## IDENTIFYING FAVORABLE MARKETS FOR TRADE INVESTMENTS

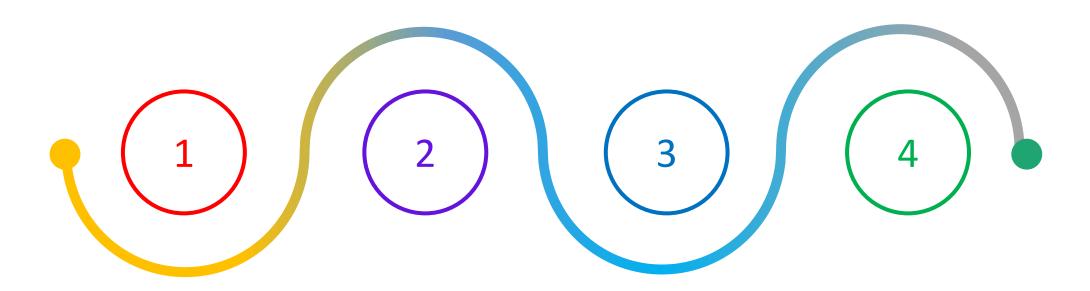
# WORLD ECONOMIC FREEDOM INDEX

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### **AGENDA**

- What are the markers for economic freedom?
- Opportunities for Singapore. A guide for stakeholders.
- Comparison of economic indicators and results
- Recommendations for stakeholders

### 4 categories of economic freedom:



#### **RULE OF LAW**

- Property Rights
- Government Integrity
- Judicial Effectiveness

#### **GOVERNMENT**

- Government Spending
- Fiscal Health
- Tax Burden

#### **REGULATORY**

- Business Freedom
- Labour Freedom
- Monetary Freedom

#### **OPEN MARKETS**

- Trade Freedom
- Investment Freedom
- Financial Freedom

#### TRADE AND BUSINESS **OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD**

**STAKEHOLDERS** 

#### **MTI (MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY):**

Trade opportunities, Free-trade agreements, Overseas investments





#### **MFA (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS):**

Diplomacy, bilateral and multi-lateral relations/agreement.

#### **ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE:**

Funding and advisory support for local enterprises to expand overseas







#### **FLA (FRANCHISE AND LICENSING ASSOCIATION):**

*Identify overseas* markets to franchise SG brands and products.

### **BUSINESS QUESTIONS**

Safe to put capital



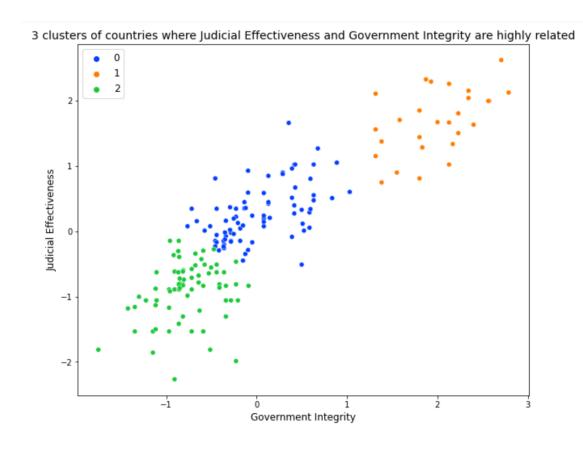


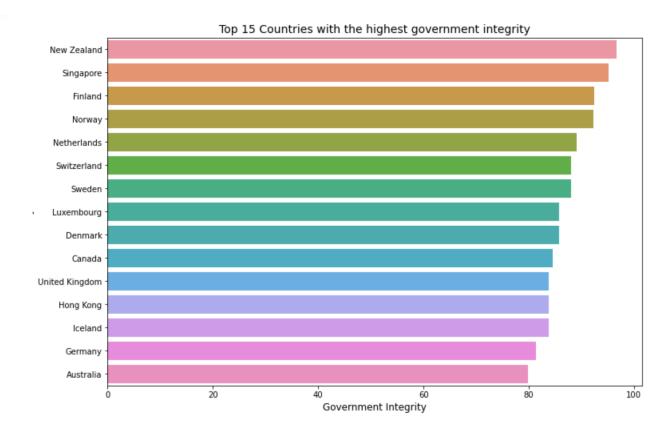
Availability of labor and skills

Tax-friendly

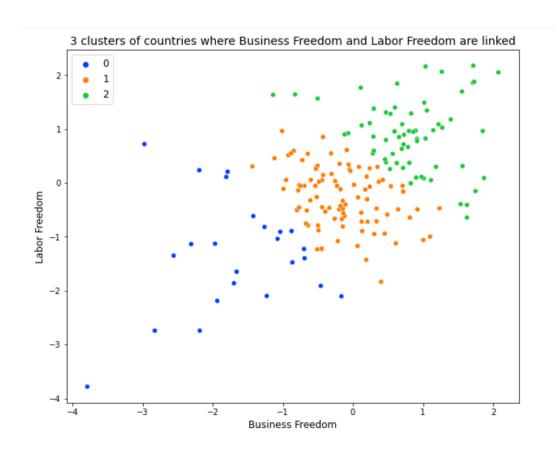


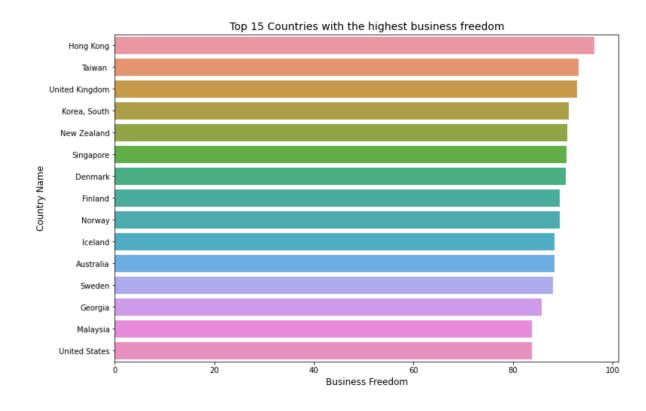
# Rule of law - \$\$\$ safe



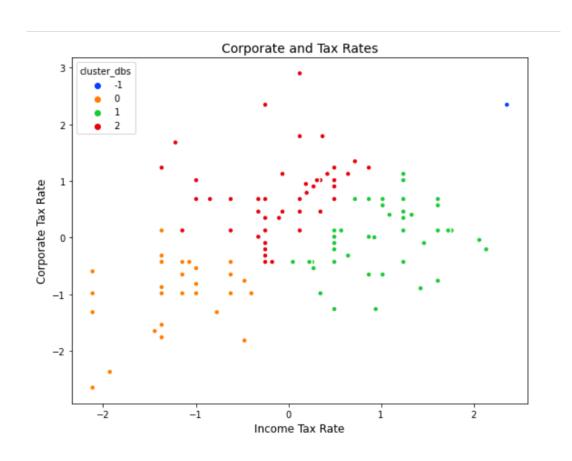


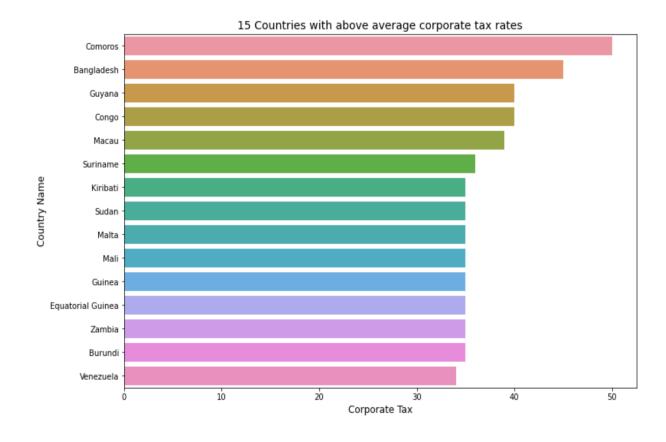
### Workforce freedom and availability



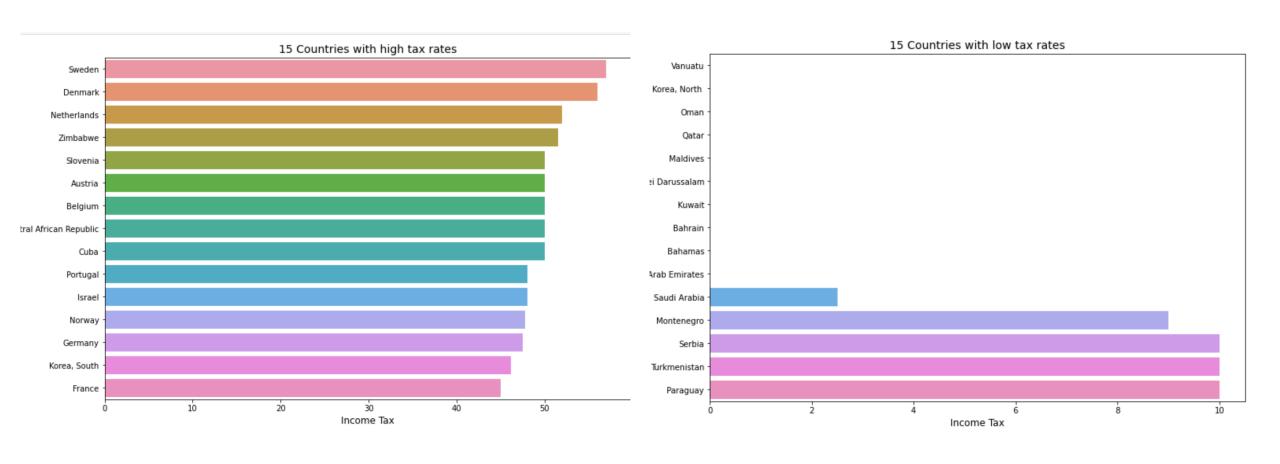


### Highest corporate taxes





## Tax rates: highest or relaxed



### Recommendations

#### Singapore companies should focus on

1. <u>Business friendly</u> markets:

Georgia, Taiwan, UK, USA

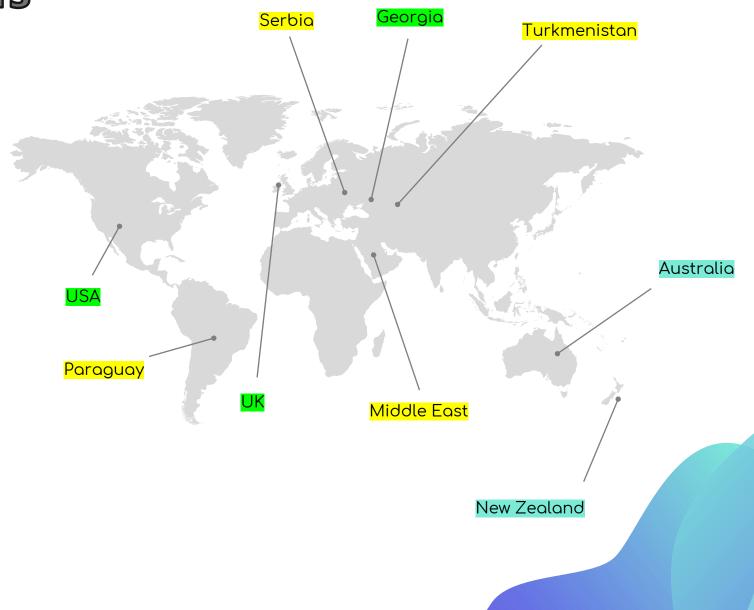
2. <u>Tax-friendly</u> markets: Middle

East, Paraguay, Serbia,

Turkmenistan

3. Stable governance and rule of

law: Australia, UK, New Zealand



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