



# Unlock Belgium

Develop your business and  
#GoBeyond

2025





# Expanding your business in Belgium

Expanding into new international markets can be challenging due to the many issues to consider and resolve. Our Unlock Belgium service can provide expert advice and insight to support you every step of the way. From helping you find the best location, to setting up a branch or subsidiary, we are committed to providing pragmatic and timely advice that allows you to focus on achieving your business goals.

International expansion is an important step, but with a dedicated international business adviser, who takes time to understand your business and customize the specific services you require, you'll know you have the support to manage the risks and maximize the potential a new market offers your business.

Our advisers can help at every stage of your company's growth cycle – from starting-up, raising venture funding, listing on a global exchange, acquiring or merging with another company, or using Belgium as a base to expand into other markets – which means that whatever the challenge, we're at your side.



# We can help you with the following services

## Audit and assurance



- Financial statement audit
- Agreed upon procedures
- IFRS reporting
- Legal assignments
- Internal audit
- ESG assurance

- Corporate tax
- VAT
- International tax & VAT
- Transfer pricing
- Global mobility services
- Compensation & benefits
- Private client services
- Customs & Global Trade



## Tax

## Legal



- Corporate & commercial law
- Employment law & social security
- ICT law & GDPR
- Corporate secretarial
- M&A assistance
- Legal counsel-as-a-service

# We can help you with the following services (contd.)

## Accountancy and reporting



- Accounting and reporting
- CFO-as-a-service
- Consolidation
- Outsourcing
- Global compliance and reporting solutions

- Transaction advisory
- Restructuring
- Risk and compliance management
- Internal audit
- GDPR
- Cyber risk security



## Advisory

## Advisory (continued)



- Data analytics and process mining
- IT advisory, digital transformation & robotics
- Process optimisation and internal controls
- Forensic and integrity
- Sustainability and impact
- Whistleblowing
- ESG advisory services

# Why choose Belgium?



## International decision-making centre

- Countless European and international institutions
- More than 2,000 multinationals and 120 international government organisations
- Strong presence of lobby groups diplomats and press



## Open economy

- No.8 largest exporting country in the world<sup>1</sup>
- No.2 most globalised country in the world<sup>2</sup>
- No trade restrictions
- Quick procedure for setting up a new business
- Attractive to investors



## Competitive tax regime

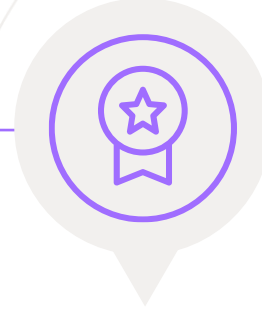
- Attractive location for holding companies
- Numerous corporate tax incentives (innovation, ...)
- Very favourable taxation system for expat employees
- Advanced tax ruling system

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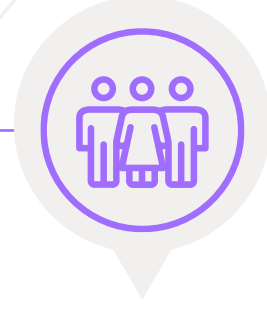
## Quality of life

- A diverse, welcoming and tolerant country
- Advanced healthcare system
- Exceptional education system, with many excellent international schools
- Affordable real estate prices
- Access to unrivalled heritage, culture and countryside



## Knowledge centre

- 12 high-level universities
- Outstanding R&D centres
- A place for innovation



## Top class human capital

- One of the highest productivity levels in the EU
- Highly qualified workers
- Extensive knowledge of languages
- A wide range of incentives to support R&D

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## Belgium

**\$36.3m**  
Revenue (USD)

**7**  
Offices

**271**  
Employees



## Global

**690+**  
Offices

**\$8bn**  
Revenue (USD)

**150**  
Markets

**76,000**  
Employees



# Contact

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