The Case for Investing in Europe 2018



reasons why business should stay the course

One of the world's largest and wealthiest markets



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Roughly 25% of world output



Highly skilled and productive workforce



Leader in science and engineering talent



500 million consumers and rising incomes



21% of global personal expenditures in the EU (2016)



Economy on the upswing



Cyclical uptrend in GDP growth, with dropping unemployment



Innovation and world-class R&D infrastructure



21% of global R&D spending in Europe (2017)

6 Ongoing long-term structural reforms



Embracing change in labor markets and the public sector



Renewed political vision for the EU



Stronger institutional framework of the EU and the Eurozone



Most competitive economies in the world



6 European countries in top 10





Most businessfriendly nations: 14 European countries in top 25



Access to a large and attractive periphery



Springboard to growing economies at Europe's door



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