

Syrian Banking and Investment Conference - Damascus

Investment Promotion

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- Leadership - A champion of reforms
- Investment in People
- Equal Opportunity
- Responsive to change
- Research/development in science and technology
- Policy of Peace and Stability
- Economic Policies

Economic Policies

1 - Size of the government

Gov. influence in economic or business decisions (incentives/subsidies, legislation, ownership and government expenditure).

Size of the government as net producer and consumer (percentage of GDP).

Number, scale and types of government Enterprises.

Taxation.

1- Size of Government

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
Hong Kong	9.1
El Salvador	9.0
Honduras	8.9
Mauritania	5.8
Syria	4.9
Algeria	4.9
Slovenia	2.5
Angola	0.8

2 - Legal Structure

- Impartiality of judiciary
- Independence
- Access to justice
- Efficiency and speed of legal system
- Protection of property rights
- Enforcement of Contracts

2- Legal Structure

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
Finland	9.0
Denmark	9.0
Norway	8.9
Mauritania	5.4
Algeria	5.1
Syria	5.0
Chad	2.3
Congo, Dem. R.	2.1

3 - Access to Sound Money

- Power, responsibility and independence of the Central Bank.
- Inflation rate.
- Access to foreign currencies.
- Local/foreign currency controls.

3- Access to Sound Money

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
Japan	9.7
Taiwan	9.7
Netherlands	9.7
Syria	7.3
Mauritania	7.1
Algeria	6.3
Myanmar	4.1
Zimbabwe	0.0

4 - Freedom to exchange with foreigners

- Taxes on international trade.
- Regulatory trade barriers.
- International capital market controls.
- Access to foreign capital
- Restrictions on foreign capital transactions

4- Freedom to Exchange with foreigners

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
Hong Kong	9.5
Singapore	9.4
UAE	8.5
Mauritania	6.6
Algeria	6.3
Syria	6.1
Zimbabwe	2.7
Myanmar	2.3

5 - Regulation of credit, labour & business

Credit market regulations (banks, extension of credit, interest rate controls)

Labour market regulations (localization of labour, impact of minimum wage, hiring and firing practices)

Business regulations (price controls, barriers to enter new business, effect of bureaucracy on business efficiency/productivity)

5.1- Regulations of credit

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
New Zealand	10
Estonia	10
UK	9.8
USA	9.4
Mauritania	9.2
Algeria	5.9
Syria	4.8
Congo Dem. R	2.8

5.2- Regulations of labor

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
Uganda	8.4
USA	8.3
Hong Kong	8.1
Mauritania	6.4
Algeria	4.2
Syria	3.7
Cyprus	2.9
Iran	2.5

5.3 - Regulations of business

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
Iceland	8.6
Finland	8.5
Singapore	8.4
Algeria	5.4
Syria	4.6
Mauritania	4.4
Congo Dem. R	3.1
Angola	2.9

5 - Regulations of Credit, Labor, & business

Source: IRF - 2008

Country	Score
Iceland	8.7
New Zealand	8.7
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Summary Ratings

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Hong Kong	9.0
Singapore	8.6
New Zealand	8.3
Mauritania	6.3
Algeria	5.6
Syria	5.5
Angola	4.1
Zimbabwe	2.7

Thank You