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A powerful combination of factors – prime location, rule of law, high-speed communications, free flow of information and capital, a low and simple tax system and a business-friendly government – makes Hong Kong a leading international business and financial centre. Canada's Fraser Institute has again ranked Hong Kong the world's freest economy in 2024.

A magnet for foreign firms

Overseas and Mainland companies in Hong Kong (2024):



Total number of operations:

9,960



Regional
Headquarters:

1,410



Regional
Offices:

2,410



Local
Offices:

6,140



Staff
engaged:

493,000

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International Financial Centre

- Hong Kong is the World No.3 and Asia-Pacific No.1 global financial centre (UK-based Z/Yen and China Development Institute from Shenzhen: Global Financial Centres Index released in March 2025)

Leading capital market

- World No.4 for Initial Public Offering (IPO) funds raised in 2024
- Major bond issuance hub in Asia. In 2023, close to US\$90 billion worth of international bond issuances from the region were arranged in Hong Kong.
- Asia's largest hedge fund hub and Asia's 2nd largest private equity fund centre
- Leading investment hub
- One of the world's leading fundraising hubs for biotechnology companies



Under the "one country, two systems" principal, Hong Kong possesses unique advantages of having the strong support of the country while maintaining unparalleled connectivity with the world, serving as a "super connector" and "super value-adder". Hong Kong will continue to proactively serve Mainland enterprises in going global to explore international markets, and attract overseas enterprises and capital to tap into the Mainland market.

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Premier international banking centre

- About 70 of the world's 100 top banks operate in Hong Kong
- Robust, well-capitalised banking sector:
 - ~ Free flow of capital underpinned by a rule-based, transparent regulatory environment
 - ~ World-class banking regulation and supervision in line with international standards
- State-of-the-art financial infrastructure

Green finance hub

- Premier financing platform for international and Mainland green enterprises/projects
- A total of about US\$28 billion worth of green bonds under the Government Sustainable Bond Programme covering various types, multiple currencies and different tenors were issued

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Hong Kong welcomes talent

- The Top Talent Pass Scheme engages talents with a one-stop platform Hong Kong Talent Engage to provide support services for incomers
- Two-time NBA All-Star Stephon Marbury and world No.1 snooker player Judd Trump are granted permission under the Top Talent Pass Scheme and Quality Migrant Admission Scheme respectively to expand their ventures in Hong Kong



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