

seems illogical on the surface but is legally justified. They refuse to either receive or provide their clients with any papers or statements when they come to Kuwait, but insist everything be done by email. The reason behind this, as explained by one of my Swiss friends, is that exchanging any papers provides proof that they are working in the country without a license, which puts them at the mercy of the foreign countries' tax laws. This is not really the topic of our discussion, however, and I'm sure the central bank and the ministry of finance know better, but it is still a valuable message for both.

Anyhow, the Swiss Bag Bankers were the ones who guided me to Basel's exhibition, and to tell you the truth as much as Basel is beautiful, it is far too quiet. I can't stay there. That's why I used to stay in the neighboring cities and take the lovely train to Basel every day, and it's only half an hour and you're there. Of course, the sense of class, the shopping, and the restaurants are second to none in the German-speaking regions.