

## Global Finance Names Its First Annual FDI Superstars

NEW YORK, March 2, 2018 — *Global Finance* magazine has named its FDI Superstars 2018. This exclusive ranking is based on a proprietary algorithm developed by *Global Finance* to determine which nations are the most successful at attracting foreign direct investment (FDI).

Based simply on raw inflow data, the US and China outrank all competitors. But *Global Finance* has dug deeper to identify and rank the nations that are truly making the most of their natural advantages and also actively promulgating policies and passing laws to draw foreign financing for in-country projects and businesses.

To develop the FDI Superstars 2018 ranking, *Global Finance* applied a formula to calculate each nation's FDI relative to its share of global GDP—an FDI Performance Index. This serves to smooth out the oversized impact of the largest markets. Each nation was ranked over a period of ten years to see how much they have risen or fallen relative to the others.

Then, to home in on the countries that are attractive due to policies rather than natural resources, *Global Finance* factored in scores from the World Bank's "Doing Business" report, and from the Global Peace Index (GPI), produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace.

"Our analysis provides a unique insight into FDI by opening a window on countries that win more FDI than might be expected," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "While some countries rank high due to abundant natural resources or external factors, in general, these winners have put in place good policies, both on the macro level and specific to FDI, that strongly appeal to investors."

The full list of FDI Superstars 2018 follows. A full report on the selections will appear in the April 2018 issue of *Global Finance*.

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<b><i>Global Finance's</i> FDI Superstars 2018</b>	
1	<b>United Kingdom</b>
2	<b>Singapore</b>
3	<b>Netherlands</b>
4	<b>Ireland</b>
5	<b>Australia</b>
6	<b>Luxembourg</b>
7	<b>Portugal</b>
8	<b>Cyprus</b>
9	<b>Azerbaijan</b>
10	<b>Ghana</b>
11	<b>China, Hong Kong</b>
12	<b>Sweden</b>
13	<b>United States</b>
14	<b>Malaysia</b>
15	<b>Panama</b>
16	<b>Mozambique</b>
17	<b>Belgium</b>
18	<b>Albania</b>
19	<b>Vietnam</b>
20	<b>Italy</b>