



Canada-UK: a special relationship

Our members large or small are working in the most challenging business environment for a generation, preparing themselves for new trading and investment realities between Canada and the UK, the UK and the EU, and Canada and its North American neighbours. Given this context it is re-assuring to know that the 'special' relationship between Canada and the UK continues to be robust and vibrant, reflecting the long history and common values the countries share.

The UK remains Canada's biggest trading partner in Europe, and the countries enjoy significant two-way investment flows. Canadian brands are making regular headline news in the UK, such as Avison Young acquiring GVA, one of the UK's leading and most diverse real estate advisory-led businesses. In Canada, British brands are also in the news with Shell announcing its final investment decision on LNG Canada, a major LNG project in British Columbia, for example.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce

The Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce is a 98-year-old, bilateral chamber founded in 1921 in London. The Chamber's mission is to be the foremost non-governmental authority on all aspects of two-way trade and investment between Canada, the UK and Europe. We are a corporate membership organisation with over 300 member organisations of all sizes, making introductions and referrals for our 4,500 member contacts. Our events programme with our 7 forums and 4 committees offers our members and contacts over 50 events per annum to network with business, political, and thought leaders, showcase and launch their own products and services in new markets, make extensive B2B contacts, learn from the experience of others, and give and receive training.

In the UK contacts are maintained principally with the Department for International Trade, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, the Department for Exiting the European Union, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, City of London Corporation, UK foreign direct investment agencies, regional development agencies and local enterprise partnerships. The Chamber works closely with the High Commission of Canada, the London offices of the Governments of Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Québec, with Federal and other Provincial Government departments and offices in Canada, the British High Commission, British and Canadian Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, municipal authorities, business groups and trade associations. In the UK the Chamber is a leading participating member of the Council of Foreign Chambers of Commerce, and maintains close links with bi-lateral Canadian chambers of commerce in Europe and around the world.

We are proud to have represented on our Board an engaged and supportive group of Charter members, including some of Canada and the UK's most successful brands. As a company limited by guarantee, the chamber remains focused on the needs of our members, and the growth of bilateral trade between Canada and the UK. We know this is a critical period for international trade and development, a subject at the very epicentre of the Chamber and its purpose.

We are happy to discuss ideas on how your organisation can make the most of B2B branding opportunities through our network in Canada and the UK.

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