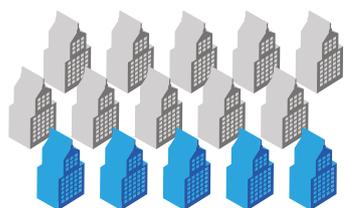


The UK: a leading centre for professional services

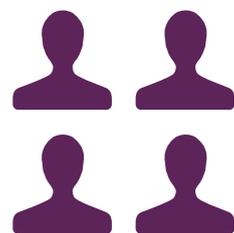


The UK has an outstanding reputation for providing specialist professional services

The quality and scale of **legal services, management consulting, accounting and auditing** is crucial to the success of the UK's financial services as well as other businesses.

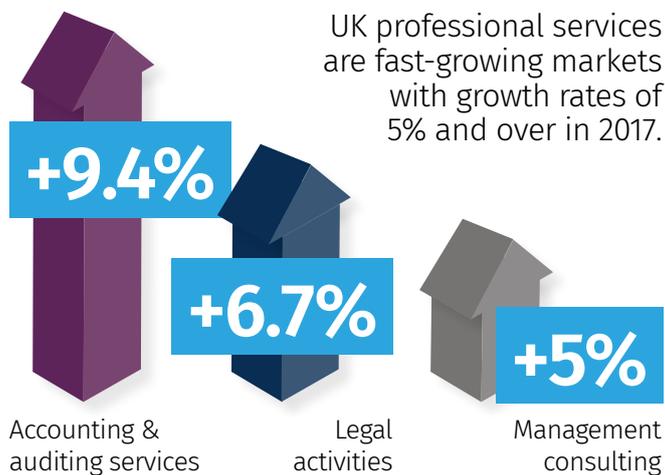


Five of the world's top 15 law firms have their main base of operations in the UK.



The **Big Four**, the biggest networks of professional services firms worldwide, all have a big presence in the UK and London - with **around 30,000 employees across the country.**

English common law is by far the most popular choice for cross-border business contracts – 48% of commercial law practitioners surveyed identified it as their preferred choice.



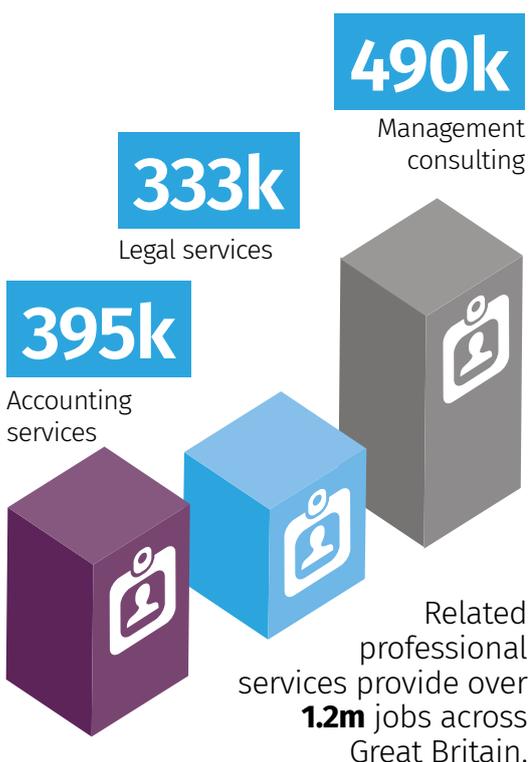
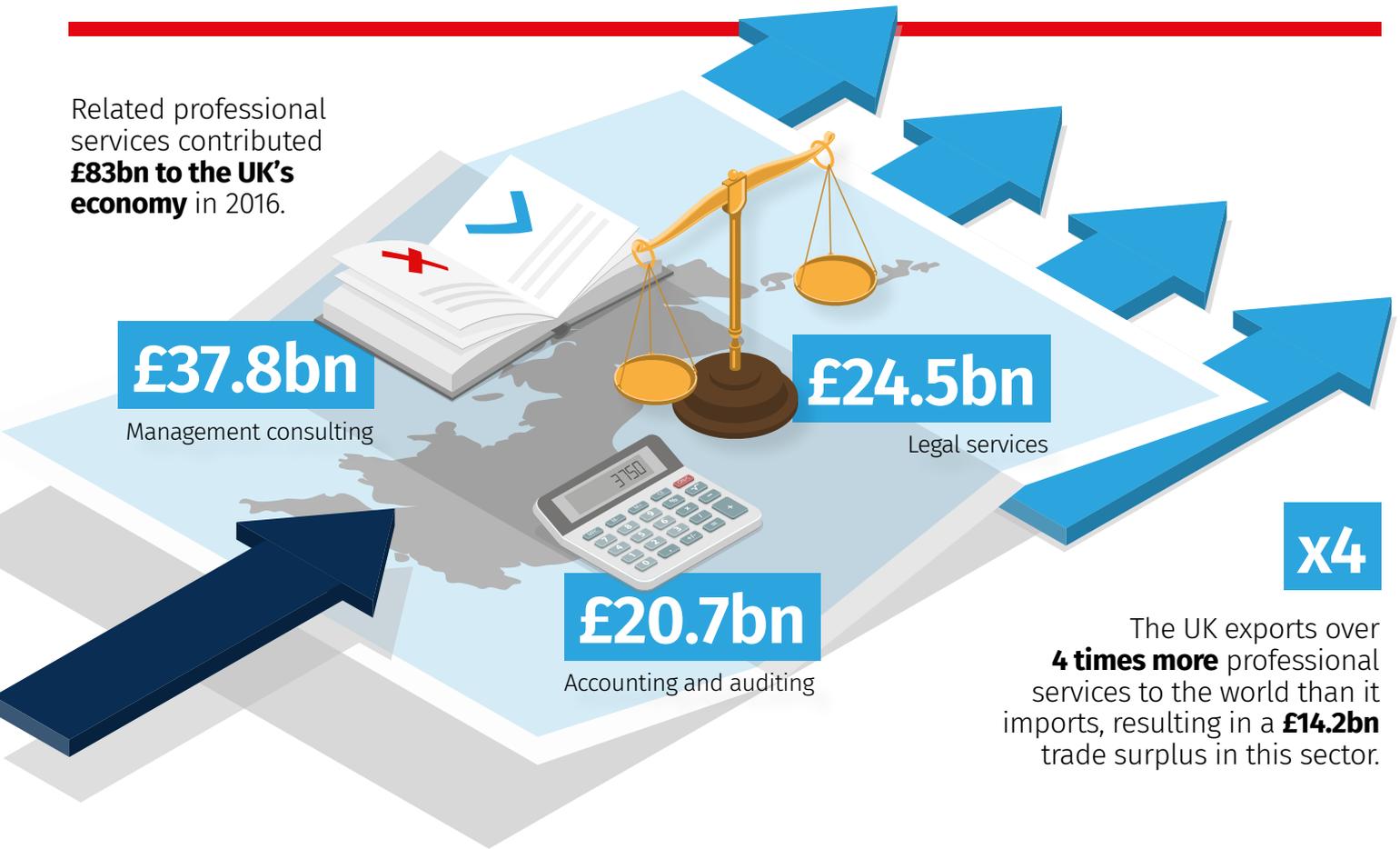
Management consultants provide highly sought-after advice on digital transformation, with this now accounting for almost 40% of their work.



Professional services in the UK: supporting the wider economy



Related professional services contributed **£83bn to the UK's economy** in 2016.



Lawyers across the UK contributed expert legal advice worth an estimated **£601m** through pro bono work in 2014, supporting individuals and community groups.



A **new flagship 18 courtroom legal centre** providing world-class expertise in tackling cyber crime, fraud and economic crime will be completed in 2025 in the Square Mile. It is developed jointly by the City of London Corporation and HM Courts and Tribunal Services.

