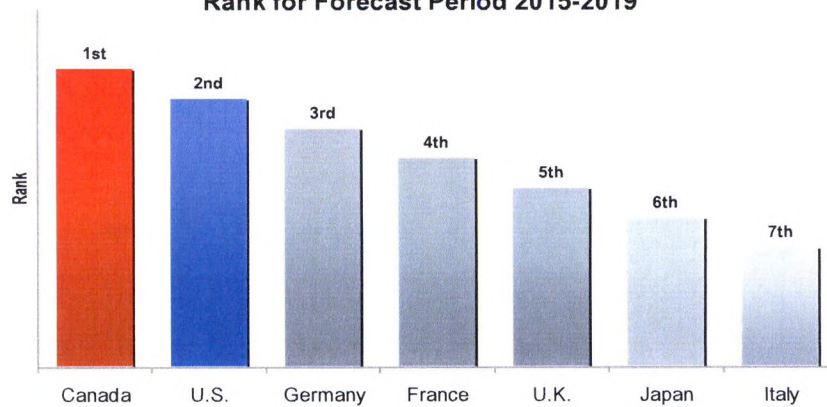




Canada is Acclaimed by the EIU for its Superior Business Climate...

- Canada understands the importance of its business community and has created an environment to encourage its success.
- Canada is the best place for doing business among the G-7 and G-20 over the next five years according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and it ranked sixth overall out of 82 countries in the Economist Intelligence Unit's global business rankings for the forecast period (2015-19).
- The country also ranks well for its infrastructure, market opportunities, low taxes, and foreign trade and exchange controls.

**Business Environment of the G-7 Countries,
Rank for Forecast Period 2015-2019**



Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit, October 2014

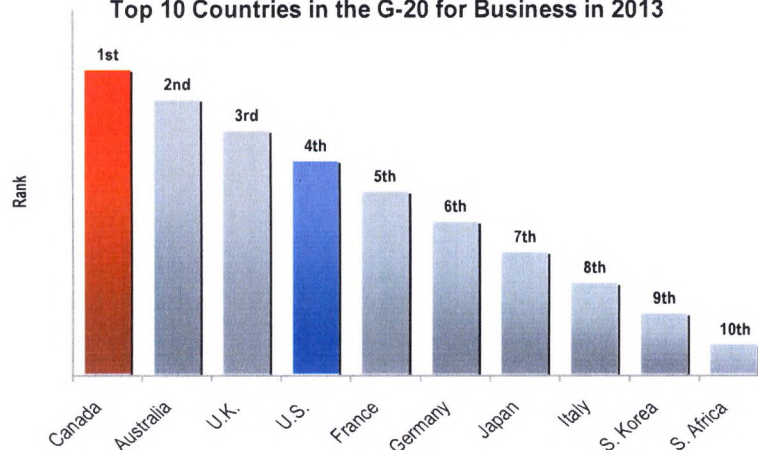
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... and More Recently by Forbes

- Canada led the G-20 and stood eighth overall in Forbes latest 145-country annual study on the Best Countries for Business.
- Canada ranked particularly well on a number of sub-elements, including the degree of red tape involved in starting a business (2nd overall) and investor protection (4th overall).

Top 10 Countries in the G-20 for Business in 2013



*Standing among G-20 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 2013.

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