

**LONDON'S 5 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS OFFER
DIRECT FLIGHTS TO 273 WORLDWIDE DESTINATIONS.
126 MILLION CONSUMERS LIVE WITHIN A
DAY'S ROAD TRAVEL FROM THE CAPITAL.**

**IS IT ANY SURPRISE THAT 31% OF THE UK'S DESIGN BUSINESSES ARE
BASED IN LONDON, AND 27% OF THEIR CLIENTS ARE FROM OVERSEAS?**

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Home to specialist networks for every interest group, from stem cells to fuel cells, London hosts over 150 science & technology events and seminars **every month.**

In the energy and environment sector alone, these events draw on cutting edge thinking from 80 London university research departments, proactive policy forums, and a quarter of all the UK's SMEs in the sector.

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LONDON'S 43 UNIVERSITIES

FORM THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES IN EUROPE – EMPLOYING 3400 WORLD CLASS RESEARCHERS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN, AND 700 STAFF DEDICATED TO MANAGING BUSINESS COLLABORATIONS.

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London: a magnet for talented people

- Over a third of London's workforce has a degree, and the average turnover per employee is £162,000.
- London's 26 design schools provide over 14,000 undergraduate places and 2000 postgraduate places.
- London has an IT skills pool of 540,000 people – nearly half the UK total ICT workforce.

London businesses generate two thirds of their sales, and source half of their purchases, from within the capital.

- One in four of the world's largest companies have chosen London as their European headquarters.
- The City of London is one of the largest users of renewable energy in the UK.
- London has 2000 life science businesses, including 300 medical equipment manufacturers.

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**LONDON REPRESENTS
EUROPE'S MOST ACTIVE
CLUSTER OF TECHNOLOGY
COMPANIES ...**

receiving £485m of capital invested in the UK in 2005. This is more than reported levels of investment into the whole of France (£457m) or the whole of Germany (£363m).

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**RATED AS THE NO.1 GLOBAL
FINANCIAL CENTRE...**

and home to the headquarters of 6 of the top 15 global private equity firms, London has more biotechnology venture capital groups than the other top 10 European cities combined.

