

### Canada – Belgium/Belgique:

### Trade, Values, Friendship and more work ahead of us

Commerce, valeurs, amitié et davantage à développer

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# UN GOUVERNEMENT RÉ-ENGAGÉ ET UN PAYS OUVERT



# A PROMISING VENUE FOR INNOVATION & INVESTMENT

Bilateral Investment Canadian Direct Investment to Luxembourg 2015 Stocks in CAD \$ Million: 50.173



Source: Statistics Canada

Bilateral Investment Luxembourgian Direct Investment in Canada in 2015

### Stocks in CAD \$ Million: 60.824



Source: Statistics Canada

# Triple A rating

#### CANADA'S SOUND FISCAL STRENGTH IS REFLECTED BY ITS



CREDIT RATING

FROM STANDARD & POOR'S, MOODY'S AND FITCH

### Canada

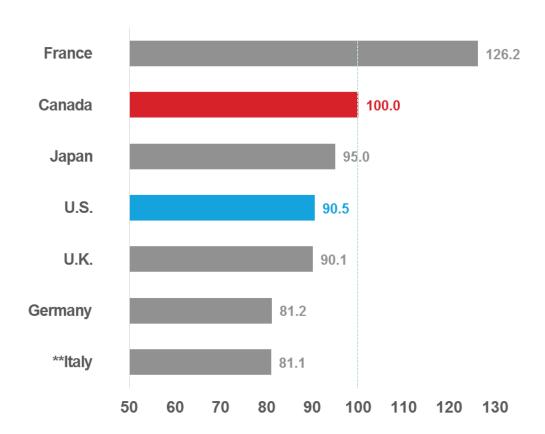
The number of countries with a **AAA** credit rating is shrinking and Canada's and Luxembourg's sound fiscal strength is reflected by its triple A. Canada has one of the best R&D tax treatments in the G7...



#### Canada currently offers one of the most favorable tax treatments for R&D in the G7.

- Canada provides a system of tax credits and accelerated tax deductions for a wide variety of R&D expenditures.
- Eligible costs include: salaries, overhead and materials.
- These tax policies permit firms to significantly reduce R&D costs through direct investment and subcontracting in Canada.

#### Relative Generosity of R&D Tax Treatments<sup>\*</sup> Index: Canada = 100

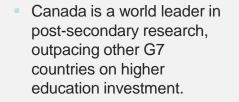


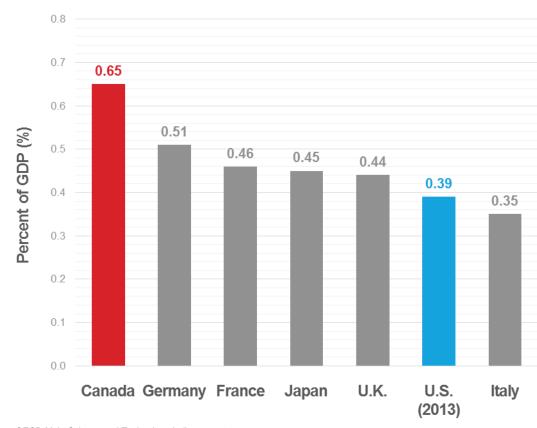
Source: Warda, Jacek, Assessing changes to SR&ED and related policy instruments on Canada's competitiveness for Foreign Direct Investment: November 22, 2013. Note: Relative generosity is determined by dividing the after tax cost of performing \$1.00 of R&D by 1 less the corporate tax rate.

Results are indexed to the relative generosity of Canada's system of tax-based support for R&D. The higher the ratio the more competitive the tax system.

...and a high level of R&D investment in higher education...





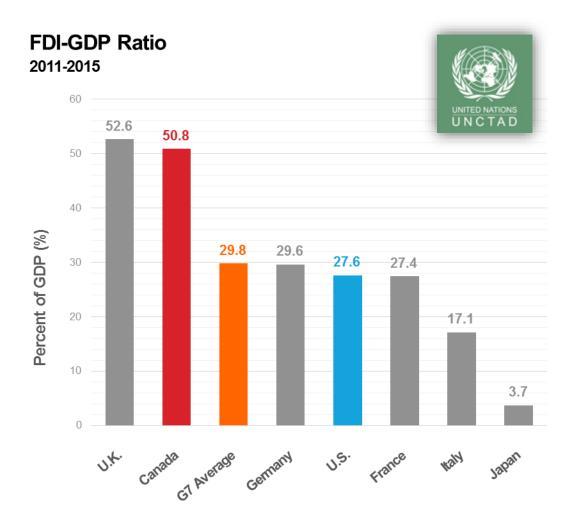


### R&D Investment in the Higher Education Sector 2014

Source: OECD Main Science and Technology Indicators, 2016, Volume 1, July 2016. ...in an above-average investment environment...

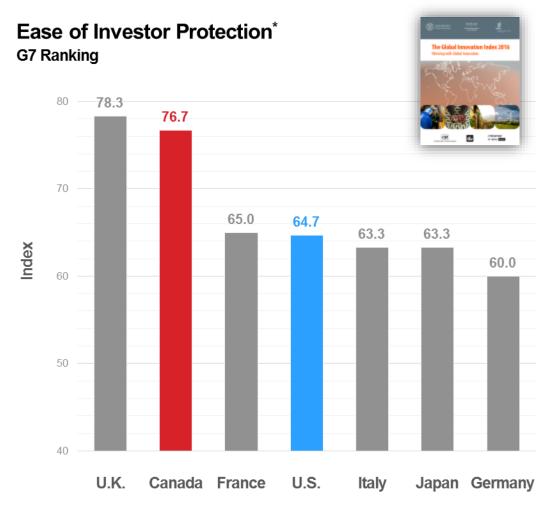
 Canada is a leading G7 nation in foreign direct investment (stock) performance when measured as a share of its GDP.





...with solid investor protection.

 Canada ranks second in the G7 and sixth in a 128country study measuring the ease of investor protection.

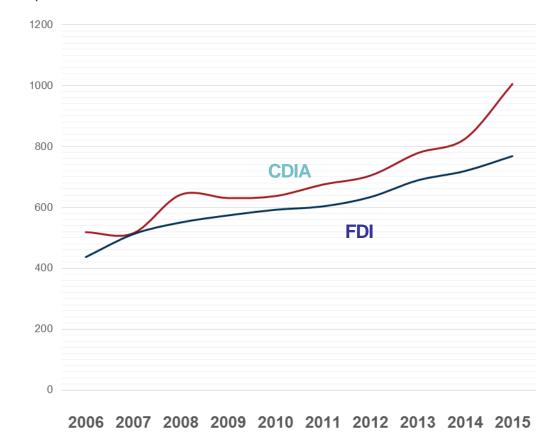


\* Standing based on three dimensions of investor protection: transparency of related party transactions, liability for self dealing, and shareholders' ability to sue officers and directors for misconduct. Source: *Global Innovation Index* 2016, Cornell University, INSEAD Business School, and World Intellectual Property Organization Canada's globalized economy is driven by a dynamic two-way investment process...



- Over the past decade,
  Canada has witnessed
  substantial growth in both
  inward and outward FDI,
  reflecting its strong
  connection to global supply
  chains.
- Canada's inward FDI stock reached C\$768 billion in 2015, an almost two-fold increase from C\$398 billion in 2005.
- As for Canada's outbound FDI, the expansion of Canadian direct investment abroad (CDIA) has been even more spectacular, rising from C\$452 billion in 2005 to C\$1,005 billion in 2015.

#### Canada's Inward and Outward FDI Stock \$ Billion



Source: Statistics Canada, April 26, 2016

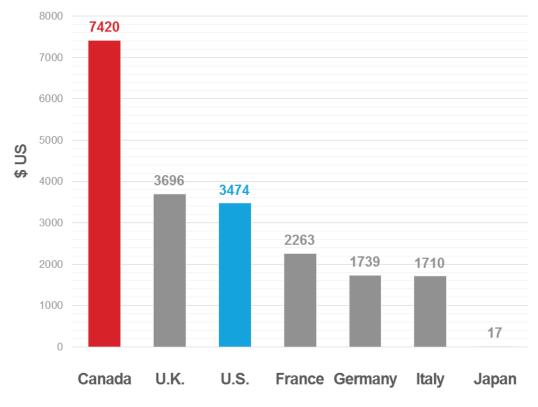
### Canada is also a leader in FDI attraction...



Since the financial crisis and ensuing global downturn, Canada has outperformed major global economies in attracting FDI: From 2011-2015, Canada was the largest recipient of per capita inflows among G-7 countries and the second largest in the G-20 following Australia.



### Cumulative FDI Inflows per Capita in the G7 2011-2015 | US\$

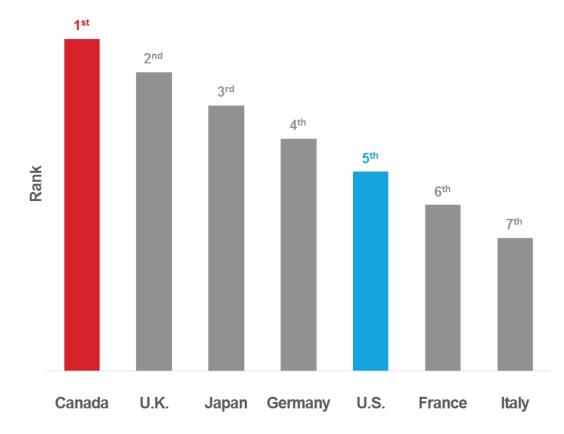


...based on its strong economic and institutional environment for FDI.



The Global Opportunity Index\* ranks Canada's economic and institutional factors for attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) as best in the G7 and the G20, and second-best among all 124 countries surveyed.

#### Economic and Institutional Factors for Attracting FDI G7 Ranking





\*The 2016 index ranks 124 countries on 54 variables aggregated among five categories: Economic Fundamentals, Financial Services, Business Perception; Institutional Framework and International Standard and Policy. Each of the 5 categories measures an economic or institutional factor affecting the attraction of foreign direct investment. Source: Milken Institute, September 2016 13

Canada is acclaimed by Forbes for its superior business climate...

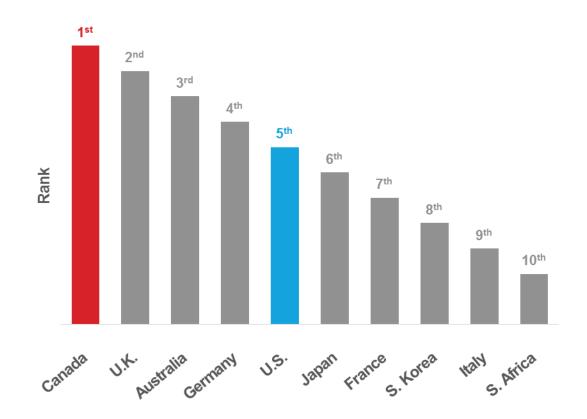


- Canada leads the G20 and stood seventh overall in Forbes' latest 144-country annual study, *The Best Countries for Business*.
- Canada ranks particularly well on several study elements, including degree of personal freedom (first overall) and red tape involved in starting a business (second overall).

Forbes

2015

### Top 10 Countries in the G20 for Business 2015



\*Standing among G20 countries. Rankings based on the following eleven categories of quantitative and qualitative indicators: trade freedom, monetary freedom, property rights, innovation, technology, red tape, investor protection, corruption, personal freedom, tax burden and market performance.

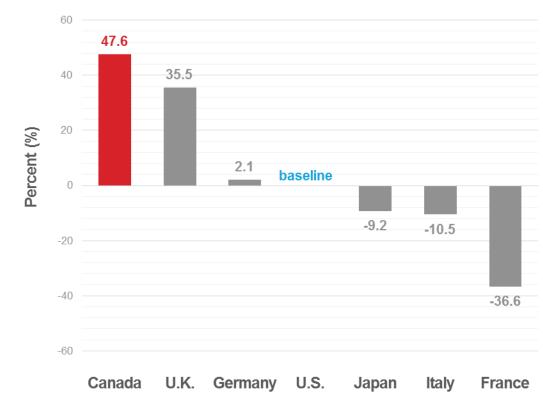
Source: Forbes Publishing, December 2015.

Canada is the most tax-competitive G7 country...



 Canada leads the G7 in tax competitiveness as measured by the relative total tax index,\* with total taxes 47.6% less than those in the U.S.

#### Percentage Advantage (Disadvantage) Relative to the United States Tax Competitiveness



\* A measure of the total taxes paid by corporations in a particular location expressed as a percentage of total taxes paid by corporations in the US. Source: KPMG Competitive Alternatives 2016: Focus on Tax

### ...with direct access to the NAFTA market

- Canadian-based businesses have access to one market of nearly 480 million consumers with a combined GDP of almost US\$21 trillion.\*
- Many Canadian production hubs are actually closer to U.S. markets than American production sites; 16 of Canada's 20 largest cities are within a 1.5-hour drive of the U.S.







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# CANADA-EUROPEAN UNION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA)

Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)



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Setting a New Gold Standard for 21stcentury Trade Agreements Opportunities for Luxembourg

### Trade in Goods

Tariffs will be eliminated on virtually all of Luxembourg's exports to Canada.

- iron and steel
- metal and mineral products
- non-alcoholic beverages

**Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic** and Trade Agreement (CETA)



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## Opportunities for Luxembourg



- **Government Procurement** 
  - opportunities at the sub-federal level

### **Trade in Services**

CETA will improve Luxembourg companies' access to the Canadian services market

### Investment

Providing greater predictability, transparency and protection for investments in Canada

# Tomorrow is an important day for CETA.

# But there will be more work ahead of us. Thank you.



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