

### Foreword



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"Over the past few years, Paris has become the new European financial hub, with a comprehensive range of financial services and a direct access to the EU market. Boosting our financial potential has been a top priority of President Macron since 2017. We have taken bold actions to reform our labor market, simplify our tax regime and modernise our financial regulation. This has led to ambitious relocations of business in France. As a result, we have fostered France's leading financial position and Paris is now pioneering in financial innovation and sustainable finance."

"Paris EUROPLACE has a very clear, pro-market and long-term strategy: first, to consolidate the strength of its investors pool and its prominent position for large businesses and issuers, which are financial industry's core clients. Second, to accelerate its development in crucial areas for the future of finance: sustainable investment, innovation/FinTech and infrastructure. Thanks to decisive support of public authorities and regulators, Paris now offers the most attractive environment to invest in Europe."



Augustin de Romanet Paris EUROPLACE, Chairman

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### **Executive summary**



# Paris key strengths

In the 1st half of 2023, **French Tech companies completed 395 fundraising operations for a total of €4.2 bn**. Although Germany is close behind, France is still **1st EU27** country for the financing of start-ups.



According the GFCI 2023, Paris is the **1st EU Financial Center.** In May 2023, Paris bourse market cap exceeds London's by \$250 billion.



Paris is becoming the global leader in 3 key sectors, representing the future of finance:

FinTech
Infrastructure financing





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France benefits from a very business-friendly environment with recent labor and taxes reforms.

"... France and Germany have become the largest and second largest EU markets in 14 out of 20 capital markets sectors..." September 2022, New Financial

### GFCI 2023: Paris 1st EU Financial Center

Rank	Center
1	New York
2	London
3	Singapore
4	Honk Kong
5	San Francisco
6	Los Angeles
7	Shanghai
8	Chicago
9	Boston
10	Seoul
11	Washington DC
12	Shenzen
13	Beijing
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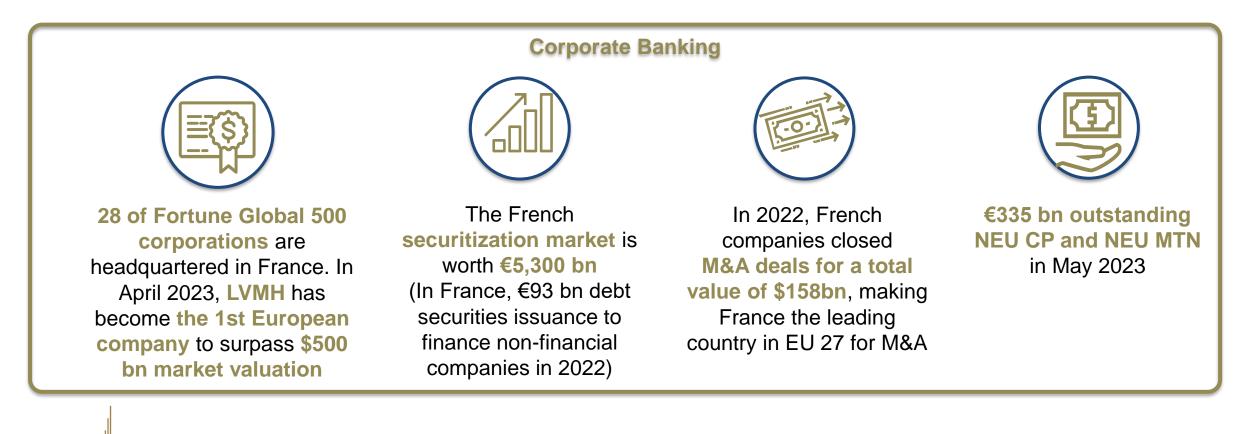
According to the latest study of New Financial, Paris is the leading EU 27 financial hub in 14 out of 20 capital market sectors including:

- Corporate Banking (details on page 6)
- Trading (details on page 7)
- Insurance (details on page 8)
- Asset Management (details on page 9)
- Private Equity and Venture Capital (details on page 10)

Sources: GFCI 2023, New Financial

### **Corporate Banking**

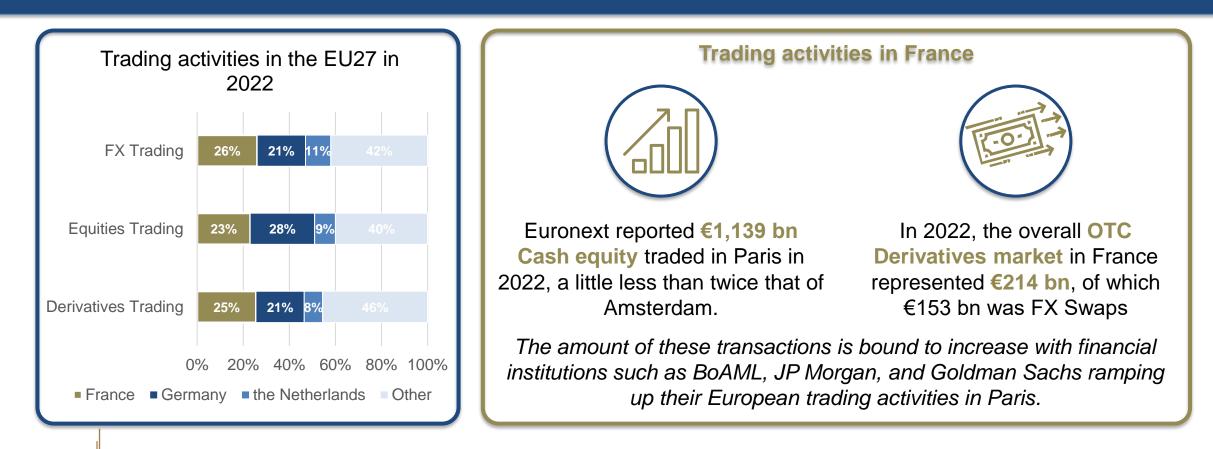
Paris hosts the highest number of corporate headquarters in Europe, providing an extensive client base to investment banks. Banks will benefit from the proximity to such corporates in the Paris region, enabling them to support them with the following services: primary capital market access (ECM, DCM), financing, hedging, securitization and syndication.



#### PLACE **SIAPARTNERS** Sources: Fortune Global, LVMH, Debt securities finance to non-financial companies, French M&A market, NEU CP and NEU MTN

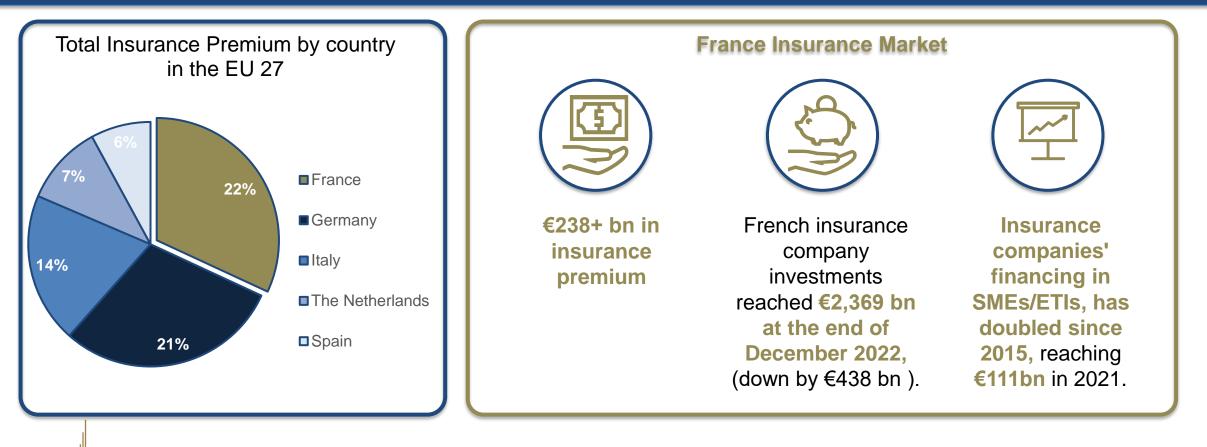
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Paris is the leading trading hub in the EU 27, with renowned capabilities and expertise in equity and derivatives trading. This position is reinforced by the arrival of new international market participants.



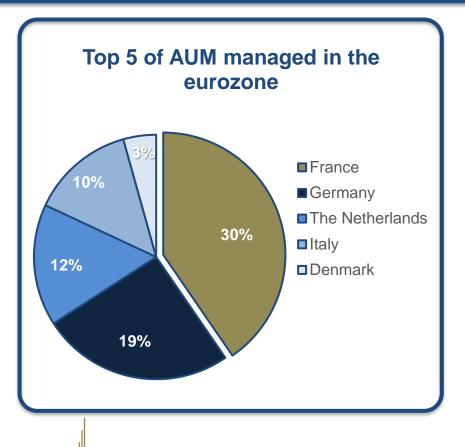
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Insurance companies are among funds' most significant customers. This market segment is well developed in Paris, with a leading position in the EU 27, both in premium and assets. (2022 report on 2021 data)



### Asset Management

Paris benefits from a broad pool of 702 Asset management companies at the end of 2022. This allows Paris to carry out a spectrum of asset management activities, unlike some other financial hubs which mainly are hosts of legal entities. This is reflected in the fact that Paris is the EU 27 leader for Assets Under Management, including a significant share of assets from foreign investors.



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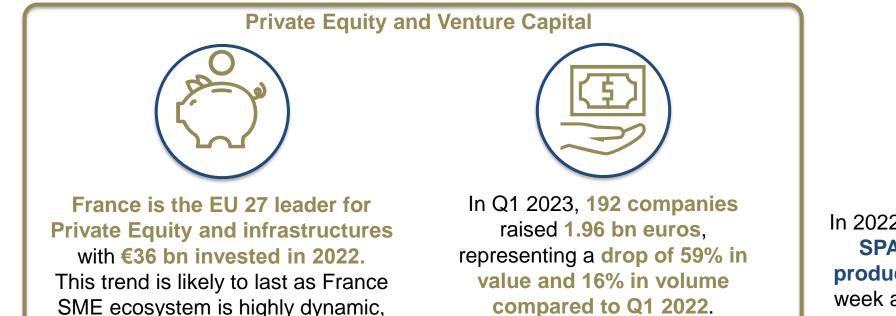
17,6% of European funds are domiciliated in France (2<sup>nd</sup> position behind Germany), representing more than €2,670 bn



€4,600 bn (2022) total AuM in France, after 3 years of growth, funds are now in decline (-5.8% year-on-year).



Alongside its strong capabilities in the Asset Management sector, France has developed an in-depth expertise in other investments fields, including private equity, venture capital and mostly recently, SPACs.



**SPACs** 



In 2022, EureKing, the 1st European SPAC focused on biomedical products, raised €150 million in one week and completed the largest IPO in Paris. It has announced its intention to merge with Skyepharma to create a new European bio-CDMO leader.

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with a record of almost 1 million

companies created in 2022.

In order to be fully efficient, financial institutions rely on para-financial expertise: lawyers, accountants, consultants and brokers. France has a strong talent pool ready to support financial services companies.

### Strong existing parafinancial capabilities

The **consulting** sector in France employed more than **120,000 people**, nearly a **third** of whom work **in financial services** (2022).

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### **Nearshoring in France**

Paris benefits from efficient connections to **other major cities** which could be **great candidates for back-office activities**. Many major French cities are accessible by train in less than 2 hours from Paris, such as Bordeaux, Nantes, Lyon, Lille, Strasbourg.

### Example



SGSS chose to relocate its back-office activities in Nantes' suburb, while maintaining its front-office activities in Paris. This relocation allows for cost reduction, particularly on real-estate and salaries.

Paris offers a world-class education system, with major universities and research hubs located in the Paris region.



#### EUROPLACE SIAPARTNERS Sources: Ranking's best Banking's best European

Sources: <u>Ranking's best universities in mathematics</u>, <u>Ranking's best European Business School</u>, Ranking's best European Executive MBA Programs, Paris R&D Hub Paris benefits from business-friendly regulators with extensive experiences and expertise. This contributes to consolidating a well-recognised smart regulation.

Paris benefits from the quality of the dialog between regulators and market participants

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French regulatory body is composed of the **Banque de France** (French central bank, BDF), **the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution** (ACPR), **Autorité des marchés financiers** (AMF), and the **French Ministry of Economy and Finance**. Paris also hosts 2 European regulators: **EBA** and **ESMA** (ESAs).

France is also a candidate to host the future *European Anti-Money Laundering Authority* (AMLA), to be created in 2024.

French regulators are heading towards greater joint work, through several commitments:

- High expertise and professionalism
- On-boarding procedures: Fast-track methods and procedures for the approval of new products and granting of new licenses, including English communication
- Implementation of measures to welcome international funds
- Strong connection with ESAs and the European institutions

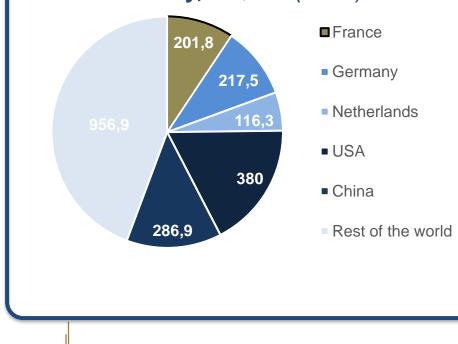


## Paris leadership in sustainable finance



France is the 4th biggest issuer of Green bonds worldwide and the EU 27 leader with 2 banks in the top 5 global issuers.

# Cumulative Green bonds issuance by country, in \$ bn (2022)





Suez has issued the largest green bond in the water and waste utilities sector, and the 2nd largest green bond in EUR in 2022.(€2.6 bn)



In May 2022, French's government issued the OAT€i 1<sup>st</sup> green world inflationindexed bond, in order to finance its environmental spending. France is launching many initiatives – both private and public – in order to maintain its leadership on Green finance in the EU 27. Here are some examples of both public and private initiatives:

### Public initiatives Adoption of New Global Financing Pact

The objective is to address simultaneously climate change, biodiversity and development challenges and help all nations to fulfill the SDGs

Climate change	Biodiversity	People
<b>\$300+bn.</b> Economic loss caused by natural disasters in 2022	~ <b>70%</b> Wildlife decline between 1970 and 2018	<ul> <li>~ 11%</li> <li>Additional nb.</li> <li>of people living in exterme poverty (Covid- 19)</li> </ul>

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### Private initiatives Amundi Planet Emerging Green One

Amundi launched a fund dedicated to Green bonds in emerging countries:



### **The Institute for sustainable finance** Paris EUROPLACE's specific branch for Social and Green Finance

200+ Members



#### Sources: Investment in labeled fund, Amundi Planet Quarterly Report, Climate Finance Day 2022, Sommet pour un nouveau pacte

All French financial market players (banks, corporates, financial intermediaries...) are committed to improving the market solutions and services with high-level social and sustainable standards. Such efforts are catalysed by the French coalition for impact finance, launched on October the 27<sup>th</sup> by the Institute for sustainable finance.



Air France KLM Issued €1 bn of green bonds on January 9, 2023.



3.8 bn € of IDFM' Green Bond issuances issued in 2 years with an average duration of 15 years. And IDFM issued it's first Green
NeuCP for 500 M€ in october 2022,

making it the first public local entity to issue Green NeuCP in France (within the BoF official template)



In 2022, Cades\*\* issued a €38.1 bn social bond program, becoming the world's largest issuer of social bonds.

\*IDFM is the transport organizing authority of the Ile-de-France region

\*\*Cades is a public administrative institution whose mission is to finance and reduce the debt of the French Social Security system.



# A fast-growing FinTech ecosystem



### **Tech companies in Paris**

On top of the Choose France Summits focusing on traditional companies, the French Government is using 2 leverages to improve the tech ecosystem: Giving visibility to French tech most promising companies and facilitating foreign startups establishment in France.

### **The French Tech Visa**

The French Tech Visa allows for fast-tracking procedures for investors, start-up founders and workers. It includes:

- Automatic extension to spouse and minors
- 4 years validity (plus possibility to renew)
- No academic degree required

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French Tech is a government initiative. It was set up in 2018 with the objective to give visibility on the fastest growing start-ups in France, by setting up the Next 40 and FT 120 indexes



It aims at:

Accelerating IPO and taking these companies public by 2023

Supporting companies for the administrative, financial and salary levels through privileged contacts, one-stop-shops and dedicated platforms

To apply to these indexes, start-ups should meet certain requirements, such as an average annual growth of more than 30% for the past 3 years and over 5 millions gross income. The growth of start-ups is sustained by the facilitation of major incubators, as well as ecosystem allowing investors and start-ups to meet. France now have more than 25 unicorns (companies valued at over €1 bn) in majority operating in financial services (Younited, Qonto, Payfit ...), which makes it the 2nd largest creator of unicorns in the EU.

### Facilitators for start-ups in Paris



One of the world's most important start-up incubators

**1,000+** Start-ups

**150** investment funds

Many sponsors including **BNP Paribas** and **Bpifrance** 

Support for start-ups: **Programs**, housing...

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France's first incubator dedicated to FinTech, AssurTech and PayTech

**40+** incubated FinTech since 2017

Major sponsors including **Société** Générale, Matmut, AG2R la **Mondiale and Mastercard** 

### VivaTech Forum

### The EU 27's largest start-ups event

# TECHNOLOGY

2,000+ Start-ups

1,700+ Investors

450+ Speakers for the 2023 edition including **Emmanuel Macron, Elon Musk (Tesla)** Marc Benioff (CEO Salesforce), **Bernard Arnault (CEO LVMH)** 

France FinTech ecosystem is on the rise, as it takes an ever more important place in the economic landscape. This growth is largely supported by foreign investments. Furthermore, France is the 1st EU27 country for the financing of start-ups.



€2,8+ bn raised by FinTech in France in 2022 – 20% more than funds raised in 2021



Foreign venture capital represents 32% of funds raised of €300m or more in 2021, more than doubling the foreign venture capital in 2017

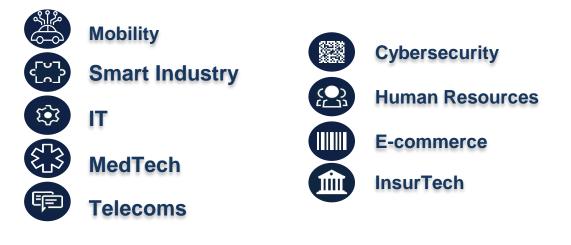


French start-ups raised €4.26 billion in the first six months of the year. This represents a year-on-year fall of 49%.



France is a European leader in unicorn creation. Indeed, it has 25 unicorns to date, which makes it the 2nd largest creator of unicorns in the EU. Moreover, other than FinTech, France has a wide range of sectors in which unicorns are present.

# France also has unicorns in several other sectors besides FinTech:



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### Younited: Newest French unicorn



- Younited, announced on December 8, 2022, raised €60 million.
- This fundraising, which is carried out with Eurazeo, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, Large Venture (Bpifrance) and Goldman Sachs, values the start-up at 1.1 billion euros.
- Younited offers instant credit solutions to individuals for amounts up to €50,000.
- Younited is present in France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Germany.

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Finance Innovation is the FinTech cluster of Paris EUROPLACE.





## Paris, a business-friendly environment



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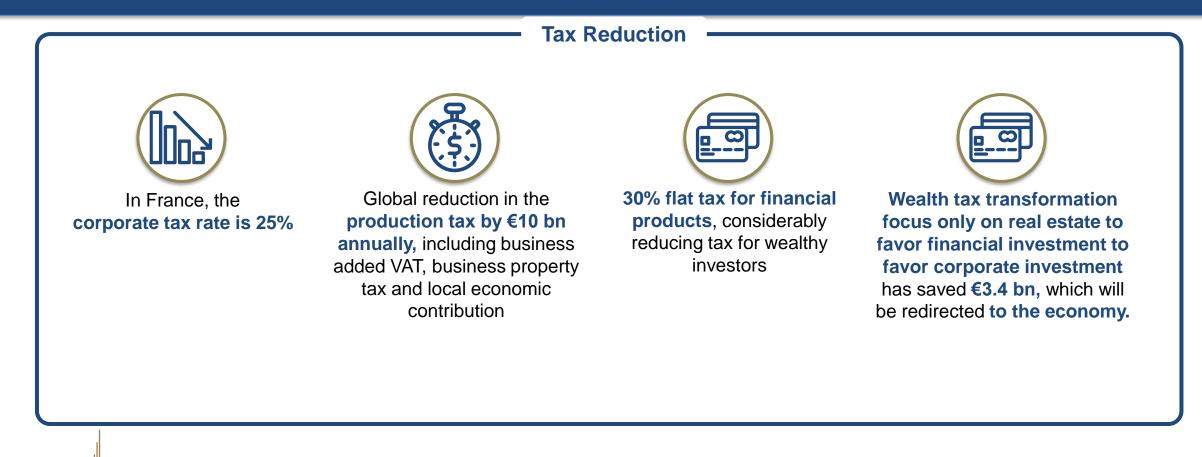
Paris is the most dynamic economic area of the Eurozone. This leading role is likely to rise as a result of new Government measures aiming at attracting foreign companies and facilitating their settlement. (2023 Report on 2022 data)



Paris is the largest economic hub in the EU, representing **5.3% of the EU 27 GDP and 3% of employment**, with an average GDP per job almost twice higher than the European average.

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Over the last ten years, France has become more and more attractive in terms of tax issues. Indeed, France benefits from a very business-friendly environment.



France belongs to a restricted group of countries which propose an attractive fiscal regime for foreign workers coming to work in a company based in France. Moreover, France is a champion in terms of fiscal incentives for R&D.

### **Tax Reduction**

### Impatriate regime

Employees and company directors of any nationality called upon to work full-time for a company based in France are eligible. This specific regime allows tax exemptions, including income tax as well as social charges

# The French impatriate regime is one of the most generous in Europe:



Impatriation bonus fully exempt, 50% exemption of patrimonial income and full exemption of activities performed abroad



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30% exemption of the annual salary, no exemption on the bonus or the patrimonial income



No special or

generous fiscal

measures for

foreign workers

who comes to

Germany for work.

50% exemption of impatriation bonus, exemption of the cost-of-living difference between Luxembourg and the original State

### Research tax credit (RTC)

The RTC is a generic measure to support companies' R&D activities, without any sector or size restrictions. Companies that incur basic research and experimental development expenses can benefit from the CIR by deducting them from their tax

### According to the OECD, France has the "most generous fiscal measures of all the OECD countries with its RTC":



\* Percentage of research tax credit (RTC) compared to domestic GDP



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According to a Business France survey, 90% of executives believe that the establishment of their group in France has been beneficial. This is a result of the current Government's commitment to a more business-friendly environment, leading to more and more major foreign companies relocating activities or enhancing their existing activities in France.



Sources: 2022 Annual Report on Foreign Investment in France - Business France, France attractiveness, Insee Jobs 28 under foreign control

The Labor Market Efficiency is one of the Global Competitiveness Pillars for the World Economic Forum, and France does very well in the EU.



France ranks among the best European countries in term of labor productivity, with a GDP of \$57,9 GDP per hour worked in 2023 compared to \$51,3 in 2021 for UK, or \$48,8 in Spain.

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The French average working time per week is among the highest in the EU.

Average working time per week, in hours:



Paris is Europe's leading financial services hub, attracting more and more foreign financial firms. Besides, Paris is the main winner of the Brexit, being able to attract an important part of the financial and human assets.





## Paris way of life



### The centre of Europe

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Due to its geographic location and transport infrastructure, Paris is the ideal place to host your European Headquarter. In addition to great connection via air, most European capitals can be reached by train in less than 4 hours, whilst most major French cities are reachable in less than 3 hours by train.



Sources: Paris-Region-Facts-Figures-2023.pdf (chooseparisregion.org)

### Welcoming foreign families

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Thanks to its large job market across many sectors, Paris offers many opportunities for foreign workers, with benefits extended to relocated employees' spouses / partners. This is reflected by a growing gender diversity in jobs. It has also broadened its offer of international schools in order to guarantee the best education for the children of expats.



Paris provides an ideal living environment, thanks to the wide range of leisure activities that the French capital offers.



### An attractive cost of living

Cost of living in Paris is 20% less expensive than London, Geneva, Zurich or New York. This statement can be verified if we look at the French cost of 2 main expenses in life: health and education.



France has the second-best outof-pocket cost ratio\* of the 38 OECD countries:



France: 2<sup>nd</sup> (8,9%)

\*Out-of-pocket ratio represents the health expenditures that are not covered by insurance and government institutions and that households have to pay.

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### **Education\***

Education costs in France are very affordable in tertiary education, unlike in many other countries and especially compared to the United Kingdom:





# Appendix



# New Financials' survey on EU's capital markets (2022 report on 2021 data)

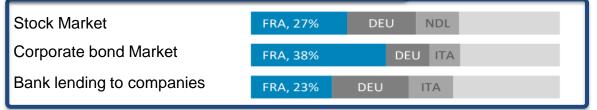
Pools of capital & Asset Management					
Pensions assets	NDL, 37% DNK SWE				
Insurance assets	FRA, 35% DEU ITA				
Household financial assets	FRA, 19% ITA DEU				
Pensions + Insurance	FRA, 26% DEU NDL				
Asset under management	FRA, 33% DEU NDL				

# Debt Markets Corporate bond issues DEU, 27% FRA ITA High-yield bond issues FRA, 23% DEU ITA

# Mergers & Acquisitions All M&A activity Deu, 22% FRA, 25% Deu

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### Market / Asset values



### Private Equity & Venture Capital

Private Equity fund raised	FRA, 40%	SWE NDL
Private Equity activity	FRA, 27%	DEU ESP
Venture Capital activity	DEU, 26%	FRA NDL

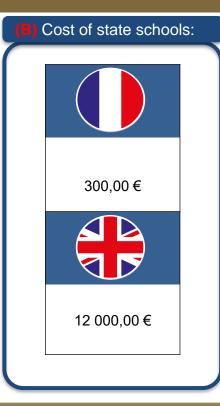
Equity Markets						
All equity issues	DEU, 24%	FRA	SWE			
IPOs	SWE, 24%	DEU	FRA			
Equity Trading	DEU, 28%	Ff	RA	NDL		

#### Sources: <u>Dealogic</u>, <u>ECB</u>, <u>EFAMA</u>, <u>Eurostat</u>, <u>FESE</u>, <u>Insurance Europe</u>, <u>Invest Europe</u>, New Financial, <u>OECD</u>

### Sia Partners survey on tertiary education costs in France and United Kingdom

Education costs of private schools in France:				
	Annual fees			
ESCP	19 000,00 €			
HEC	17 350,00 €			
ESSEC	17 200,00 €			
EM Lyon	16 900,00 €			
Edhec	16 235,00 €			
Skema	15 000,00 €			
Audencia	14 750,00 €			
Grenoble EM	14 490,00 €			
Rennes Business School	13 750,00 €			
Neoma	13 500,00 €			
Toulouse Business School	13 250,00 €			
Montepellier Business School	13 133,00 €			
Kedge	13 100,00 €			
Average (A)	15 204,46 €			

Education costs of private schools in United Kingdom:			
	Annual fees		
Buckingham University	14 171,09€		
Richmond University	17 089,89 €		
London Regent's University	22 359,55 €		
Guilford law University	13 146,07 €		
Art university of Plymouth	14 213,48 €		
Saint-Mary University	15 842,70 €		
Britannic institute of technology	10 674,16 €		
Marjon Plymouth University	12 500,00 €		
Royal Conservatory of Scotland	15 533,33 €		
BPP	19 101,12 €		
European School of Economics	24 982,87 €		
Average (A)	16 328,57 €		



Number of students in private and state schools:

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State (C)	Private (D)	State (C)	Private (D)
2 232 100	736 900	2 545 044	380 293
75,18%	24,82%	87,00%	13,00%

Weighted average annual cost of education (*weighting factor is the proportion of students in state and private schools in both countries*):

Computation	Result	Computation	Result
( <b>B*C</b> )+( <b>A*D</b> )	3 999,29 €	( <b>B</b> * <b>C</b> )+( <b>A</b> * <b>D</b> )	12 562,71 €

Sources: OECD report on education, French private school cost, Britannic private schools, number of students in France, Buckingham, Richmond, Regent, Guilford, AUP, Saint-Mary, BIT, Marjon, RCS, BPP, ESE

### Sia Partners survey on trading activities in the EU27

Derivatives trading in the EU27					
	Amount	%			
Austria	17,0000	2,02%			
Belgium	32,0000	3,80%			
Czechia	6,0000	0,71%			
Denmark	83,0000	9,87%			
Finland	8,0000	0,95%			
France	214,0000	25,44%			
Germany	184,0000	21,87%			
Greece	1,0000	0,12%			
Hungary	6,0000	0,71%			
Ireland	7,2000	0,86%			
Italy	19,0000	2,26%			
Latvia	0,0000	0,00%			
Lithuania	0,0000	0,00%			
Luxembourg	92,0000	10,94%			
Netherlands	74,0000	8,80%			
Poland	13,0000	1,55%			
Portugal	1,0000	0,12%			
Romania	3,0000	0,36%			
Slovakia	0,0000	0,00%			
Slovenia	0,0000	0,00%			
Spain	39,0000	4,64%			
Sweden	42,0000	4,99%			
Total	841,200	100%			

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FX trading in the EU27					
	Amount	%			
Austria	14,0270	2,41%			
Belgium	24,8730	4,28%			
Czechia	0,0479	0,01%			
Denmark	58,4120	10,05%			
Finland	0,0437	0,01%			
France	152,6650	26,28%			
Germany	127,1450	21,88%			
Greece	0,3800	0,07%			
Hungary	4,4720	0,77%			
Ireland	4,7090	0,81%			
Italy	13,3860	2,30%			
Latvia	0,0000	0,00%			
Lithuania	0,0000	0,00%			
Luxembourg	46,3810	7,98%			
Netherlands	67,1970	11,57%			
Poland	8,5510	1,47%			
Portugal	0,6360	0,11%			
Romania	1,7670	0,30%			
Slovakia	0,0000	0,00%			
Slovenia	0,0000	0,00%			
Spain	23,8890	4,11%			
Sweden	32,4410	5,58%			
Total	581,023	100%			

Sources: OTC market

Net-gross basis, daily averages, in millions of US dollars, 2022





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