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**Go Beyond**  
in **the UK.**



The United Kingdom is one of the most influential countries in the world, both politically and economically. With a thriving capital city and bustling business scene, there are many opportunities for investors looking to go beyond their current horizons and explore new territories.

The UK is known for its strong economy, built on robust services and manufacturing industries and globally renowned financial institutions. It is currently the 5th largest economy in the world and the 2nd largest in Europe. London is a major global financial centre and economic powerhouse, unparalleled by any other city on the planet.



# The UK's Unique Investment Opportunities

There are many factors that make the UK such a compelling investment destination. First and foremost is its strong business environment, bolstered by solid infrastructure and a world-class workforce. The UK has a proven track record of attracting major international businesses, with many of the world's leading companies headquartered here. Let's examine some of the key reasons to consider investing in the UK.

## Financial Hub of the World

London is a global financial centre and one of the most important business hubs in the world. It is home to the London Stock Exchange and over 250 foreign banks. Banks account for £35.4bn or 5% of all government tax receipts. The UK hosts over 50% of Europe's hedge fund assets and 12% of all hedge funds globally.

This concentration of financial activity makes the UK an ideal destination for investors looking to get involved in the financial sector. From investing in several retail and commercial banks to providing services for foreign firms expanding into the UK, there are many opportunities to get involved in this dynamic sector.

## World-Class Infrastructure

The United Kingdom boasts world-class infrastructure, making it an attractive destination for businesses in many industries. The country's transport network is well developed, with London's Heathrow Airport ranked as one of the busiest airports in the world.

The country's telecommunications and energy networks are also among the most advanced on the globe, providing businesses with the reliable communication infrastructure they need to succeed. This includes a well-developed digital infrastructure that allows companies to easily access online services and take advantage of the country's thriving digital economy.

## Innovation and Research Power

The UK is home to several world-renowned research institutions, making it a great destination for businesses and investors interested in cutting-edge innovation. The country is home to four of the world's top 10 universities and also boasts a number of leading research facilities, including the National Physical Laboratory and several globally outstanding institutes for cancer research.

These institutions create a fertile environment for companies in a range of sectors such as technology and healthcare to develop innovative new products and services.

## Human-Capital

In terms of human capital, the UK houses one of the largest and most diverse populations in Europe — a population that is open, English speaking and highly skilled. The country's population of over 65 million people is expected to grow in the coming years, providing businesses with a large pool of qualified workers to choose from.

Many UK residents are also multilingual, with over 38% of the population speaking more than one language. This makes the UK an ideal destination for businesses looking to propel international trade.

The UK's multicultural population also means that businesses can tap into many different cultures and markets, helping them to develop innovative products that appeal to a wide range of consumers.







# We're Open for Business

The UK is a great destination for businesses and investors looking to tap into its many unique opportunities. From its world-class infrastructure to its highly skilled workforce and innovative research power, the UK offers many advantages for businesses looking to expand and succeed. Whether you're interested in investing in the country's financial sector or looking to tap into its diverse population and cultural landscape, the UK is open for business.

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