

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



## United Arab Emirates

GDP (US\$ billions) (2015)	Population (millions) (2015)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2015)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
354.1	9.2	38,667.3	NA	32.0

### Macro Indicators

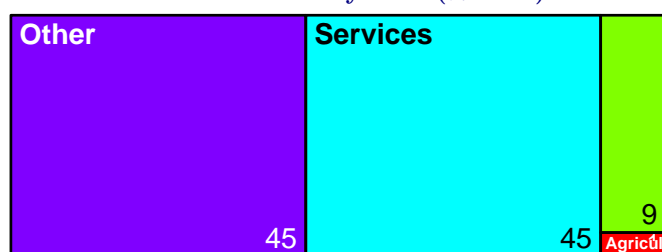
	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	4.05	7.20	4.28	4.58	2.97	3.10	
Current account balance	6.20	21.32	18.47	13.74	5.00	5.90	
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	6.18	9.52	10.43	4.96	-2.94	0.17	
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	19.13	23.77	24.47	24.28	23.08	23.52	
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	22.61	23.15	23.19	24.33	—	—	
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	3.76	2.58	2.61	2.48	—	—	
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	18.47	11.41	—	—	—	—	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	118.04	177.57	183.77	188.53	201.22	215.75	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	15.29	13.65	10.08	12.23	13.68	12.92	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	11.14	13.11	5.72	8.30	10.22	9.71	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	14.61	14.49	10.49	6.16	9.53	11.51	
General government gross debt [3]	11.14	17.04	15.87	15.68	18.86	18.31	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	93.26	93.75	99.90	114.40	101.38	102.81	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.89	0.67	1.10	2.34	2.77	2.80	

Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

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### Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

### Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, NA

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### Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	3	2	1
Ease of Doing Business Rank	32	31	1
Enforcing Contracts	27	18	9
Getting Credit	90	97	-7
Getting Electricity	4	4	0
Paying Taxes	1	1	0
Protecting Minority Investors	64	49	15
Registering Property	10	10	0
Resolving Insolvency	90	91	-1
Starting a Business	57	60	-3
Trading Across Borders	100	101	-1

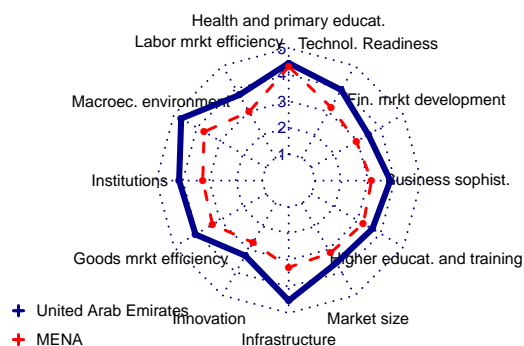
### Imports Categories by % of Total Value, NA

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Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

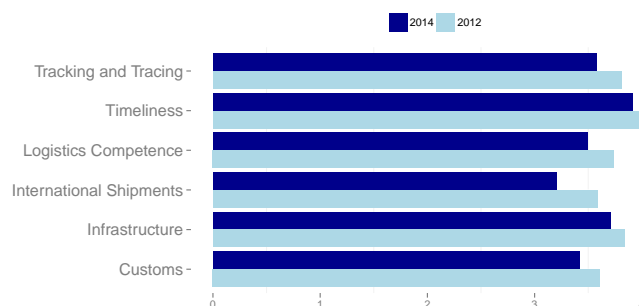
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

## WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



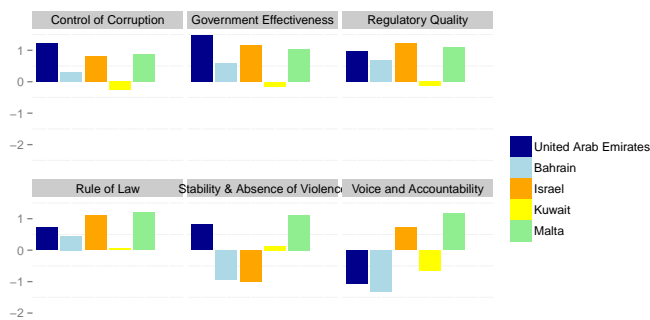
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

## World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## Trade Policy

	2011	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	4.76	4.0
Binding (%)	99.98	100.0
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	2.9	11.7
Import duties collected (% , 2011-2013) [1]	—	1.0
MFN Tariff (Agricul.)	5.11	5.5
MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)	4.7	4.6
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	4.72	4.7
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	46.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

## Private Sector's Views

### Enterprise Survey 2013

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Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)

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### Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015