

Key facts about the UK as an international financial centre 2021

Although economic activity has recovered this year, the full extent of the economic impact of Covid-19 remains unknown—not least because the pandemic has yet to run its course. Nevertheless, nearly two years after the onset of the pandemic, the UK remains one of the world's leading international financial and related professional services hubs. This annual report uses the latest available data to highlight a number of measures and markets that demonstrate the UK's role as an international financial centre.

The UK retains the leading share of trading in many international financial markets, such as foreign exchange trading, cross border bank lending and international insurance premium income. Metrics and developments such as these are a testament to the UK's global competitive advantage in financial services, and this report demonstrates the country's role as one of the world's leading international financial centres.



THE UK'S TRADE SURPLUS
IN FINANCIAL AND RELATED
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IS

£79.3BN



THE UK HAS

43%

OF THE GLOBAL TOTAL OF
FOREIGN-EXCHANGE TURNOVER



THE US IS THE LARGEST SINGLE DESTINATION FOR THE
UK'S FINANCIAL SERVICES EXPORTS,

ACCOUNTING FOR **34.2%** OF EXPORTS.

AS A BLOC, EU MEMBER STATES ACCOUNTED FOR **30%**

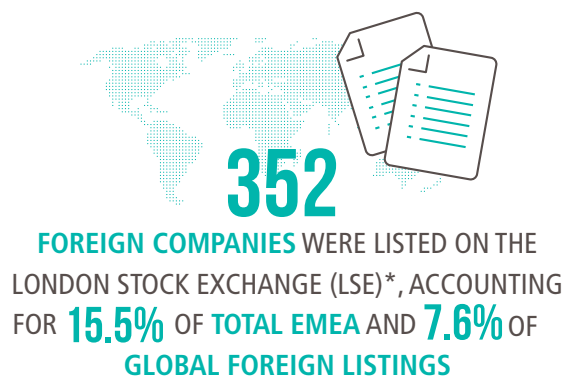


OVER 240 ACTIVE SUSTAINABLE
BONDS WERE LISTED ON THE LSE
FROM OVER 60 ISSUERS IN 2020,
WHICH HAVE RAISED AROUND

£50BN



AROUND **2.5 TIMES** AS MANY US DOLLARS ARE TRADED IN THE UK AS IN THE US



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