

# Unlock Germany

Helping you set up and grow your  
business

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# Expanding your business in Germany

Expanding into new international markets can be challenging due to the many issues to consider and resolve. Our Unlock Germany service can provide expert advice and insight to support you every step of the way. From helping you find the best location, to setting up a branch or subsidiary, we are committed to providing pragmatic and timely advice that allows you to focus on achieving your business goals.

International expansion is an important step, but with a dedicated international business adviser, who takes time to understand your business and customise the specific services you require, you'll know you have the support to manage the risks and maximise the potential a new market offers your business.

Our advisers can help at every stage of your company's growth cycle – from starting-up, raising venture funding, listing on a global exchange, acquiring or merging with another company, or using Germany as a base to expand into other markets – which means that whatever the challenge, we're at your side.

## We can help you with the following services:



### 1. Company set up

- Corporate structure
- Company registration
- Intellectual property
- Germany bank account advice



### 2. Location advice

- Research service to determine optimum location for your business
- Identification of potential locations based on the factors most important to your business



### 3. Employment issues

- Reward packages
- Employment tax issues
- Work permits and visas
- Pensions and benefits
- Global mobility



### 4. Taxation services

- Corporate and international taxes
- Indirect taxes
- Transfer pricing
- Personal taxation advice
- Stock options and repatriation of funds



### 5. Back office services

- Fixed fee book keeping for start-ups
- Payroll and other HR services
- Fully outsourced solutions
- Financial reporting and accounting services



### 6. Business growth support

- Debt or equity funding advice
- Stock Exchange listing
- Mergers and acquisitions



### 7. Business growth support

- Expert, tailored support to help you grow your business in Germany and globally
- Market assessment and competitor analysis
- Market entry strategy
- Introductions to key business communities

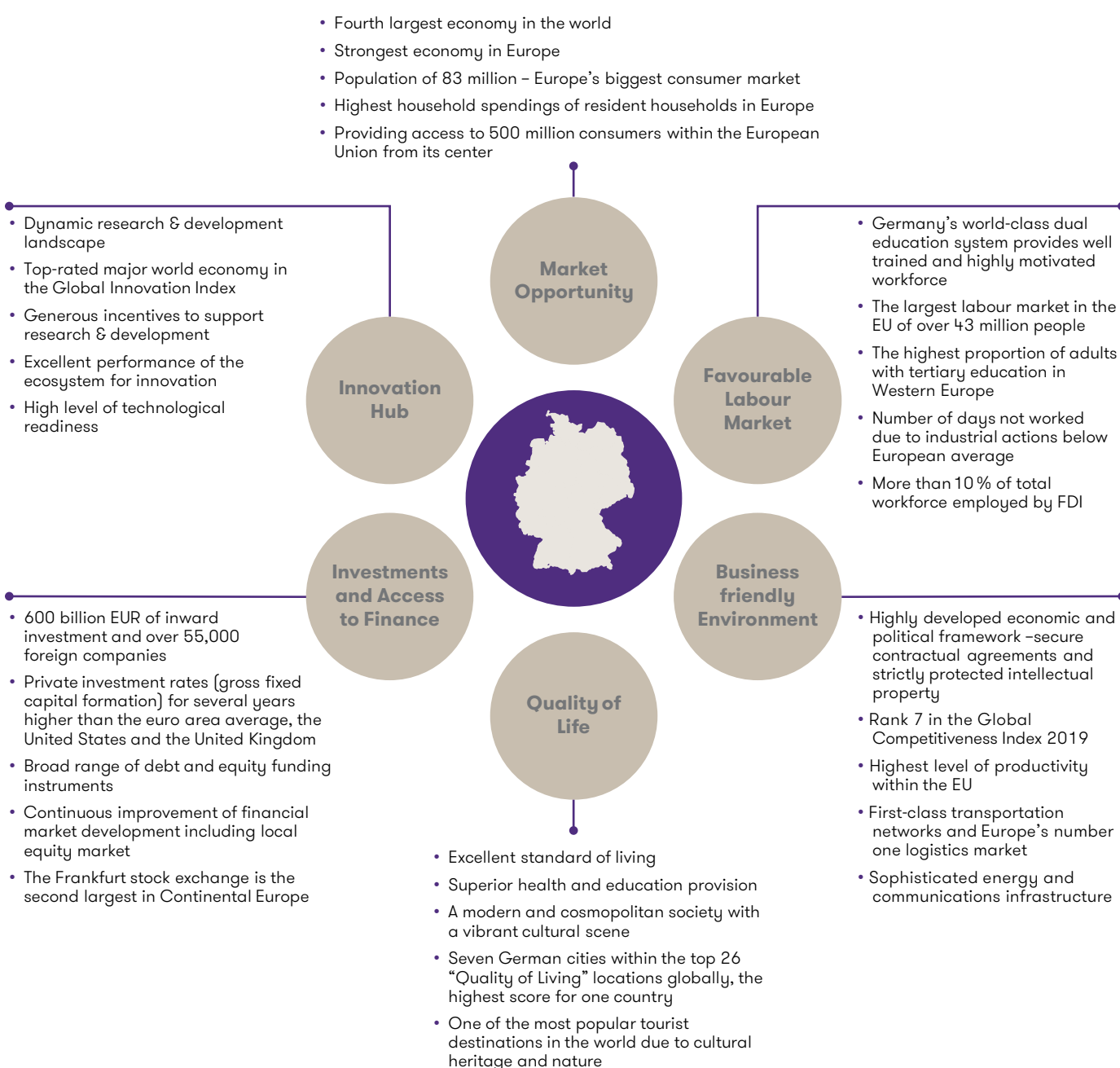


### 8. Audit and assurance

- Statutory and non-statutory audits
- New GAAP conversions
- Financial reporting advisory
- International financial reporting standards advisory

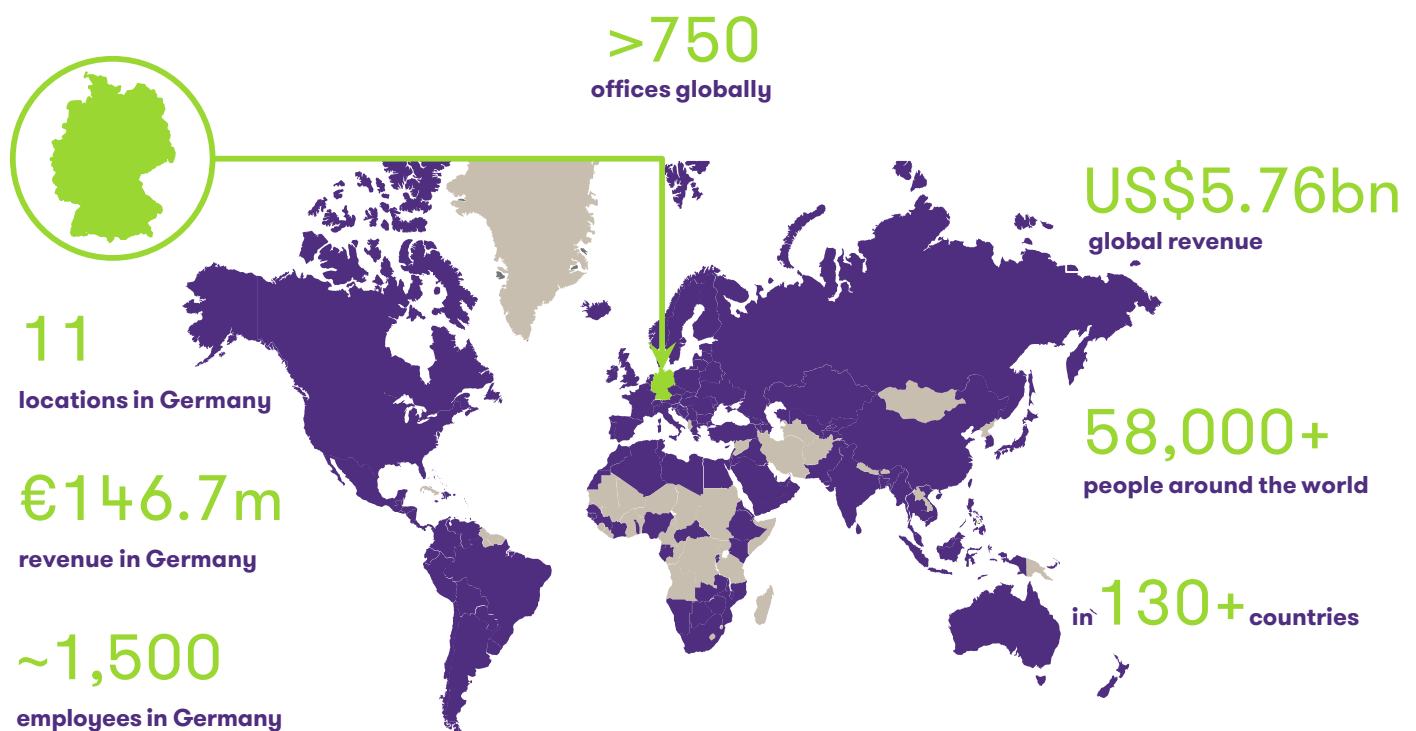
# Why choose Germany?

Germany is the number one destination for foreign direct investment in Continental Europe. The country benefits from its excellent innovation and business ecosystem. Good governance and pro-business strategies make Germany an excellent investment location. This results in ranking 7 in the World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report 2019 which takes into account the set of institutions, policies and factors that determine the level of productivity. Numerous success stories of foreign investors confirm the attractiveness of Germany in practice.



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