



## News Release

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<b>Subject:</b>	France tops list of overseas countries with landlords using The Deposit Protection Service

Bristol, Wednesday 14 January 2015 – More than half of overseas landlords using The Deposit Protection Service (DPS) are based in Europe, with France hosting more than one in ten (13.31%), figures have revealed.

European nations dominate the listings, with Spain (6.69%), Ireland (6.43%), Germany (4.72%) and Switzerland (4.30%) all joining France in the top ten countries using the government-authorised scheme, which protects deposits for landlords and tenants during tenancies as well as resolving any disputes.

A large proportion of international landlords also hail from English-speaking nations, with more than four in ten being based in Australia (11.99%), the USA (9.21%), Ireland (6.37%) or New Zealand (3.81%).

**Kevin Firth, Director of The DPS, said:** “These figures provide a fascinating picture of the truly global diversity of landlords using the Deposit Protection Service.

“Whether you live here or overseas, if you’re renting a property out in England and Wales, you need to protect the deposit – and The DPS has attracted large numbers of users in well-known countries like France and the USA as well as nations as diverse as Aruba and Vanuatu.

“It’s in every landlord and tenant’s interests for deposits to be protected, and The DPS continues to provide the security, ease, speed and range of choices that property owners from across the UK and abroad require.”

The DPS has used the figures to produce an interactive ‘heat map’ on their website – available at <http://thedpsblog.com/the-deposit-protection-service-blog/heat-map> – which illustrates the number of landlords based in each country and the number of properties they own.

The figures also reveal that:

- All together, the Arabic-speaking world represents 4.43% of landlords based abroad, within which the United Arab Emirates (which includes Dubai and Abu Dhabi) dominates with 121 of 166 landlords from the region.
- More than four out of five international landlords (83.88%) have registered just one property with The DPS.

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- The continent with the second-highest proportion of international DPS landlords is Oceania, while 15.86%. Asia (11.89%) and North America (11.15%) are third and fourth, with 285 landlords being based in the USA (9.21%) and 84 (1.94%) in Canada.
- Within the continents, South Africa has by far the most amount of DPS landlords in Africa (74 of 90 in total), Brazil has the most amount of landlords in South America (seven of 13) and Hong Kong – a Special Administrative Region of China – dwarfs the mainland’s total with 155 or 5.01% of the global total, a figure most likely inflated by European expats rather than Chinese landlords alone.
- Malaysian landlords have the highest average number of DPS properties each (4.37)%, while an average of one person in every 5,707 residents in the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories with international landlords has at least one property registered.
- International landlords from China and Russia represent 0.65% and 0.1% respectively.

Since 2007, all deposits in England and Wales paid under assured shorthold tenancies should have been protected by the landlord as part of the 2004 Housing Act.

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**Notes**

1. The Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories with DPS landlords are Gibraltar, the Falkland Islands, the Channel Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Isle of Man, Bermuda and Turks and Caicos Islands

**About The DPS**

The Deposit Protection Service is the custodial tenancy deposit protection scheme accredited by the Government. It is provided free of charge, and funded entirely by the interest earned from deposits held in the scheme. The DPS was approved by the UK government to run an insured TDP scheme in September 2012 in addition to the approval it has already been granted by the UK government in respect of the custodial scheme. The DPS is run by [Computershare Investor Services PLC](#). Online self-service allows landlords to register and make deposit payments, transfers and repayments 24 hours a day. Help and advice is available through a dedicated call centre during office hours. An impartial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) service, helps to resolve any disputes quickly and without the need for court action. For more information, visit [www.depositprotection.com](http://www.depositprotection.com)

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