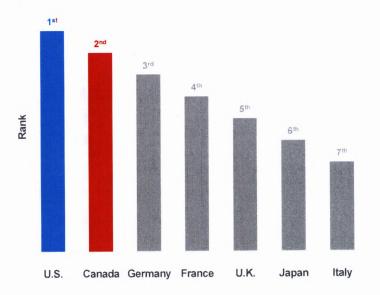


- Canada understands the importance of its business community and has created an environment to encourage its success.
- Canada is the 2nd best country in the G7 for doing business over the next five years, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- Canada ranks sixth among 82 countries in the Economist Intelligence Unit's global business rankings for the forecast period (2017-2021).
- The country ranks well for its infrastructure, market opportunities, foreign trade and exchange and low tax rates.





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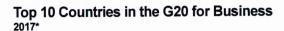
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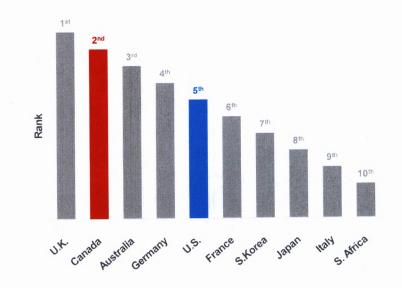
...and more recently by Forbes.

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- Canada ranked second in the G20 and stood tenth overall in Forbes' latest 139-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).







"Chart based on analysis of country rankings. Country rankings are 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.