



Sharing mindsets - shaping the future

Financial Services

Audit, Advisory and Managed Services

BDO Switzerland



History

- Visura Auditing and Fiduciary Company Ltd; established in 1932 in Zurich and Solothurn
- Since 1992 member of the international BDO Network
- 2010: Company rebranded to BDO Ltd

About us

- Revenue 2022: CHF 257m
- Branches: 35; one of them digital
- Employees: 1,577
- Shareholders: Partner 80.5%; BDO pension fund 19.5%

Services

- Audit
- Financial Services
- Accounting Services
- Tax and Legal Services
- Advisory Services (i.a. corporate finance, forensic services, tailor-made IT solutions)
- Real Estate Services



Financial Services Switzerland

Key information

- Offering of consultancy services for the financial sector since 1st January 2000
- Revenue Financial Services (2022): 19m
- Approximately 100 employees
- 15 leading auditors approved by FINMA
- Present in 3 regions and 5 locations: Zurich, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne and Lugano
- As an audit firm, BDO Financial Services is recognised by the following institutions:
 - Swiss Federal Audit Oversight Authority (FAOA)
 - Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)
 - Liechtenstein Financial Market Authority (FMA)
 - Federal Gaming Board (FGB)
 - All supervisory organisations (SOs) and self-regulatory organisations (SROs)
 - The Institute of Internal Auditors Switzerland (IIA Switzerland)

Mandates

- The division financial services serves numerous clients in the financial sector, among them:
 - approximately 100 financial institutions supervised by FINMA
 - approximately 10 financial institutions supervised by the Financial Market Authority Liechtenstein (FMA)
 - approximately 30 internal audit mandates (banks and securities firms, insurances)
 - and numerous asset managers and other financial intermediaries

We offer audit, advisory and managed services to the following client segments:

Banks

Securities firms

Asset managers and trustees

Managers of collective assets

Fund management companies

Insurances

Casinos

FinTech

Audit

External Audit Services

Stationary audits

- Ordinary and limited audits of all types of financial intermediaries
- Audits of collective investment schemes, investment companies, SICAVs and LPCI
- Audits according to national (RelV-FINMA, Swiss GAAP FER) and international audit standards (IFRS-GAAP, US-GAAP and IFRS SME)
- Audits according to the Persons and Companies Act (PGR) in the Principality of Liechtenstein

Special legislation audits

- Regulatory audits pursuant to the Banking Act, FinIA, FinSA, FinMIA, Collective Investment Schemes Act, Anti-Money-Laundering Act and Casino Act
- License application audits for all types of financial services providers
- Valuation and merger audits for financial services providers Special mandates relating to stock exchange law (public takeover offers, fairness opinions)
- Audit QI/FATCA

AML audit service

- Audit of compliance with AML regulations and professional standards of self-regulatory organisations (AOOS, ARIF, OAD FCT, PolyReg, SVIG, SLV, SRO-SVV, SRO-Treuhand Suisse, VQF etc.) and supervisory organisations (AOOS, FINcontrol, OSIF, OSFIN)

Audit of non-financial data

- Audit of sustainability information and other information along defined standards

Other external audit services

- Agreed upon procedure audit mandates according to ISAE or PS standards
- Investigating agent and liquidation mandates
- Independent/court-appointed expert opinions/mandates
- Audits of outsourcing providers (for banks)

Internal Audit Services

- Full outsourcing of internal audit to BDO
- Co-sourcing/joint-audits (cooperations in the performance of audits)
- Provisions of specialists
- External quality assessment (pursuant to IIA Standard 1312)
- IT audits
- Quality assessment

More exploring, less explaining?

We understand your challenges.

Advisory

Regulatory & Compliance Services

Corporate Governance

- Support with incorporations, reorganisations and restructurings of companies
- Elaboration and review of license applications
- Support with subordination/liability issues
- Elaboration and review of articles of associations and directives
- Specific training and coaching of board and management members

Compliance

- Elaboration and review of risk analyses and compliance concepts
- Advice and information regarding new compliance requirements
- Elaboration and review of code of conducts, directives and process description
- Audit of client files
- Special investigations of client relationships and transactions
- Training
- Legal analyses and opinions

Riskmanagement and compliance function

- Insourcing of the compliance function and/or tasks of the

internal AML body of financial institutions

- Drafting of risk- and compliance reports for the senior management/board of directors

Legal & Regulatory Due Diligence

- Analysis and assessment of legal and compliance risks

Consulting in supervisory proceedings

- Proper business conduct requirements proceedings
- International cooperation proceedings

Contract Management

- Elaboration and review of all types of contracts, client documentation and forms and related advisory services

Outsourcing

- Elaboration and review of outsourcing projects and contracts and related advisory services

Forensic Investigations (in cooperation with Forensic Services)

- Investigations of specific cases, legal assessments and reporting

FINMA mandates

- Investigation, restructurings and liquidations

IT-Services

IT-Audits

- Comprehensive survey and assessment of IT in relation to the organization, processes and controls
- IT application tests in coordination with the financial auditors
- System and data migration reviews and checks
- SWIFT CSP Reviews
- Information security assessment (incl. cloud services, FADP and GDPR)
- Audit reports on the ICS of outsourcing services according to recognized audit standards (e.g. ISAE3402, SOC 2) and assessment of the established governance of the outsourcing institute
- FinTech approval audits and reviews of digitization projects

Consulting IT and IT Security

- Development of IT strategies, IT concepts as well as corresponding IT guidelines and assistance in their implementation
- Set up of IT risk management and integration into company risk management
- Set up of business continuity management and disaster recovery planning
- Controlling and reviewing of IT projects
- Consulting for obtaining FinTech permits
- Support for digitization projects and their embedding in the internal control system and compliance monitoring
- Outsourcing of specialist functions (e.g. CISO)

Tax Consultancy

- National and international corporate tax
- Preparation of tax returns
- VAT advice in the financial sector
- Tax advice relating to the 'custodian business'
- Counselling of fund structures

Corporate Finance

- Transaction Services/Due Diligence
- Company valuation
- Audit of public take over offers
- Restructurings

Risk Management

- Consultancy for financial strategy, risk policy, risk management and risk control
- Drafting and implementing of solutions for credit risks, market risks, liquidity risks, anti-money laundering risks and operational risks
- Analysis and assessment of financial products and services.
- Business Intelligence
- Data mining
- Process mining

Sustainability

- Advice on the implementation of legal requirements or voluntary standards
- Health checks



Managed Services

Investment solutions/funds

- Development and implementation of individual investment solutions for pension funds (13 solutions, investment foundations, single investor funds etc.)
- Development and implementation of custody solutions
- Development and implementation of FINMA-compliant organizational structures for managers of collective assets

Investment Compliance

- Recording and maintaining investment compliance rules (legal regulations, prospectus, contractual and individual rules)
- Checking the investment compliance rules set out
- Plausibility checks, recon (NAV, securities/cash positions)
- Drafting of investment compliance reports

Investment Controlling

- Calculation of key figures at investment strategy level (Value at Risk, commitment 1+2, benchmark comparisons, stress tests).
- Drafting of investment controlling reports

Backoffice

- Order execution, trade matching, shadow securities accounting, eNAV, reconciliation

BDO Service-Plattform for external Asset Managers

- Bookkeeping, tax, advisory
- IT operations
- Application management
- Connectivity and operations custodian banks
- Backoffice operations
- Outsourcing the internal control function (compliance incl. internal specialist unit for combating money laundering, risk management, reporting, regulatory monitoring, employee training)



BDO Global – Key Information

Global revenue

USD **12.8** bn



Cooperation with all international professional organisations (IASB, FEE etc.).

Member firms

164



People

111'307



Offices worldwide

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