

## SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COUNTRY PROFILE



# UNITED KINGDOM

### QUICK FACTS<sup>1</sup>

**US\$2,622.4 billion** GDP (2017)

**66.0 million** Population (2017)

**1.8%** GDP growth (2017)

**US\$39,720** GDP per capita (2017)

### FINANCIAL MARKETS

- **1,858** Domestic listed companies (2014)<sup>1</sup>
- **US\$1,868.2 billion** Market capitalisation of domestic listed companies (2008)<sup>1</sup>
- The value of stocks traded represented **78.0%** of GDP in 2014.<sup>1</sup>
- Sustainability-related indices are **provided** on the country's stock exchange.<sup>2</sup>
- National sustainability reporting policies are **in place**.<sup>3</sup>
- **US\$5.8 billion** Green bonds issuance (as of end September 2018)<sup>4</sup>

### SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DRIVERS

- **0.4% of GDP** Infrastructure investment gap (2016-2030)<sup>5</sup>
- Climate vulnerability **Low**<sup>6</sup>
- Carbon vulnerability **Moderate**<sup>6</sup>

### FINANCIAL INCLUSION<sup>1</sup>

- **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



13  
members



4  
members



321  
signatories



Member

## POLICIES AND MEASURES<sup>7</sup>

- 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

● Policy and regulatory

● Market

● Hybrid

Please refer to UN Environment Inquiry (2018). [Greening the Rules of the Game](#) for more analysis.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



The United Kingdom: Global Hub,  
Local Dynamics



Green Finance Progress Report

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.