

## GLOBAL CITIES INVESTMENT MONITOR 2021

Rankings, Projects, Perceptions, Anticipations, Criteria



Global cities are attractive and stimulating environments where top decision-makers, talents and financers join to produce business and social innovation. They are a global network of densely connected focal points, each intensely competing with the other to define the best economic and

political standards.

Global Cities concentrate a disproportionate part of talents, businesses and capital. They are the places where most decisions are made, innovations launched, and people enabled. Global cities are to the world what cities are to a country. And then there are top global cities, where everyone expects the world of tomorrow to be shaped and where, as a result, world-changing moments actually happen.

The club of top global cities has opened and expanded far beyond the 20th century happy few. While Paris, London and New York have successfully reinvented themselves, and still possess unique brands, competition among global cities is more open than ever before.



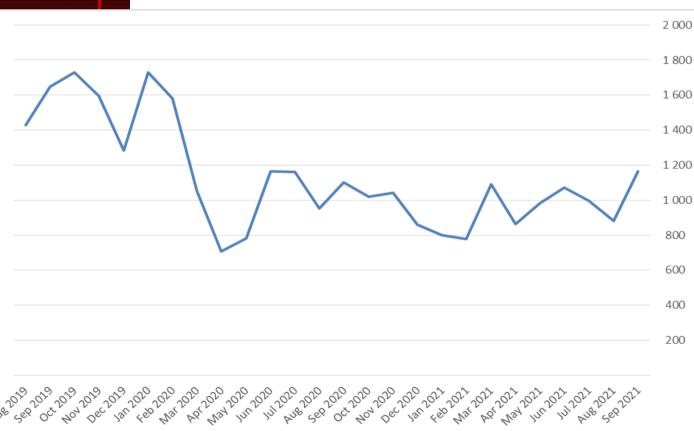




## **International Investments**

Aug. 2019-Sept.2021

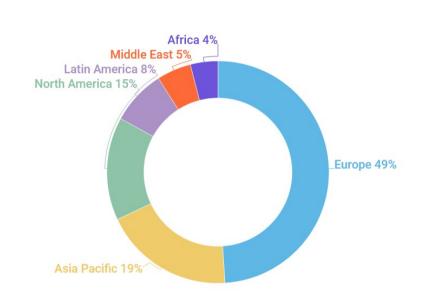
International investments plunged -50% over the quarter of 2020. They regained some of the lost ground over the summer but then plateaued at a level roughly a third below pre-crisis levels.

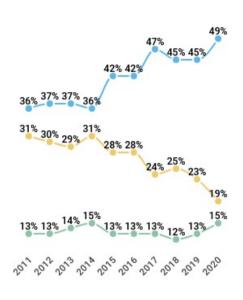






2020 confirms the trends observed over the previous years. Europe continues to progress in terms of market shares, while the Asia-Pacific zone's share diminishes. **DESTINATION** 





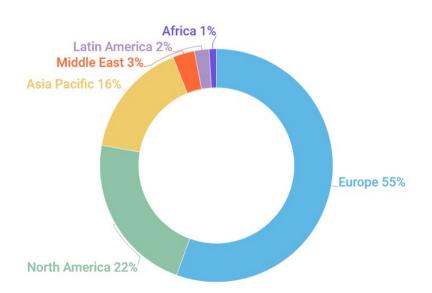
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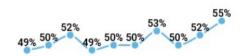
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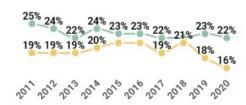
OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS AND RECEIVES

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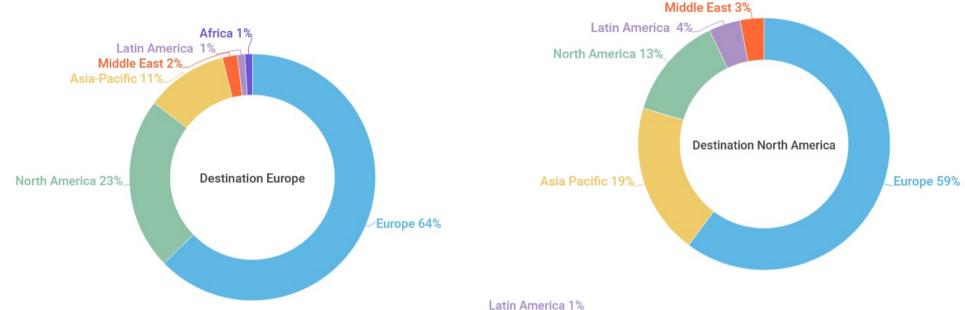










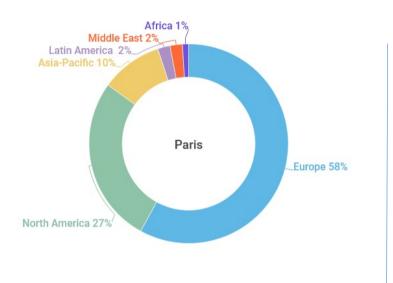


**EUROPE: N°1** INVESTOR ON ALL CONTINENTS



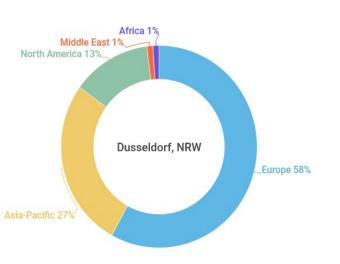
















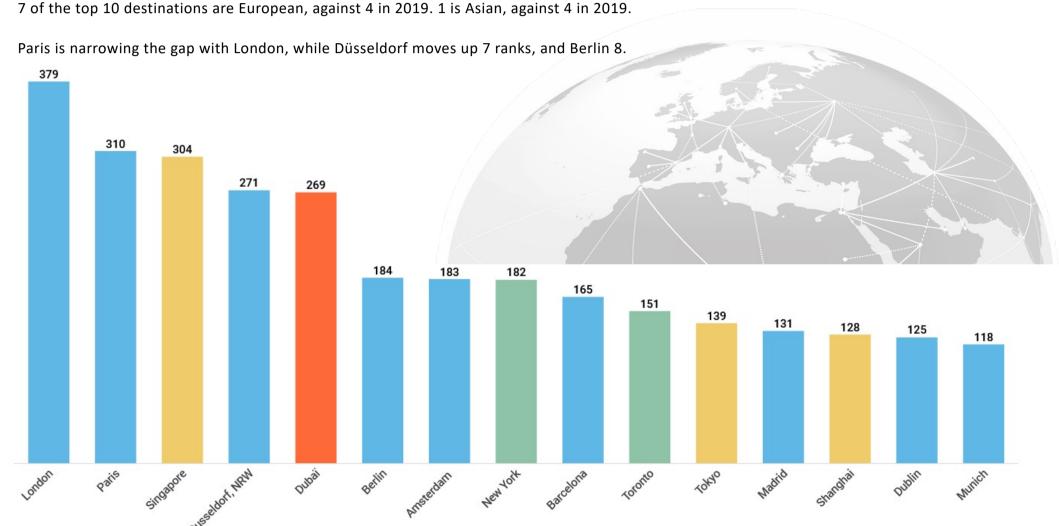






## **2020: EUROPEAN GLOBAL CITIES AHEAD**

The global trend is reflected in this ranking of the most attractive global cities.

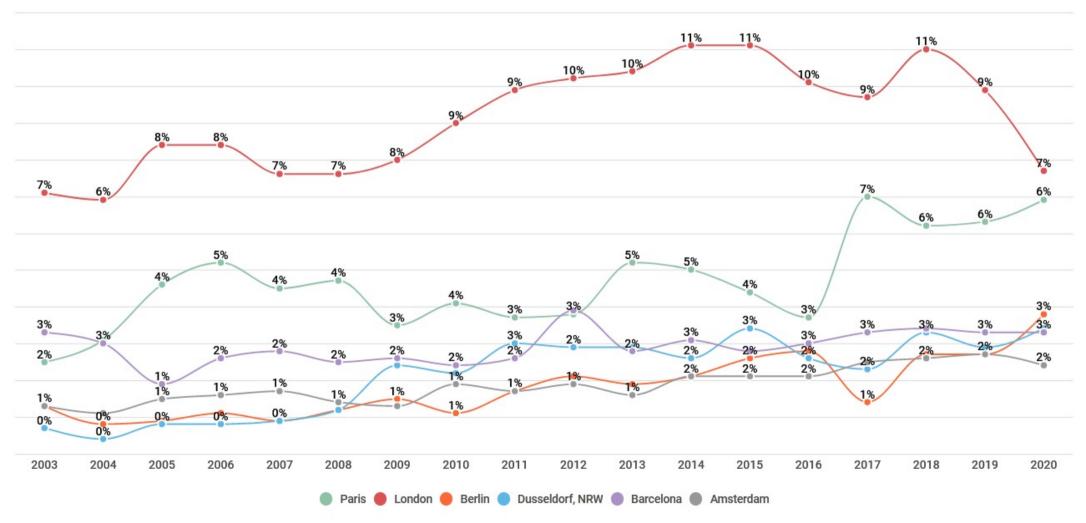






## **2020: THE COMPETITION WITHIN EUROPE**

The markets shares of the main destinations for international investments in Europe, in the long-term perspective. After a decade of riding ahead of competition, London lost its lead due to Brexit, while Paris surged.



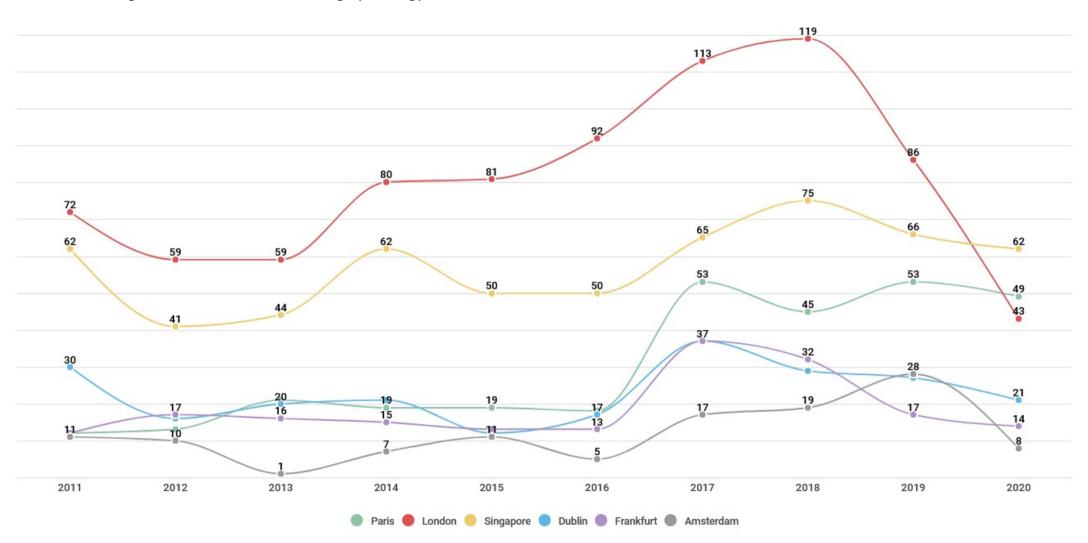
Source: FDi Markets Database





## **2020: THE COMPETITION WITHIN EUROPE**

2020: Paris gets ahead of London in the highly strategy sector of financial industries

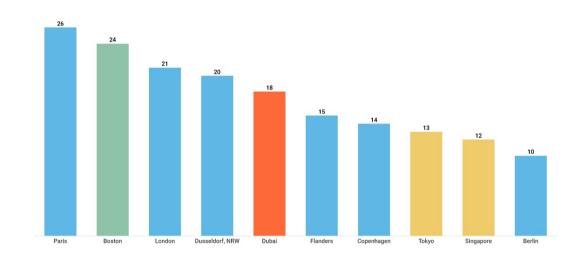




## 2020: PARIS SCIENTIFIC LEADER

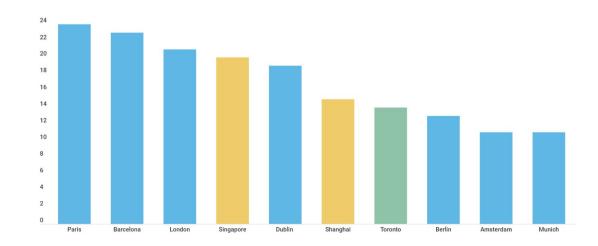
2020: Paris is clearly a top destination in the world both regarding research centres and regarding life science investments, which covid-19 pandemics made particularly coveted.

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RESEARCH CENTRES



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## CITIE'S GLOBAL IMAGE

The global image is a very strong and generally quite stable component of the perceptions associated by international investors to global cities. As a result, the hierarchy of global image is particularly stable, especially for top cities.

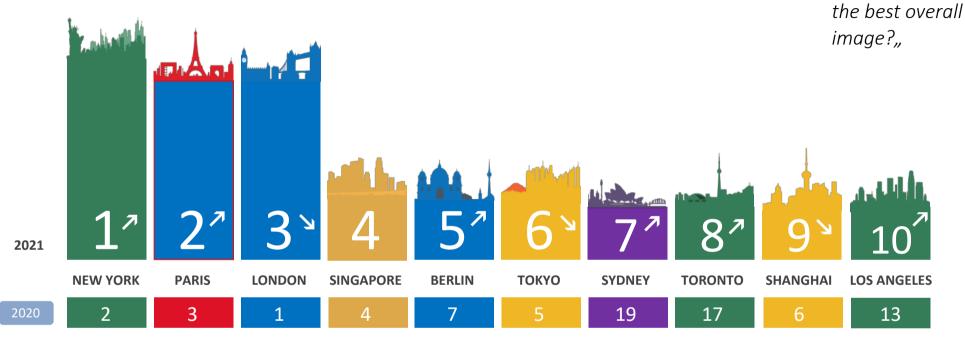


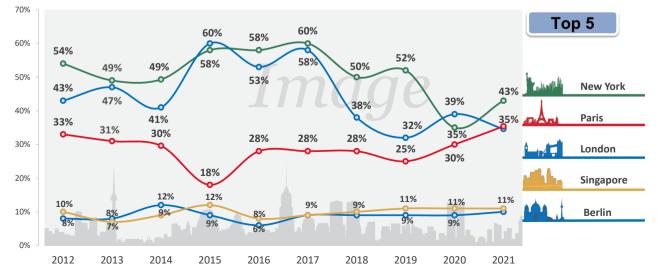


" In your view, which city has



## **GLOBAL CITIES IMAGE**



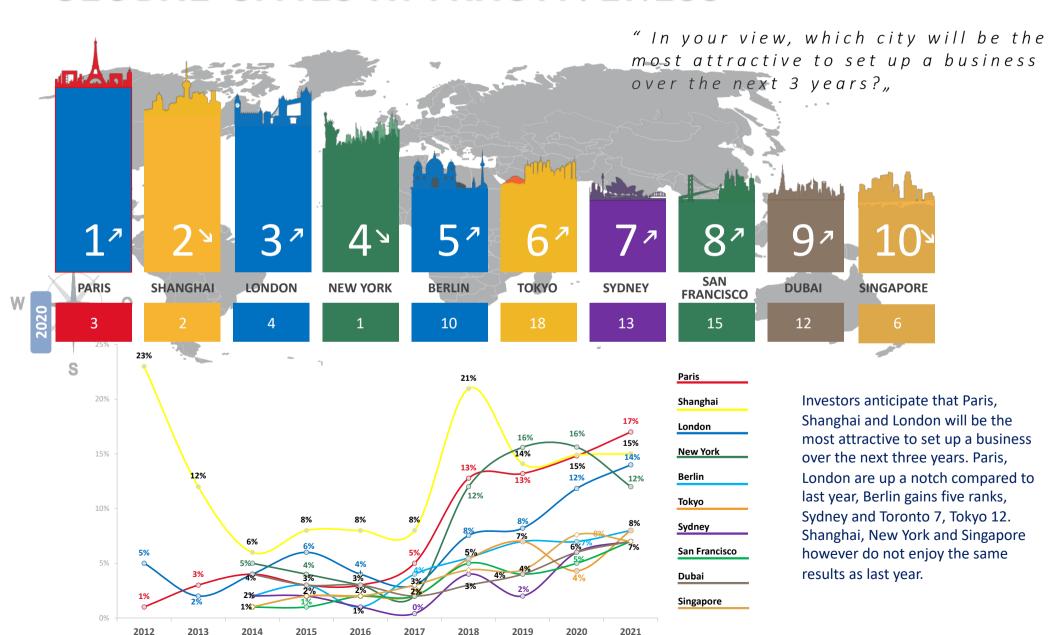


The global image of Paris continue to rise steadily, with the European city now in second rank, before London. Paris, London and New York were the top 3 cities for global image since the beginning of this observatory.





## GLOBAL CITIES ATTRACTIVENESS





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Investors seek to select the best opportunities, combining the highest returns with the lowest risks. As a result, fundamentals matter when selecting a place to invest. Building the sort of economic and political environment that makes a truly global city is a rare achievement and the global city a rare commodity.

Political stability and juridical security are probably the most difficult to achieve, yet they are the first criterion for investors. Availability of skilled RH, infrastructure, market accessibility and size and economic growth come next. Living costs, quality of education, quality of life, quality of R&D, and startup ecosystem are a less often quoted, yet this does not mean that they are not often decisive means of differentiation in the competition between global cities.

A city's brand matters, even when it comes to analyzing a city's attractiveness, criterion by criterion. This is why a few cities are disproportionally quoted on each criterion. A city's brand is a strong asset, and changing it a daunting affair for promoters and investors alike



## INVESTMENT CRITERIA

#### MAIN CRITERIA

"In your view, which of the following investment criteria are important or very important when choosing your location?"

#### MAIN DESTINATIONS BY CRITERION

"In your view, which city is the most attractive for business and company location regarding [each criterion]?,"

The pandemics increased the value of digital infrastructure, the most important criterion with political stability and availability of qualified personal.

Very important		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
92%	Digital Infrastructure	New York	London	San Francisco	Tokyo	Paris
90%	Political stability & legal security	London	Paris	New York	Berlin	Francfort
88%	Availability of skilled personal	New York	London	Paris	Tokyo	Berlin
87%	Logistical Infrastructure	London	New York	Paris	Francfort	Shanghai
82%	Economic growth	Shanghai	New York	Beijing	London	Singapour
76%	Market size	New York	Shanghai	Beijing	London	Paris
71%	Quality of higher education and research	London	New York	Paris	Boston	San Francisco
69%	Availability and quality of real estate	New York	London	Toronto	Barcelona	New Delhi
64%	Quality of life	Paris	London	New York	San Francisco	Toronto
64%	Ease of financing innovative projects	New York	London	San Francisco	Paris	Tokyo
60%	Quality of innovation and Start-up ecosystem	San Francisco	New York	Tokyo	London	Paris
	All criteria combined	New York	London	San Francisco	Paris	Shanghai

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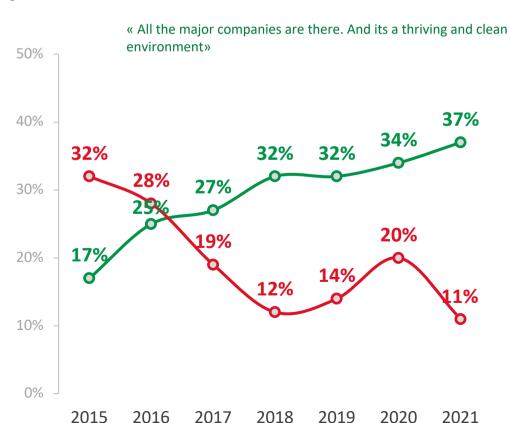
"In your view, will Paris become more or less attractive over the next three years for setting up a business?",

« Thanks to its proximity to London, thanks to Brexit, and thanks to Olympic Games »

« Paris produces cutting-edge innovation and technology. For us, this is the place to be »

« People are creative, economy is strong, the governement is stable»

« Paris is well placed to communicate with other countries»





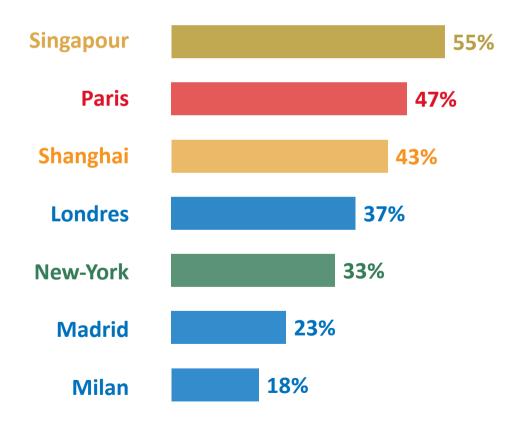


# PARIS, positive outlook for a top global city



Paris is the Western city that adapted and recovered the best. It is ranked second, after Singapore, on a global scale. Other Western cities, including New York and London, have been perceived as less successful during the covid-19 crisis.

"In your view, which of the following cities fared the best during the pandemic?"



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## METHODOLOGY

International investments are tracked by the "fDi markets" database.

The "fDi markets" database collects information about "crossborder investment in a new physical project or expansions of an existing investment which creates new jobs and capital investment.

Joint ventures are only included where they lead to a new physical operation. Mergers & acquisitions (M&A) and other equity investments are not tracked. There is no minimum size for a project to be included".

The Monitor uses the simplest possible unit: a published investment project, by contrast with expected job creations or capex, so as to maximize comparability and minimize interferences from local factors — currency fluctuations, governmental promotion, etc.

The top global cities for international investments list is regularly updated to take account of the significant rebalances in the global economy.

The territories considered are the urban regions corresponding to each global city. For example, "London" refers to Greater London, "Paris" to Paris Region aka. Ile-de-France, New York to New York State...



**Positions** 



## **METHODOLOGY**

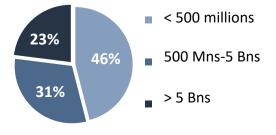
## INVESTORS' PERCEPTIONS

A poll conducted with a representative sample of **513 companies** with international business settlements **In 22 countries** 

Phone interviews with **global business leaders** October 2021

#### **EUROPE** ASIA France 8% Germany 12% Japan 6% **AMERICAS** Italy 4% India 3% USA 21% United Kingdom 11% Hong Kong 2% Brazil 3% Switzerland 5% China 2% Canada 5% **GULF COUNTRIES** Russia 4% South Korea 2% Sweden 3% UAE 1% Spain 3% Saudi Arabia 0.5% Ireland 2% Qatar 0.4% Netherlands 2% **15%** Kuwait 0.5% 29% 54% 42% Financial manager CEO / Chairperson 30% Heavy industries Human resource manager 11% 29% 31% Consumer products

#### Gross revenue 2020 (€)







#### GREATER PARIS INVESTMENT AGENCY

GREATER PARIS INVESTMENT AGENCY is a non-profit organization founded 30 years ago by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry to attract new international investors in Greater Paris and to bolster its attractiveness.

It is comprised of major companies; they guarantee total independence and provide support in fulfilling the Association's main missions.

As Greater Paris business ambassador, our Agency is a key partner and advisor linking government decision-makers and our prestigious business partners' network. It is a major player in the Greater Paris project.



#### CHOOSE PARIS REGION

CHOOSE PARIS REGION is a nonprofit agency that promotes the attractiveness of Paris Region on a national, regional and world scale. The Agency brings together all the players in the region to offer international companies tailor-made services. The Agency supports them at every stage of their development.

The Agency's primary mission is to showcase the attractiveness of the region and act as a catalyst for business and innovation. It relies on its market expertise and local network to help international businesses build long-lasting partnerships, draw up development plans, and strengthen their local presence in the region.













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