

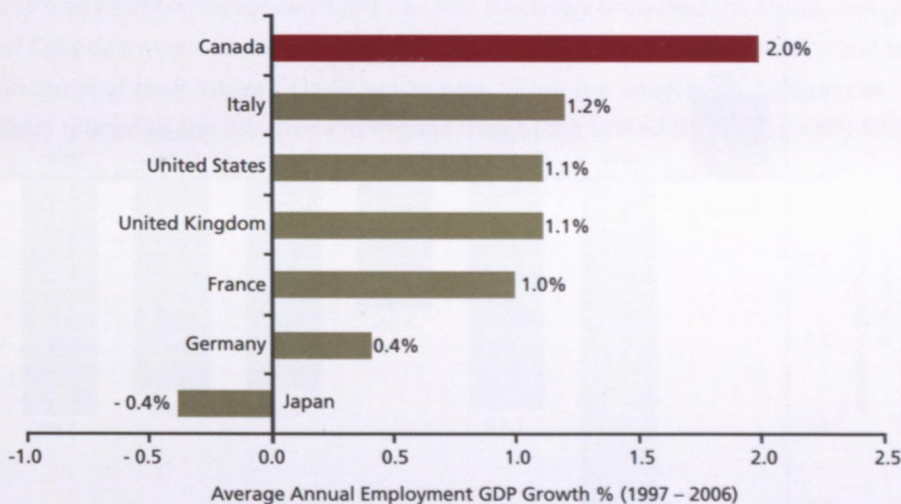
"Canada has enjoyed an enviable macroeconomic performance over the past decade. Reflecting prudent macroeconomic policies, structural reforms, and favourable external conditions, GDP has grown faster than in other G7 countries, inflation has been low and stable, and fiscal balances have been in surplus. This sound framework will support macroeconomic and financial stability while helping policymakers navigate the more challenging environment going forward."

International Monetary Fund. 2008 Article IV Consultation. December 2007.

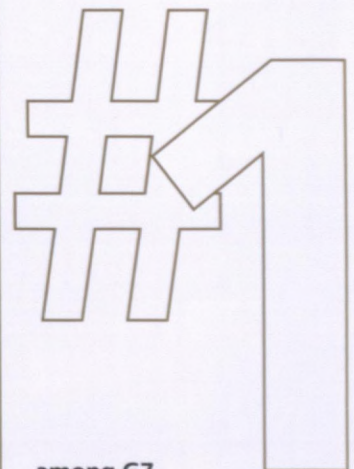
longest period of economic expansion in Canada's history. Simply put, Canada offers foreign investors the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the unprecedented growth of a world-class economy.¹

According to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Canada will lead the G7 in economic growth in both 2008 and 2009. That comes as no surprise, given that Canada has ranked first among G7 countries for both GDP growth and employment growth over the last decade.

CANADA HAD THE HIGHEST RATE OF EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN THE G7 FOR 1997 – 2006



Source: OECD.Stat.



among G7 economies for GDP growth over 1997 – 2006

among G7 economies for forecasted GDP growth over 2008 – 2009

among G7 economies for forecasted employment growth over 2008 – 2009

¹ International Monetary Fund. World Economic Outlook Database. October 2007.