

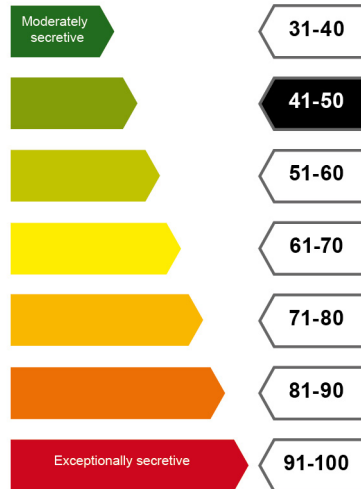


## REPORT ON LATVIA

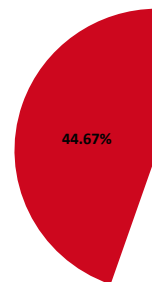
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Chart 1 - How Secretive?

45  
Secrecy  
Score



Latvia - Secrecy Score



Latvia KFSI-Assessment

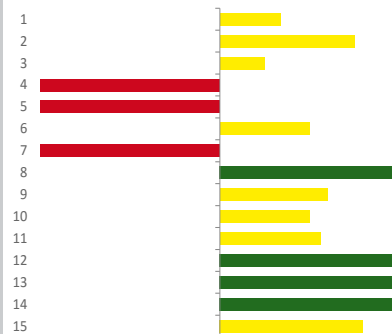
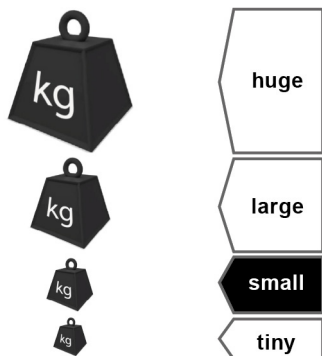


Chart 2 - How Big?



Latvia accounts for slightly over 0.1 per cent of the global market for offshore financial services, making it a small player compared with other secrecy jurisdictions.

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- Full data
- Latvia on TJN Blog
- Full Methodology

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**Notes and Sources**

The ranking is based on a combination of its secrecy score and scale weighting (click [here](#) to see our full methodology).

The secrecy score of 45 per cent for Latvia has been computed by assessing its performance on 15 Key Financial Secrecy Indicators (KFSI), listed on the right. Each KFSI is explained in more detail, [here](#).

Green indicates full compliance on the relevant indicator, meaning least secrecy; red indicates non-compliance (most secrecy); and yellow indicates partial compliance.

This paper draws on data sources including regulatory reports, legislation, regulation and news available as of 31.12.2014 (with the exception of KFSI 13 for which the cut-off date is 31.05.2015).

Full data on Latvia is available here: <http://www.financialsecrecyindex.com/database/menu.xml>

All background data for all countries can be found on the Financial Secrecy Index website: <http://www.financialsecrecyindex.com>

**TRANSPARENCY OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP – Latvia**

- 1 **Banking Secrecy:** Does the jurisdiction have banking secrecy? Latvia partly curtails banking secrecy
- 2 **Trust and Foundations Register:** Is there a public register of trusts/foundations, or are trusts/foundations prevented? Latvia partly discloses or prevents trusts and private foundations
- 3 **Recorded Company Ownership:** Does the relevant authority obtain and keep updated details of the beneficial ownership of companies? Latvia partly maintains company ownership details in official records

**KEY ASPECTS OF CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY REGULATION – Latvia**

- 4 **Public Company Ownership:** Does the relevant authority make details of ownership of companies available on public record online for free, or for less than US\$10/€10? Latvia does not require that company ownership details are publicly available online
- 5 **Public Company Accounts:** Does the relevant authority require that company accounts are made available for inspection by anyone for free, or for less than US\$10/€10? Latvia does not require that company accounts be available on public record
- 6 **Country-by-Country Reporting:** Are all companies required to publish country-by-country financial reports? Latvia partly requires public country-by-country financial reporting by some companies

**EFFICIENCY OF TAX AND FINANCIAL REGULATION – Latvia**

- 7 **Fit for Information Exchange:** Are resident paying agents required to report to the domestic tax administration information on payments to non-residents? Latvia does not require resident paying agents to tell the domestic tax authorities about payments to non-residents
- 8 **Efficiency of Tax Administration:** Does the tax administration use taxpayer identifiers for analysing information efficiently, and is there a large taxpayer unit? Latvia uses appropriate tools for efficiently analysing tax related information
- 9 **Avoids Promoting Tax Evasion:** Does the jurisdiction grant unilateral tax credits for foreign tax payments? Latvia partly avoids promoting tax evasion via a tax credit system
- 10 **Harmful Legal Vehicles:** Does the jurisdiction allow cell companies and trusts with flee clauses? Latvia partly allows harmful legal vehicles

**INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND COOPERATION – Latvia**

- 11 **Anti-Money Laundering:** Does the jurisdiction comply with the FATF recommendations? Latvia partly complies with international anti-money laundering standards
- 12 **Automatic Information Exchange:** Does the jurisdiction participate fully in multilateral Automatic Information Exchange via the Common Reporting Standard? Latvia participates fully in Automatic Information Exchange
- 13 **Bilateral Treaties:** Does the jurisdiction have at least 53 bilateral treaties providing for information exchange upon request, or is it part of the European Council/OECD convention? As of 31 May, 2015, Latvia had at least 53 bilateral tax information sharing agreements complying with basic OECD requirements
- 14 **International Transparency Commitments:** Has the jurisdiction ratified the five most relevant international treaties relating to financial transparency? Latvia has ratified the five most relevant international treaties relating to financial transparency
- 15 **International Judicial Cooperation:** Does the jurisdiction cooperate with other states on money laundering and other criminal issues? Latvia partly cooperates with other states on money laundering and other criminal issues