

SICPA: AN OVERVIEW

Founded in 1927 in Lausanne, SICPA is a Swiss family-owned technology company with an international footprint, operating sites, production facilities and Centres of Excellence on all continents, whose purpose is to Enable Trust through constant innovation. SICPA offers state-of-the-art technologies based on a unique expertise combining material and digital security features.

Market leader of ink-based security features for banknotes, identity and value documents, SICPA is a long-trusted partner to governments, central banks and high security printers. The company protects the majority of the world's banknotes including leading currencies such as the euro, US dollar and Swiss franc.

SICPA is also a leading provider to governments of unique direct marking solutions for secured authentication, identification and traceability of products. SICPA hence marks billions of products annually, notably excise goods such as tobacco and alcohols, but also soft drinks, medicine and cosmetics. As a result, illicit trade can be more effectively tackled, and millions of extra tax revenues are collected around the world. The deployment of SICPA's solutions is regularly highlighted as best practice due to their positive impact by supranational bodies such as the IMF or the World Bank.

Leveraging its robust expertise in marking and authenticating products, the company offers similar Brand Protection solutions for private companies, thereby also protecting their customers from illicitly traded and counterfeited products. In addition, SICPA proposes a best-in-class molecular fuel marking solution, with proprietary real-time detection capability provided by a mobile lab to fight fuel frauds. The company also offers specific applications to enable trust in the digital world through forgery-proof digital seal technology that caters to a diverse range of challenges such as protecting land registries, electoral integrity, health documents or diplomas.

As physical and digital interactions merge and present new challenges for our society, SICPA aims to further an Economy of Trust worldwide, where transactions, interactions and products across the physical and digital worlds are based on protected, unforgeable and verifiable data. The company has hence built the unlimitrust campus in Prilly, Switzerland, a centre of excellence that establishes an innovation-driven environment and a dynamic community of start-ups, corporations and academics that foster new ideas, partnerships and developments of trust technologies. Supported by the EPFL Innovation Park and the Canton de Vaud, it was inaugurated in June 2023.

SICPA employs over 3,000 people from more than 75 nationalities globally. The staff includes high level experts in numerous technical and scientific disciplines, such as chemistry, physics, optics, cryptology, engineering or computer science. With strong innovation capabilities, the company holds more than 5,000 patents.

As part of its commitment to doing business with integrity, SICPA is a founding member of the Banknote Ethics Initiative (BnEI) and was one of the first companies in its industry to be ISO 37001:2016 (anti-bribery management) certified. SICPA seeks to continuously enhance its environmental and social performance across its entire value chain, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. SICPA has been committed to the UN Global Compact principles since 2016.