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Become a Greater Manchester Chamber International Member

Greater Manchester is the UK's fastest growing economy outside London and is home to over 100,000 businesses. Situated at the heart of the North West we have outstanding connections and links nationally and internationally. London is two hours by rail and Manchester Airport has direct flights to over 200 destinations worldwide. With the UK government making Greater Manchester the main focus of its investment plans, the city region represents massive potential for investment and business growth. Considerable international investment is already being directed at this important city region and here at the Chamber we want to make sure we can help you maximise these opportunities.

Why chose Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce?

With over 4,500 member businesses, we are the UK's largest Chamber and are an award winning* organisation for the scope and quality of our international work. International Membership offers you a range of specific services which will help you trade with Greater Manchester companies - and further afield. International Membership is specifically geared towards helping you on every step of the journey from assisting with identifying business opportunities, planning your trip, to helping you whilst you're in Greater Manchester. It will help you to maximise opportunities whilst you're here, offering professional services which provide practical help and guidance.

Who can apply for International Membership?

Any company based overseas of any size and any sector, but you must be legally registered in your home country.

*Greater Manchester Chamber won the Excellence in International Trade Services Award 2015 at the British Chambers of Commerce Awards.



HELPING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY - HERE'S WHAT YOU GET AS AN INTERNATIONAL MEMBER:

Helping you Plan and Prepare:

UK Market Entry Services

If you need help entering the UK market, want to understand the best routes to market, or find suitable partners or support in launching a product or service in Greater Manchester, we will provide you with a competitive proposal tailored to your requirements.

Access to Business Contacts

If you need professional business services to establish your business, let us introduce you to members who can help: from accountancy firms to logistics operators, to law firms or PR and Marketing agencies, we can help make the introductions.

International Trade Information Hub

Working with a number of partners in the UK and overseas, the Chamber's International Trade team provides general information and guidance with regards to importing, exporting and investment in the North West region.

UK Partner Search Facility

If you are looking for a UK buyer, supplier or partner for a potential joint venture for your overseas business, the Chamber can promote your partner request through all of our relevant marketing channels, for a month to help you find a suitable partner and then assist with the introductions.



HELPING YOU PLAN YOUR VISIT:

Chamber International Gateway

Through our partners The Appointment Group, we can arrange a full business programme for trade visits to Greater Manchester and beyond – organising all of your travel and logistics – allowing you to focus on growing your business.

Translation Services

If you need help translating your marketing materials – on and offline – we can provide a competitively priced service.

Chamber Marketing & Communication Resources

The Chamber has a range of communications channels which, as a member, you can access including weekly e-communications, our magazine 53 Degrees and our social media channels. Help us promote your visits to the Greater Manchester business community.

HELPING YOU ON THE GROUND

Member's Lounge

Situated right in the heart of city centre Manchester, this lounge is a free meeting space where you can work – with Wi-Fi and refreshments.

GMCC Meeting Centre

The Chamber has a number of beautiful and practical meeting rooms which you can hire at member-discounted rates.

Selected international trade/networking events

The Chamber runs a series of events throughout the year at which you can network. We also run a programme of trade related events which are either free or discounted for International Members.

International Trade Virtual Forum

As an international member, you can access our International Trade Forum on LinkedIn and participate in the discussions there, as well as share best practices and knowledge.

CHAMBER REWARDS CARD

Whilst you are entertaining potential new clients, the Chamber discount card allows you to unlock huge savings and incredible discounts at hundreds of places across Greater Manchester.

If you want to know more about this great offer contact:

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We look forward to working with you as one of our International Members and helping you grow your business in the UK and internationally.

ABOUT GMCC

- Greater Manchester Chamber is the largest Chamber of Commerce in the UK.
- We provide first-class business support through a range of tailored services and networking opportunities and use our influence with local and central government to lobby on behalf of our members as the voice of the Greater Manchester business community.
- The Chamber is an independent, not-for-profit private company, working to create a better business environment for its members.
- We cover Manchester, Salford, Wigan, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, Trafford, Tameside and Stockport.
- We manage a significant Employer Ownership of Skills programme, working with a large number of Greater Manchester business and training providers.
- We are an accredited member of the British Chambers of Commerce – one of only 53 chambers across the UK.
- Greater Manchester Chamber was founded in 2004, but traces its roots back to 1794.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Manchester is the 3rd most visited city in the UK after London and Edinburgh?
- Greater Manchester is home to the second largest Digital & Creative Clusters in Europe - Media City?
- Manchester is the first city to build zero carbon homes?
- The University of Manchester discover graphene, the world's thinnest, strongest and most conductive material which is revolutionising a huge number of applications from electronics to composites, to give an example?
- The North West region boost a population of over 7 million and is home to over 250,000 businesses?
- The North West region is the largest producer of pharmaceuticals in the UK and home to over 250 core biomedical companies?
- The North West region's automotive industry generates over £9bn of the total UK's Automotive Industry?
- The UK ranked in the Global Innovation Index for 2015 as the second most innovative country in the world?
- That according to UK Retail Economics, in 2013, retail internet sales were estimated to grow at a 10% per annum reaching £33bn in 2014?

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