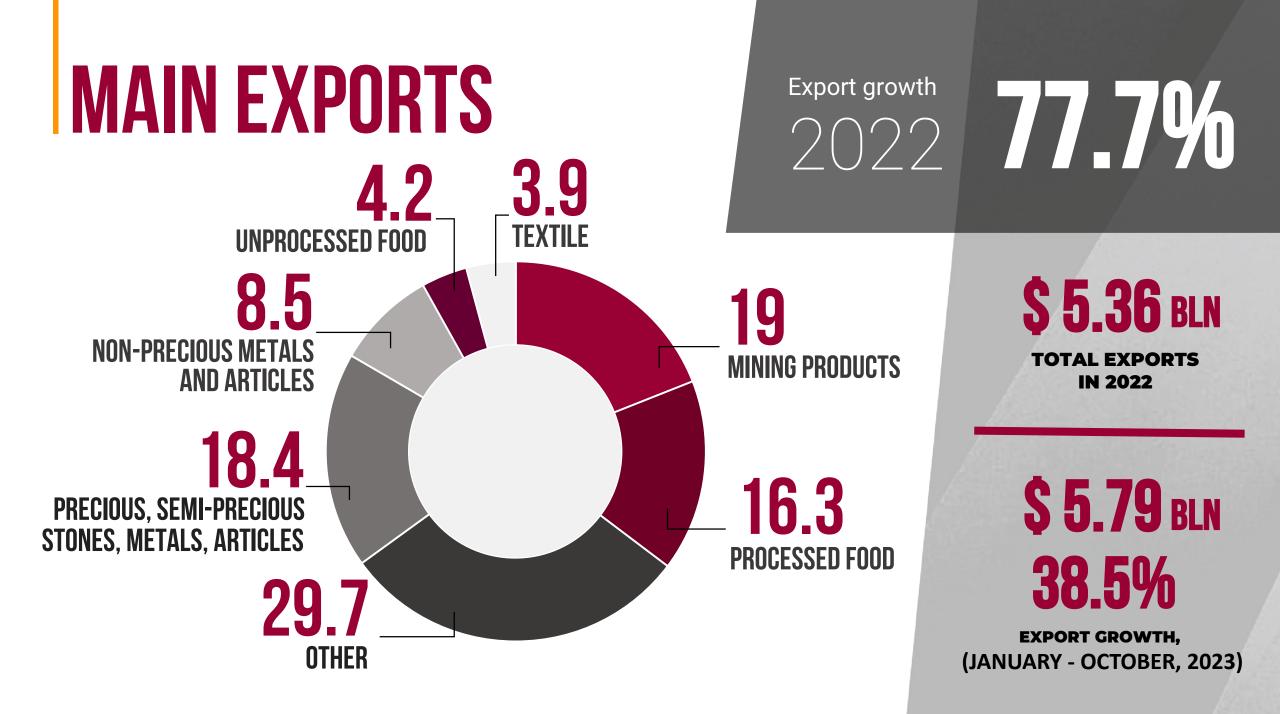
With EU (Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement)

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With **USA (Trade and Investment Framework Agreement)** 

## **MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS**





## **TAXATION SYSTEM**

PROFIT TAX **18%**  DIVIDEND TAX **5%** SUBJECT TO REFUND IN CASE OF REINVESTMENT



PROPERTY TAX 0.25%-1%

### PERSONAL INCOME TAX 20%

TURNOVER TAX\* **1.5-10%** \*LOTTERIES 25%, PUBLIC FOOD 20%

EXCISE TAX (Alcohol, Cigarettes, Fuels) Turnover tax payers: The turnover tax is applicable for taxpayers with previous year revenues from the sale of goods and provision of services not exceeding, **115 million AMD** (around 270 000 EUR), with some exceptions.

# TAX INCENTIVES FOR INVESTORS



#### TAX EXEMPTION FOR ACTIVITIES IN BORDERING AND OTHER COMMUNITIES

Exemption from VAT

Exemption from profit tax

- Exemption from personal income tax
- Exemption from VAT & Profit tax for operations in Dilijan community and adjacent territories of the Tavush marz of Armenia within the scope of projects approximately 5 million USD

#### TAX BENEFITS FOR THE MEDICAL SECTOR

Prosthetic and orthopedic accessories

Medical equipment

Sales of medical products

Medical assistance services



TAX BENEFITS FOR THE IT SECTOR

Reduction of income tax rate on employees' salaries (10%) for IT startups

Reimbursement of 50% of income tax paid for the salaries of newly employed IT specialists who relocated to Armenia

TAX INCENTIVES FOR IMPORT OF CERTAIN GOODS AND EQUIPMENT

Customs duties exemption on import of equipment and raw materials from non-EAEU countries in the scope of export oriented investment projects

0% VAT on most of the equipment for production as well as most of the raw materials imported for further processing.

#### FREE ECONOMIC ZONES

"ALLIANCE" FEZ SINCE 2013

"ECOS" FEZ SINCE 2018

"MEGHRI" FEZ SINCE 2020

# SUPPORT PROGRAMS

#### ATTRACTION OF HIGH-QUALITY SPECIALISTS

Up to 20% reimbursement to the companies of the wages paid to new highly qualified specialists

Up to 50% reimbursement to the companies of the wages paid to new highly qualified specialists with doctorate degrees and—in the case of teaching in Armenian universities—the return of 70% of the salary from teaching activities.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE IN EXCHANGE FOR INVESTMENT

The funds provided by the state may be used in the following forms:

Road construction
Water supply systems
Drainage systems
Gas supply systems
Power supply systems and
Telecommunications

Assistance in the amount of 10% in cas eof investments of up to 500 million drams. If the investment amount exceeds 500 million drams, reimbursement will be provided in the amount of 20%. SUBSIDIZED CREDIT AND LEASING FOR NEW EQUIPMENT, DEVICES, AND THEIR PARTS

**Subsidized loan** In AMD: 8% In foreign currencies: 6%

**Subsidized lease** In AMD: 10% In foreign currencies: 8%

#### STATE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR COMPANIES PRODUCING COMPLEX GOODS

Beneficiaries of this state support program can be companies with at least \$1 bln AMD capital investment.

Within the framework of the program companies can access up to 35% reimbursement of the real assets of capital investments.

# **PROMISING SECTORS**



**HIGH-TECH & IT** 

















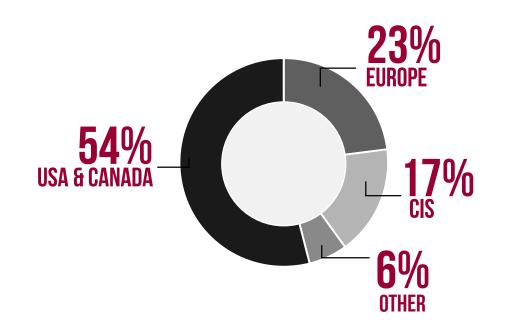
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# **GLOBAL TECH COMPANIES**

### **SILICON VALLEY OF THE CAUCASUS**



# **2022-2023: PIVOTAL YEAR**

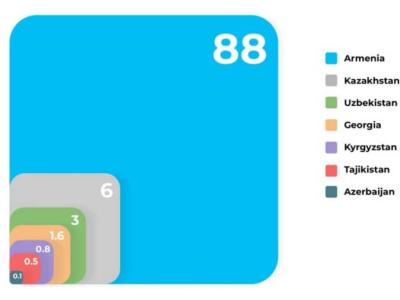


OVER 50+ TECH Companies



# ARMENIA Startup Nation

Venture investments by country in 1H 2023, Central Asia and South Caucasus, %



### **BILLION DOLLAR CLUB**



### **SUCCESSFUL STARTUPS**

<b>Robin the Robot</b> BY EXPPER TECHNOLOGIES
SuperAnnotate
<b>Renderforest</b> intelinair
🌀 sololearn

# NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR

SUPPORTING FOREIGN & LOCAL INVESTORS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE INVESTMENT LIFE-CYCLE

PROVIDING AFTERCARE SERVICES

ATTRACTING & FACILITATING FDI INFLOW TO ARMENIA

BRIDGING INVESTORS & PUBLIC SECTOR

### **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** IS CHAIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF ARMENIA

# **THANK YOU!**

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