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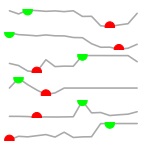
T&C Snapshots Data Note

Syrian Arab Republic

GDP (US$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US$) (2016)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
31	23	1,324	11	175

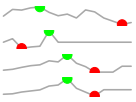
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	3.537	-19.466	-20.578	-18.003	-15.842	1.700
Current account balance	0.944	-20.447	-20.277	-24.051	-22.252	-14.817
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-1.869	-0.010	-0.018	-0.022	-0.022	—
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	3.054	—	—	—	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	41.807	41.553	26.453	30.207	33.283	45.499
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	5.162	36.702	36.857	36.857	36.857	36.857



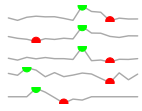
Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	21.1	21.8	18.0	16.0	14.0	15.2
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	21.2	—	—	—	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	10.5	0.0	NA	—	—	—



Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	75.2	94.2	56.6	68.2	64.5	64.8
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	6.8	23.6	9.4	4.8	12.0	11.8
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	18.0	-22.2	-55.5	-9.3	-11.8	1.7
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	6.8	-22.3	-46.8	10.1	-30.4	2.7
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	13.2	—	—	—	—	—



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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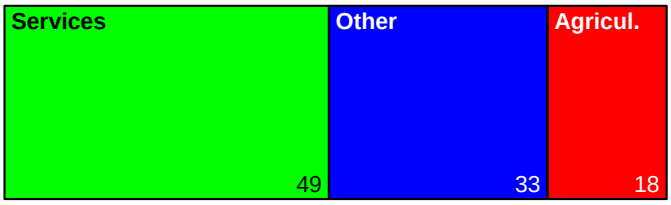
Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, NA

Data not available

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, NA

Data not available

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	189	189	0
Ease of Doing Business Rank	173	175	-2
Enforcing Contracts	157	157	0
Getting Credit	165	167	-2
Getting Electricity	121	120	1
Paying Taxes	118	119	-1
Protecting Minority Investors	87	88	-1
Registering Property	136	136	0
Resolving Insolvency	151	157	-6
Starting a Business	152	127	25
Trading Across Borders	173	173	0

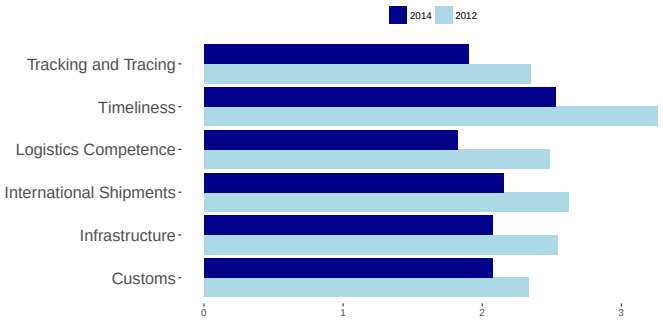
Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

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

Data not available

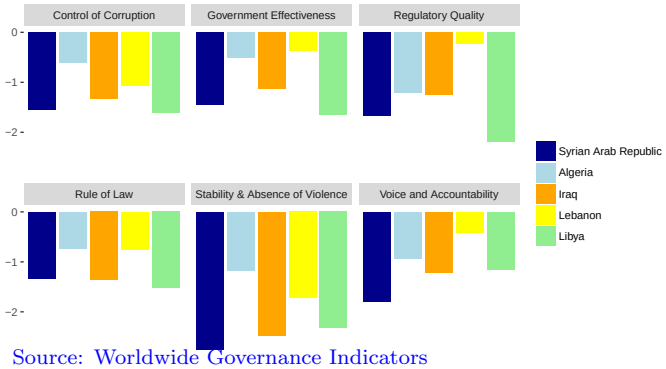
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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

	2010	2013
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	12.0	15.0
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	18.0	26.0
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	23.0	25.0
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	13.0	15.0
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	14.0	16.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

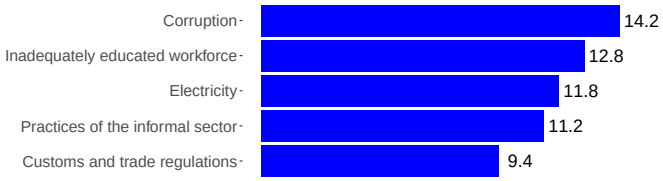
Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

	Syrian Arab Republic	Middle East and North Africa	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	—	17.60	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	37.4	25.60	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	9.9	13.60	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	79	72.70	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	12.2	9.10	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013
(% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

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

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Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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Most Recent

Product	Document Date
None	

Planned

Product	Concept Review Date	Board Date
None		

WB Lending Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Begin Appraisal	Commitment (US$M)	Latest Sort Overall Risk Rating	FY Expenses (US$K)	Cum Expenses (US$K)	FY Prob
None										

WB Portfolio

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Undisbursed Balance (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	Overall Risk	Months in Problem Status
None											

Closed

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	IEG Outcome Rating
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WB ASA

Active

Task ID	Task Name	Team Leader	Management Approval Date	Product Line	RAS (Y/N)	Current Expenditure BB (US$K)	Current Expenditure Total (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure BB (US$K)	Lifetime Expenditure Total (US$K)
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P117518	SY - Trade Policy Reform Program	Jorge A. de Thompson R. Araujo	2010-06-30	EW	N	—	0	77	155
P113209	SY - Trade Policy Review	Jorge A. de Thompson R. Araujo	2009-08-03	EW	N	—	0	235	252
P079242	Syria Trade and Vision	Jorge A. de Thompson R. Araujo	2004-12-28	EW	N	—	0	136	136
P079243	Syria trade TA	Sebastien C. Dessus	2003-06-30	TA	N	—	0	45	45

IFC ASA

Active

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Pipeline

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