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The analysis of the largest cities role in the structure of national economies shows the effectiveness of the urban economic system, highest city productivity as compared with the same average data for the region. Cities differ in high-growth regional GDP, outstripping their corresponding figures in the country, which owns this city. The traditional urban industrial structure is focused on the provision of services and development of high-tech goods. An additional condition for the global cities formation is the result of the transnational corporations work. Criteria analysis of the main cities identified the leadership of New York, Tokyo and London, the rapid growth of world economic importance of cities the Asia-Pacific region, the BRIC countries. Also we can note a renaissance of the main cities as educational and research centers.

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