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The UK has **Europe's best track record** for attracting greenfield international investment projects

(Source: UNCTAD, 2009)

The UK is the **best location in Europe** for 'ease of doing business'

(Source: World Bank, 2010)

The UK has the **best international accessibility** of all European locations, with over 200 million air passengers per year, six of the top ten busiest European air routes and direct train services to Paris in just over two hours



The UK has attracted the **highest number** of European headquarters operations

(Source: Ernst & Young, 2009)



London has been ranked as **Europe's best business location** for 20 consecutive years

(Source: Cushman & Wakefield, 2009)

The UK has the **most flexible labour regulations** of all major European economies

(Source: IMD, 2009)



The University of Cambridge has been awarded **more Nobel Prizes** than any other institution globally



European Rank	University
1	The University of Cambridge
2	University College London
3=	Imperial College London
3=	University of Oxford
5=	University of Edinburgh

(Source: Times Higher University Rankings, 2009)

Host to the **2012 Olympic Games**, the UK is also home to world-class sporting events such as Formula One motor racing, Premier League football, tennis at Wimbledon and the Open Championship golf



The UK has **28 entries** on the World Heritage List – including global icons such as Stonehenge, the Tower of London and the 'Old and New Towns' of Edinburgh

(Source: UNESCO, 2010)

The UK has the **strongest** research base in Europe, providing businesses with an ongoing source of innovative technologies



(Source: Evidence, 2009)

The UK has one of the largest and most dynamic economies in the world. Comprising world-class business sectors that range from life sciences to financial services and from ICT to the creative industries, the UK is your springboard for global growth.

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ICT

The UK is one of the largest ICT markets in Europe, worth almost £120 billion in 2009 and employing over one million people.

Indeed, the UK has the strongest ICT infrastructure of all major European economies and provides Europe's best IT skills, including the highest number of ICT graduates annually in Western Europe (Sources: EIU, 2009; OECD, 2010).

The UK has the world's most advanced digital TV and radio market.

88% of UK households now receive digital TV (Source: Ofcom, 2009)

Life Sciences

With over £26 million spent each day on R&D, the UK has the world's most productive life sciences research base, having created five of the world's top 20 best-selling medicines and having 45 per cent of all pipeline products in Europe.

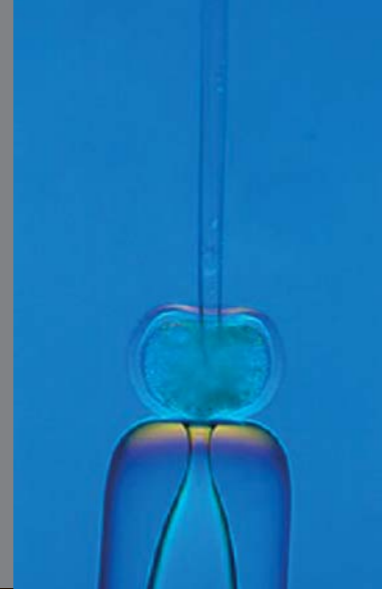
The UK continues to produce the highest number of life sciences graduates annually in Western Europe (Source: OECD, 2010) and has two of the world's top three universities in life sciences and biomedicine (Source: Times Higher Education Supplement, 2009).

The UK has been awarded

30

Nobel Prizes in life sciences

(Source: Nobel Foundation, 2010)



Advanced Engineering

Home to iconic companies and international market leaders such as Rolls-Royce, Nissan, Toyota, Honda and GKN, the UK is globally renowned for its excellence in design and advanced engineering.

In the automotive industry, for example, 17 of the world's top 20 component manufacturers have UK production facilities, whilst in aerospace, the UK industry is worth over £20 billion a year, the highest level in Europe.

The UK space sector will become a

£40bn

industry over the next 20 years.

(Source: UK Space IGS, 2010)



Photo courtesy of ESA

Financial Services

London is ranked as the leading financial centre in the world – more than twice the amount of US dollars are traded on the UK foreign exchange market than in the USA and more than twice as many Euros are traded in the UK than in the Eurozone countries combined.

Global Rank	City
1=	London
1=	New York
3	Hong Kong

(Source: Global Financial Centres Index, 2010)

The UK has the largest venture capital market in Europe. (Source: British Venture Capital Association, 2010)



London has

249

foreign banks – the highest number globally

(Source: IFSL, 2010)

Creative

The UK creative industries sector represents one of the UK's most exciting and diverse opportunities for international investors. Indeed, already recognised as being amongst the most influential and successful globally, the UK creative industries sector is the largest in the European Union, comprising approximately 160,000 businesses and employing two million people.

The UK is Europe's leading centre for film production, the strongest European market for digital games production and has internationally renowned television and music industries.



The UK is Europe's largest music market with sales of **£928m** in 2009

(Source: BPI, 2010)

UK produced films achieved international revenues of

US\$ 2bn in 2009

(Source: UK Film Council, 2010)

Energy and Renewables

The UK has the sixth largest low carbon environmental goods and services market in the world, worth an estimated £112 billion and employing over 900,000 people.

In 2009, US\$11.2 billion was invested in renewable energy technologies across the UK, the highest level of investment in Europe and the third highest globally (Source: Pew, 2010).

The UK is already the world's biggest market for offshore wind – a further

£100bn

will be invested in offshore wind projects by 2020 (Source: Department of Energy & Climate Change, 2010)



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