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Unmatched Investment Climate for Foreign Investors

Hundreds of the world's foremost global companies have invested billions of dollars by establishing plants or offices in Canada.

- **Top Global Competitiveness Rankings**
 - ◇ No. 1 in the G-7 and no. 4 globally as the country in which to conduct business over the 2010-2014 period (Economist Intelligence Unit).
 - ◇ No. 1 in the G-7 and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for the lowest number of procedures required to establish a new business (World Bank Group).
 - ◇ No. 1 in the G-7 and no. 2 in the OECD on the strength of its investor protection regulations (International Institute for Management Development).
- **Low Corporate Income Taxes** - The federal corporate tax rate was cut to 16.5 percent in January 2011 and will be cut again to 15 percent in 2012, bringing combined provincial and federal corporate income taxes on new business investment to 26 percent, more than 13 percentage points below U.S. rates.
- **Duty-Free Manufacturing Tariff Regime** - Canada is the first country in the G-20 to offer a tariff-free zone for industrial manufacturers. Tariffs on all manufacturing inputs will be reduced to zero by 2015. The initiative applies across the entire country, making Canada one large free trade zone for firms importing manufacturing inputs.

- **Cost-Competitive Location** - Canada leads the G-7 in low business costs, with an overall advantage of 5 percent over the United States (KPMG's *Competitive Alternatives* 2010 report).
- **Attractive to Foreign Investors** - Canada was the world's seventh-largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows, on a per capita basis, from 2000 to 2009. The total stock of FDI in Canada in 2010 was \$561.6 billion—a level that had more than doubled in 10 years.

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