QUICK FACTS

US$2,622.4 billion GDP (2017)
66.0 million Population (2017)
1.8% GDP growth (2017)
US$39,720 GDP per capita (2017)

UNITED KINGDOM

FINANCIAL MARKETS

- 1,858 Domestic listed companies (2014)
- US$1,868.2 billion Market capitalisation of domestic listed companies (2008)
- The value of stocks traded represented 78.0% of GDP in 2014.
- Sustainability-related indices are provided on the country’s stock exchange.
- National sustainability reporting policies are in place.
- US$5.8 billion Green bonds issuance (as of end September 2018)

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DRIVERS

- 0.4% of GDP Infrastructure investment gap (2016-2030)
- Climate vulnerability Low
- Carbon vulnerability Moderate

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

- 25.1 Bank branches per 100,000 adults (2013)
- 96.4% Share of adults with a bank account (2017)

WORK WITH THE INQUIRY

- The Inquiry is engaged with British financial institutions and research centres, and co-hosted with the City of London Corporation the launch of its Green Finance Initiative.

MEMBERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INITIATIVES

POLICIES AND MEASURES

- **2000**: Amendments to 1995 Pensions Act: Pension disclosure regulation
- **2001**: Trustee Act
- **2005**: Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment) Regulations
- **2007**: The Social Stock Exchange
- **2008**: Climate Change Act 2008
- **2010**: UK Stewardship Code
- **2012**: Mandatory Disclosure of Carbon Emissions for Listed Companies on the London Stock Exchange
- **2013**: Companies Act 2006 updated
- **2014**: UK Corporate Governance Code revised
- **2015**: Guide to Responsible Investment Reporting in Public Equity
- **2015**: UK Flood RE
- **2016**: DC Code of Practice 13 on the governance and administration of occupational trust-based schemes providing money purchase benefits; Green Finance Initiative
- **2017**: Assessment of carbon exposure of UK insurers’ asset portfolios and alignment with 2°C scenario; General Insurance Stress Test 2017
- **2017**: Guidance for ESG reporting; Transition Pathway Initiative

Notes: Infrastructure investment gap does not include additional investment needed to meet the Sustainable Development Goals. Membership of sustainable finance initiatives as of October 2018.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- The United Kingdom: Global Hub, Local Dynamics
- Green Finance Progress Report