

10 Low-risk Business Environment

Canada's excellent economic fundamentals and political stability provide a first-rate, low-risk business environment:

A Strong Fiscal Position

- Canada is experiencing 2nd longest period of economic expansion in Canadian history, reducing debt at a record rate.

Low Inflation and Low Interest Rates

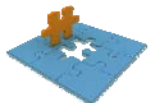
- Since 1995 inflation has averaged 2.3% lower than the US rate
- Canada's excellent fiscal situation and low inflation has led to lower interest rates (Chartered Bank Prime Business Rate: 4.25%)

A Growing Domestic Economy

- Canada closely followed the U.S., with the second highest average rate of 2.7% in real GDP growth among the G-7 nations between 2003-2006.
- Canada is expected to continue its dynamic performance and reach a 2.8% rate of real GDP growth in 2007-2008 period.



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