

# **Economy**

## Innovation and progress in the heart of the mountains

Valais lives from its landscape and has the expertise necessary to make the most of it. Diverse natural resources and an unspoilt natural landscape aren't just good for tourism, they're also major features of the economy. Valais's strong energy industry uses the huge water reserves in the mountains to produce environmentally friendly electricity. Valais has a lively economic structure that mixes tradition and innovation: there are major internationally active companies such as the pharmaceutical and chemical groups Lonza, BASF and DSM, the aluminium processors Novelis and Constellium as well as Synthes (medical technology), Bosch (power tools), and a large number of SMEs. Together, they cover a wide range of sectors including trade, industry, construction and agriculture.

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#### **Tourism**

Facts and figures 24'100 jobs in Valais Tourism (2014) 15 % of value added in the canton comes...



## Industry

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### Health

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