

# Global LEI System Business Report

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## Q4 2019

## Summary

### LEI issuance and LEI growth potential:

#### State of play

At the end of the fourth quarter of 2019, the total LEI population was around 1.5 million. Over 60,000 LEIs were issued during this quarter, compared to approximately 41,000 in the previous quarter. This represents a quarterly growth rate of 4.2% (previous quarter: 2.9%).

In the fourth quarter, China featured the highest quarterly LEI growth rate at a jurisdiction level (122.5%) followed by Turkey (13.9%), India (10.2%), Mauritius (9.8%) and Estonia (9.1%). Growth in China and India can primarily be attributed to regulatory initiatives mandating the use of the LEI. The growth in Turkey is driven by the ISIN-LEI mapping project, which mandates the use of the LEI among all issuers. In Estonia, growth may be attributed to the country-wide promotion of a digital society campaign and recent local market activity.

#### Competition in the Global LEI System

The report identifies the least and most competitive markets of those with more than 1,000 LEIs, based on the number of LEI issuers providing services in the jurisdiction. In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Netherlands, Italy, China, Spain, and Finland were the five least competitive markets in descending order. The five most competitive, also in descending order, were Lithuania, Romania, Portugal, Latvia and Malta. It is worth noting that the five least competitive markets are jurisdictions

with local governmental authorities acting as LEI Issuers, indicating that legal entities seem to have a strong preference to working with these local operating units (LOUs).

In the fourth quarter of 2019, many markets exhibited increasing competition among LEI Issuers. In particular, the United States, Australia and the Scandinavian countries (Sweden, Norway and Denmark) have shown more relatively equal market shares among the LOUs operating in these jurisdictions.

#### LEI renewal rates

The annual renewal process ensures that the legal entity and the LEI issuing organization review and re-validate the legal entity reference data at least once per year. The Global LEI System is unique in providing absolute transparency on the timeframe when data was last verified.

In the fourth quarter of 2019, the overall renewal rate<sup>1</sup> of 66.7% was lower than the previous quarter (70%). At the end of the quarter, 69.2% of all LEIs were in good standing (last quarter: 72.1%).

The renewal rate in the EU dropped to 67.3% (previous quarter 71.2%). In non-EU jurisdictions, it was also lower at 58% (previous quarter: 59.8%). In the reporting period, the five jurisdictions which demonstrated the highest renewal rates were Japan (91.3%), Finland (90.5%), Liechtenstein (87.1%), India (83.5%), and Norway (79.8%). Brazil (56.8%), the United States (55.4%), the United Kingdom (54.2%), the Russian Federation (49.1%) and Canada (47%) had the highest non-renewal rates.

### Level 1 reference data corroboration

The business card information available with the LEI reference data, e.g. the official name of a legal entity and its registered address, is referred to as 'Level 1' data. It defines 'who is who'. The Level 1 data is considered fully corroborated if, based on the validation procedures in use by the LEI issuer, there is sufficient information contained in authoritative public sources to corroborate the information provided by the legal entity for the record. If this is not the case, or the legal entity is not required to file with a local register<sup>2</sup> (e.g. fund or trust), the business card information available with an LEI record is classified as 'entity-supplied only'.

In the fourth quarter of 2019, the percentage of fully corroborated Level 1 reference data within the entire LEI population increased slightly to 80.6% from 80.1% in the previous quarter.

### Statistics on the reporting of parent information by legal entities

In the fourth quarter of 2019, approximately 1.29 million LEI registrants representing 90% of the total LEI population had reported information on direct and ultimate parents. 99.9% of LEI registrants who obtained a newly issued LEI or renewed an existing LEI in this quarter reported parent information.

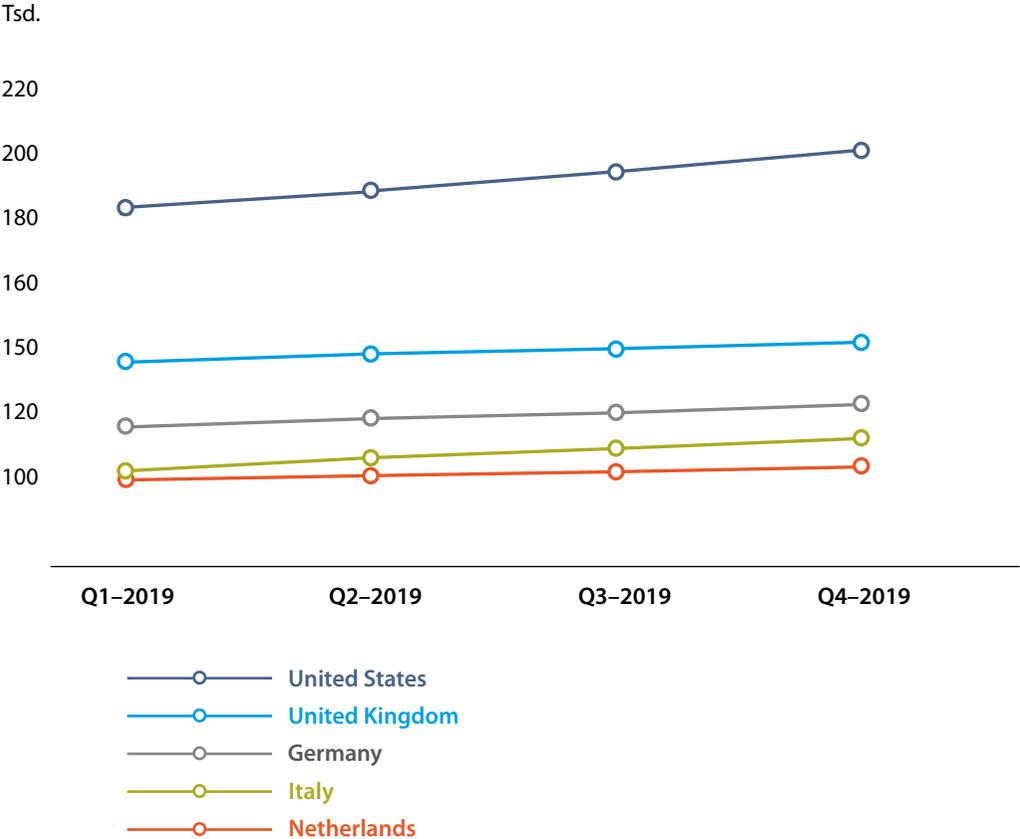
<sup>1</sup> This includes jurisdictions with at least 1,000 LEIs in total at the previous quarter-end date.

<sup>2</sup> Registration requirements vary based on jurisdiction. Please see the GLEIF Registration Authorities list for further detail: <https://www.gleif.org/en/about-lei/code-lists/gleif-registration-authorities-list>

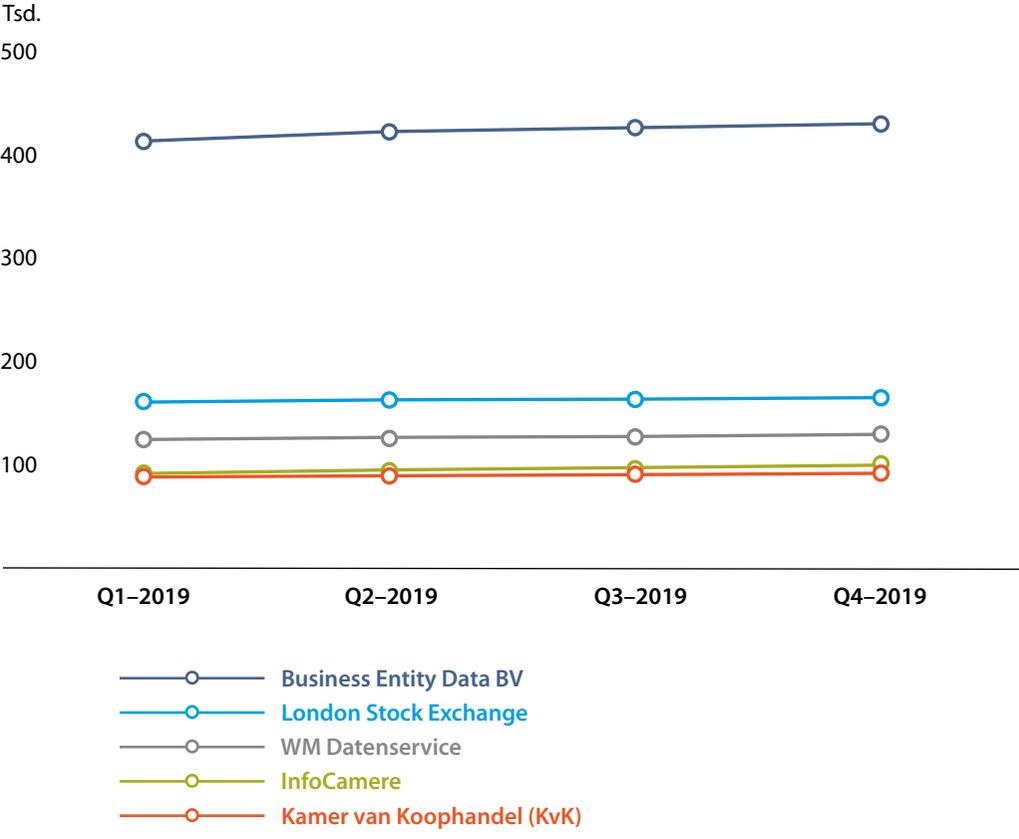


Active LEIs

Total LEI Trend-Top 5 Jurisdictions | Fig.-2

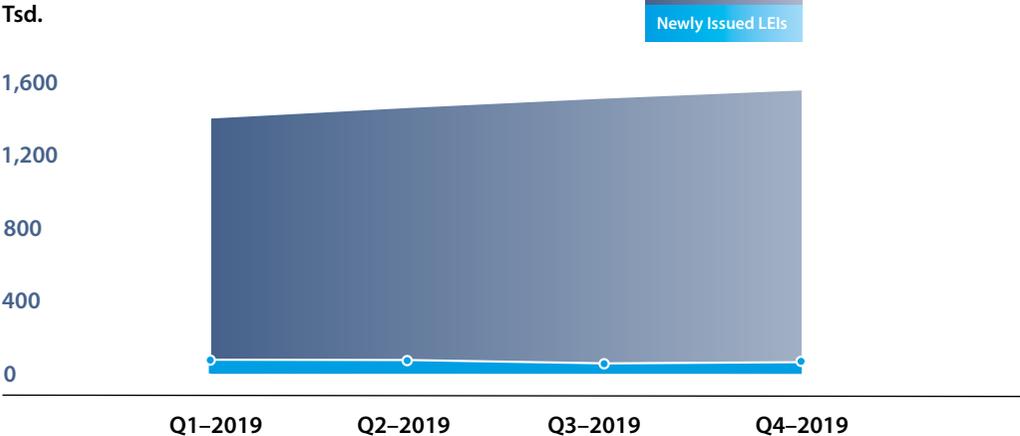


Total LEI Trend-Top 5 LEI Issuers | Fig.-3

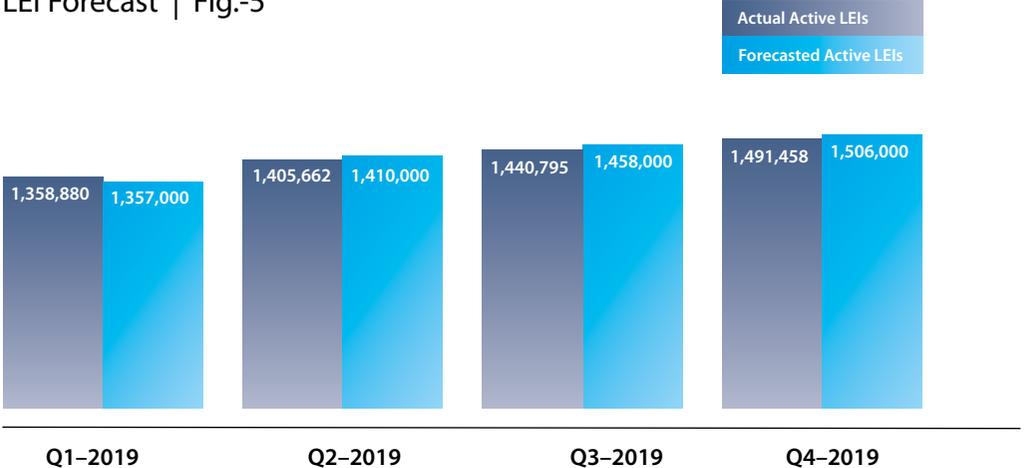


**Growth in Total Number of Active LEIs**

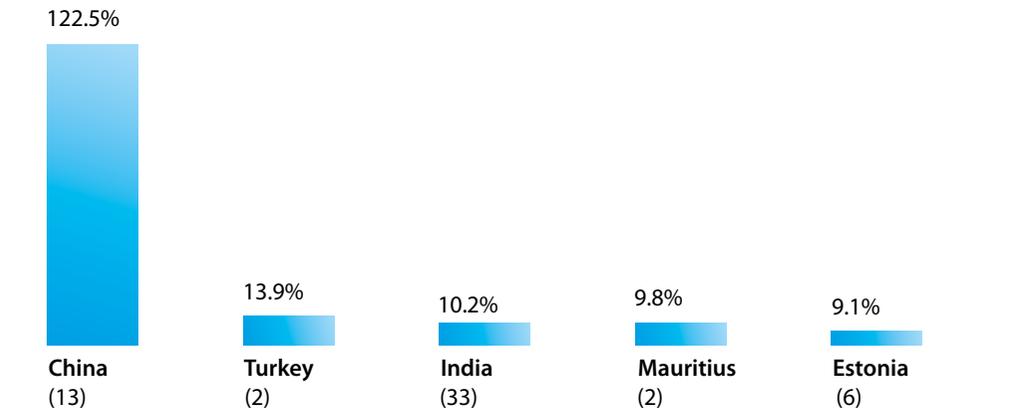
New LEI Issuance | Fig.-4



LEI Forecast | Fig.-5

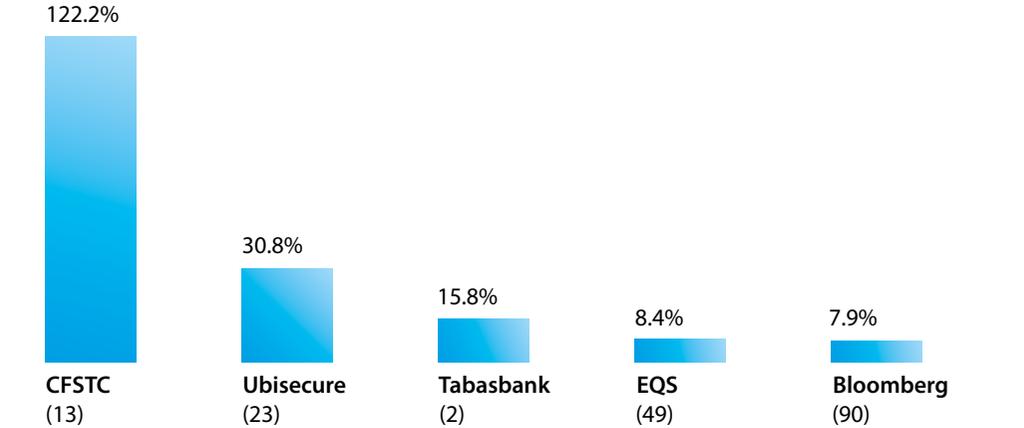


Quarterly LEI Growth – Top 5 Jurisdictions | Fig.-6<sup>1</sup>



Total issuance in thousands at most recent quarter-end date in parenthesis

Quarterly LEI Growth – Top 5 LEI Issuers | Fig.-7

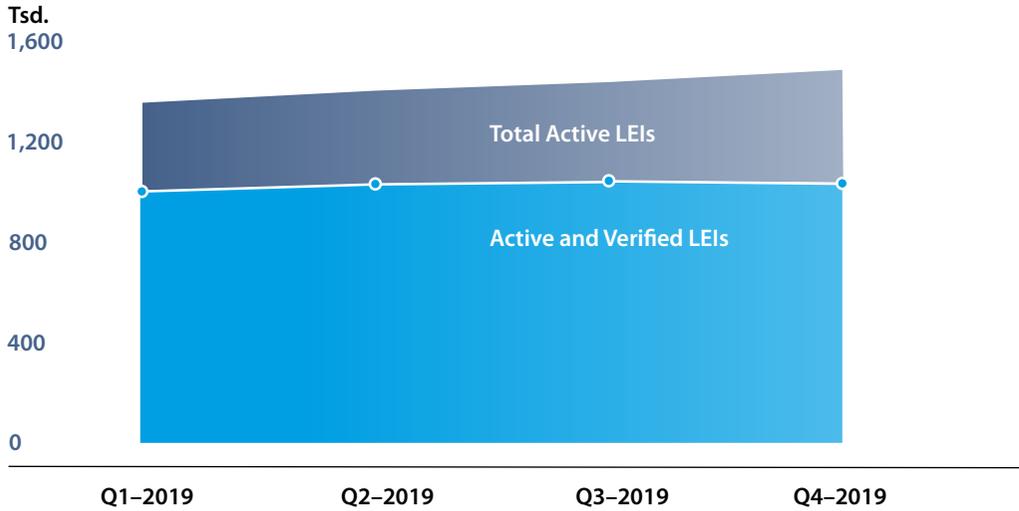


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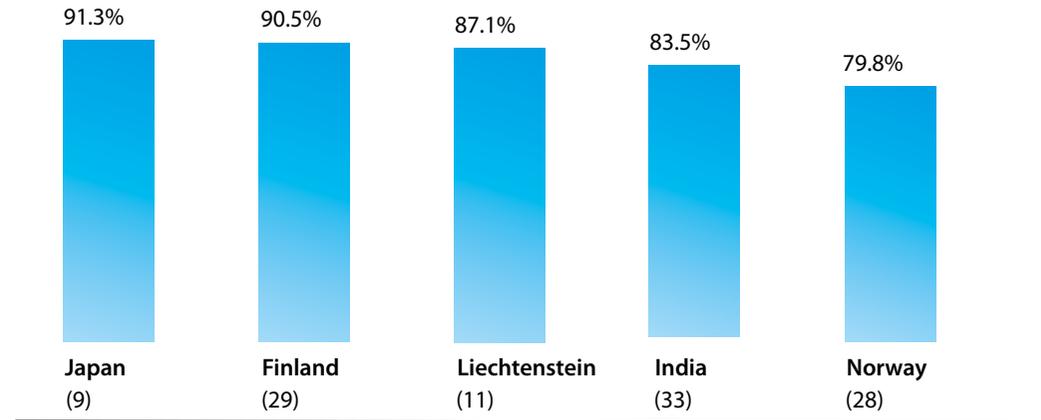
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### LEI Renewal Activity

LEI Renewal | Fig.-8

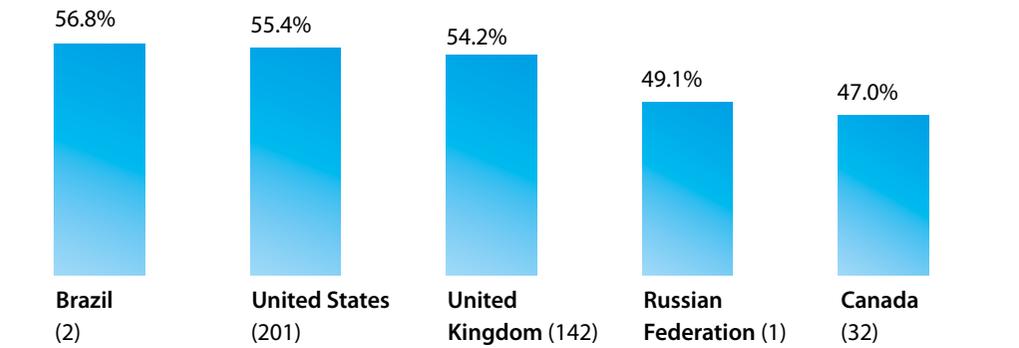


LEI Renewal – Top 5 Jurisdictions | Fig.-9<sup>1</sup>



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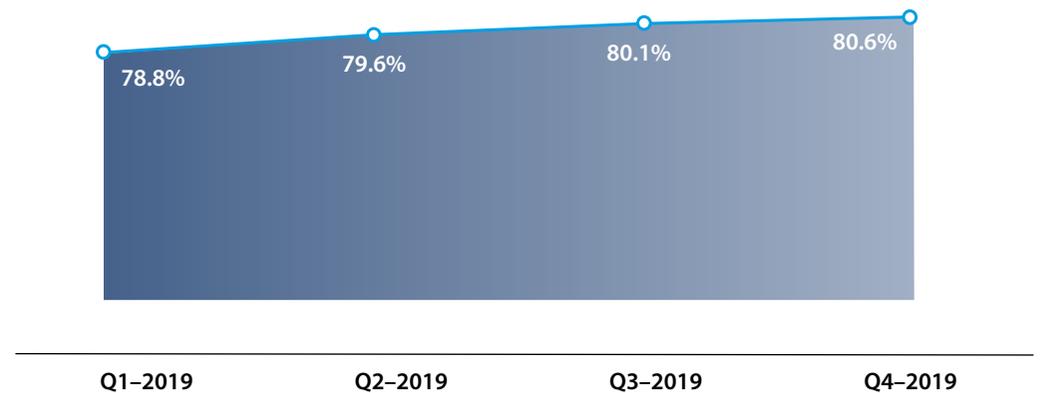
LEI non-Renewal (Lapsed LEIs) – Top 5 Jurisdictions | Fig.-10<sup>1</sup>



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### Reference Data Corroboration by LEI issuers

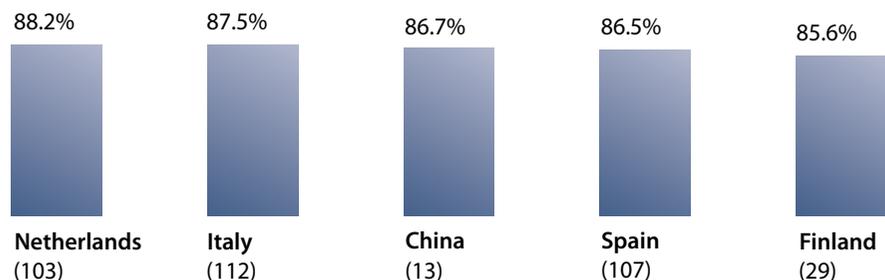
Percentage of Fully Corroborated LEIs | Fig.- 11



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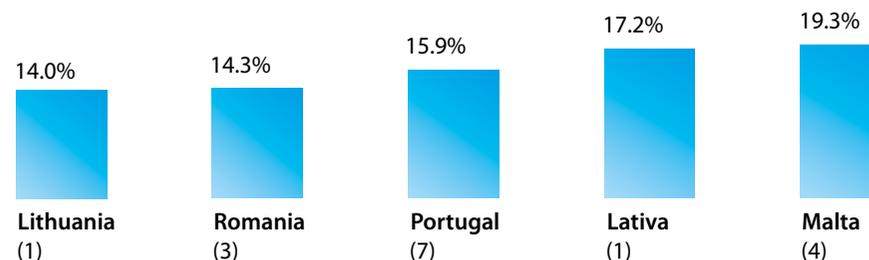
## Competition amongst LEI issuers

Least Competitive (Most Concentrated) Markets | Fig.-12<sup>1</sup>



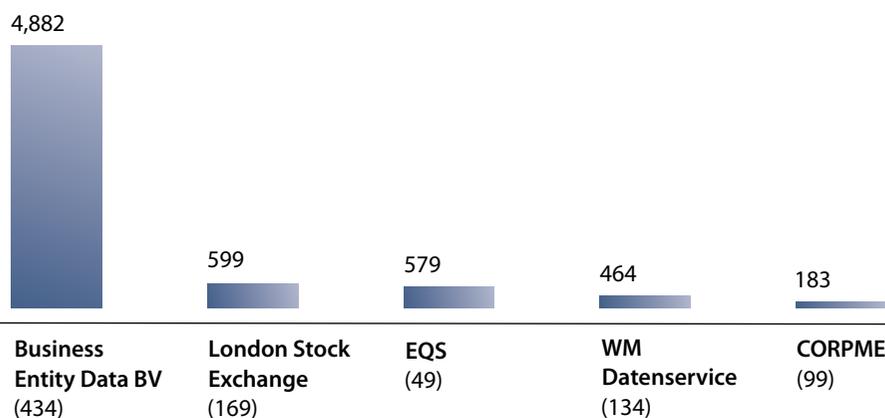
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Most Competitive (Least Concentrated) Markets | Fig.-13<sup>1</sup>



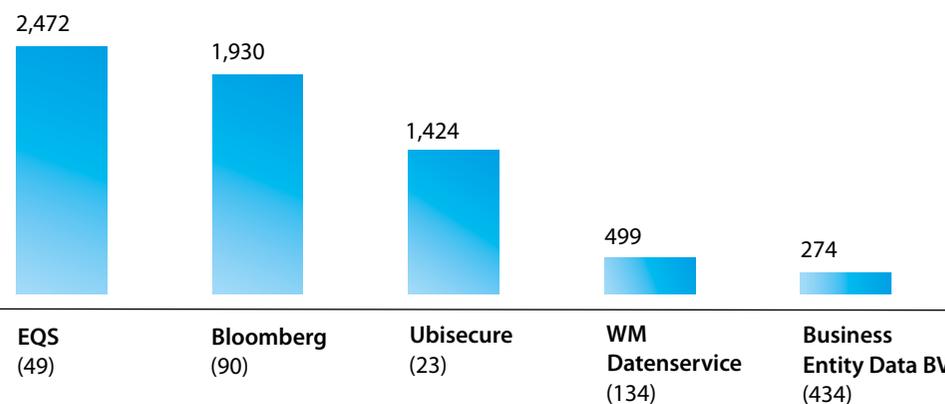
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Transfers out of LEIs – Top 5 LEI Issuers | Fig.-14



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Transfers in of LEIs – Top 5 LEI Issuers | Fig.-15

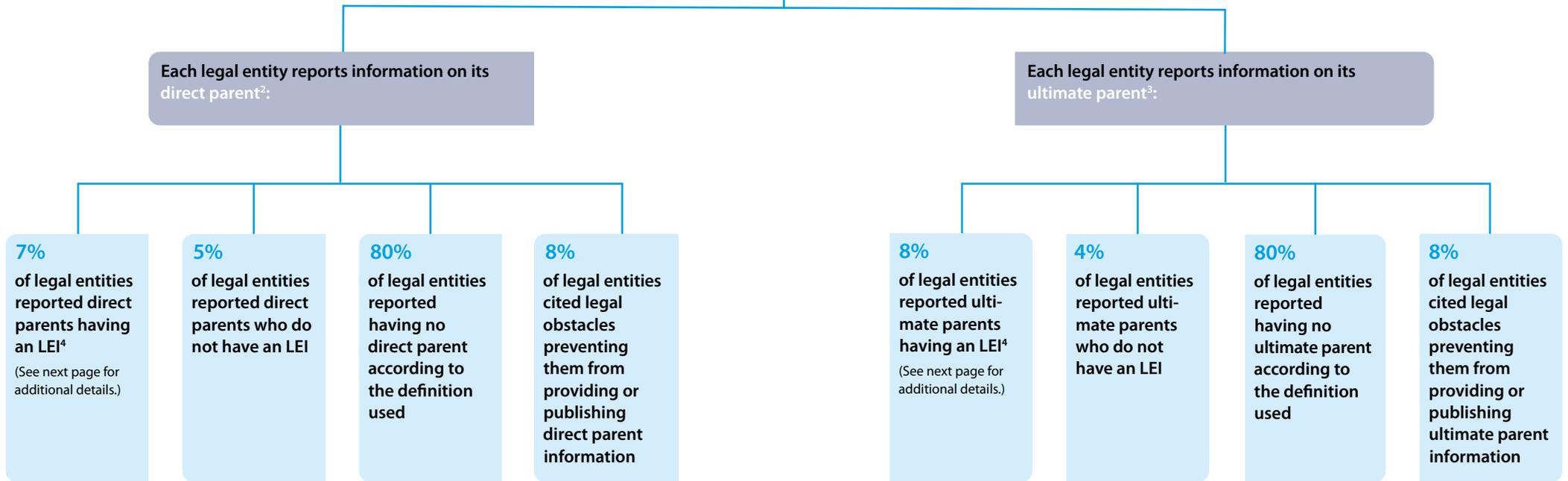
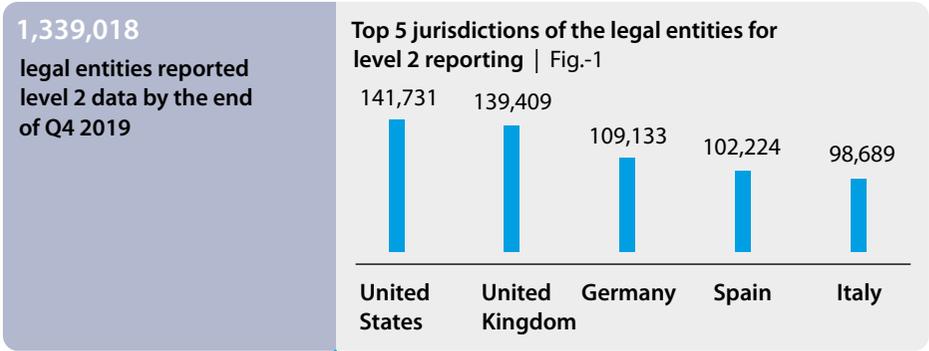


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**Level 2 data report  
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In May 2017, the process of enhancing the LEI data pool, by including ‘Level 2’ data to answer the question of ‘who owns whom’, began. The graphic below provides information on direct and ultimate parent data collected through December 2019<sup>1</sup>.

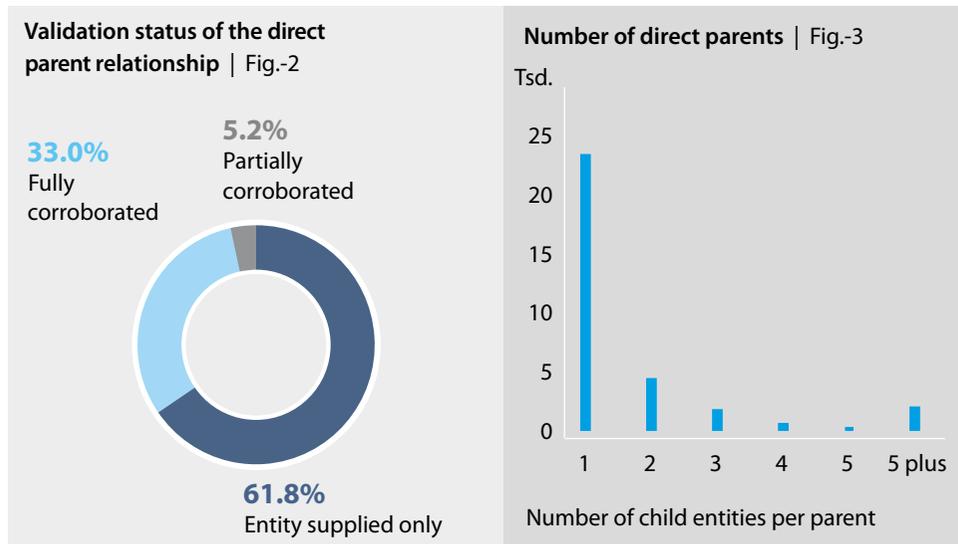


1 Referenced to level 2 relationship record CDF concatenated file dated 02 January 2020.  
 2 99.9% legal entities reported direct parent.  
 3 99.9% legal entities reported ultimate parent.  
 4 The definitions of ultimate and direct parent are based on percentage share of accounting consolidation as per LEI Regulatory Oversight Committee prescription.  
 Related link <https://www.gleif.org/en/about-lei/common-data-file-format/level-2-data-reporting-exceptions-format>

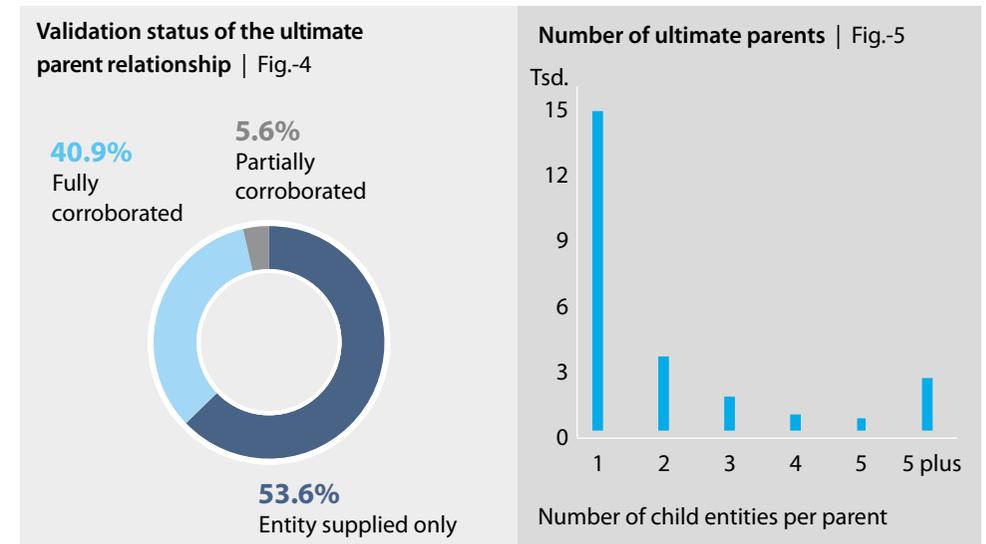
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Identification of the direct and ultimate parents of a legal entity with an LEI allows users to research entities owned by individual companies. It provides a better understanding of the entity from which a company or individual is buying goods or services or in which it is investing. The following charts provide additional information on relationships where the direct or ultimate parents are identified by an LEI.

**Additional information on direct parents having an LEI**



**Additional information on ultimate parents having an LEI**



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