



# Snapshots Data Note



### Lao PDR

| GDP (US\$        | Population | Income per      | Poverty rate | Unemployment |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| billions) (2017) | (millions) | capita (current | (2012)       | rate (2014)  |
|                  | (2017)     | US\$) (2017)    |              |              |
| 14.8             | 7.0        | 2,106.1         | 29.9         | 1.4          |

#### **Macro Indicators**

|   | Avg 2003-2012 | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GDP growth (annual %)                       | 7.28          | 8.52   | 7.46   | 6.38   | 6.98   | 6.93   |
| Current account balance                     | -1.73         | -3.69  | -2.04  | -0.88  | 0.21   | 1.06   |
| Fiscal balance (% of GDP)                   | -3.82         | -6.01  | -3.77  | -4.08  | -3.76  | -3.57  |
| Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]        | 0.39          | 0.53   | _      | _      | _      | _      |
| Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)     | 87.71         | 105.52 | 103.76 | 104.93 | 103.99 | 102.94 |
| Consumer Price Index, annual percent change | 7.36          | 6.36   | 4.15   | 2.00   | 4.00   | 4.00   |



#### **Investment indicators**

|   | Avg 2003-2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Gross domestic investment (% GDP)                               | 24.5          | 30.1 | 32.7 | 34.0 | 34.0 | 34.4 |
| Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1] | 27.1          | 29.2 | 30.1 | _    | _    |      |
| Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]                                       | 3.1           | 4.0  | 6.2  |      | _    | _    |
| Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]                         | 9.9           | NA   | _    | _    | _    | _    |



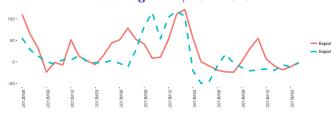
#### **Trade Indicators**

|   | Avg 2003-2012 | 2013 | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  |
|---|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)        | 76.5          | 91.5 | 98.7  | 97.5  | 97.5  | 97.2  |
| Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)                               | -9.7          | -9.9 | -10.5 | -11.3 | -10.5 | -10.0 |
| Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms) | 9.7           | 14.0 | 16.0  | 4.0   | 8.1   | 7.2   |
| Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms) | 8.4           | 13.0 | 15.8  | 6.0   | 6.2   | 6.1   |
| Total reserves in months of imports [1]                         | 5.4           | 3.4  |       |       | _     |       |

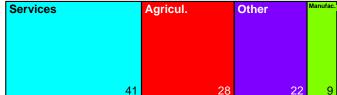


Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



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

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

Data not available

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, NA

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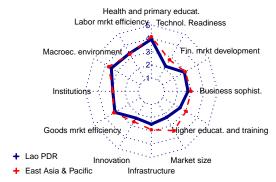
|                                   | DB 2015 Rank | DB 2016 Rank | Change in Rank |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dealing with Construction Permits | 41           | 42           | -1             |
| Ease of Doing Business Rank       | 139          | 134          | 5              |
| Enforcing Contracts               | 92           | 92           | 0              |
| Getting Credit                    | 128          | 70           | 58             |
| Getting Electricity               | 158          | 158          | 0              |
| Paying Taxes                      | 127          | 127          | 0              |
| Protecting Minority Investors     | 177          | 178          | -1             |
| Registering Property              | 65           | 66           | -1             |
| Resolving Insolvency              | 189          | 189          | 0              |
| Starting a Business               | 145          | 153          | -8             |
| Trading Across Borders            | 108          | 108          | 0              |

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

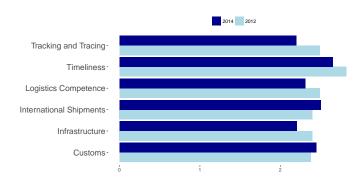
### WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(Scale 1-5, 5=best)



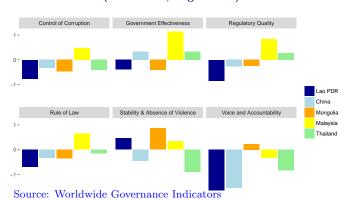
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

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



### **Trade Policy**

|  | 2014 |
|--|------|
| Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted) | 4.5  |
| Dispersion (Standard Deviation)                    | 9.0  |
| Import duties collected (%, 2011-2013) [1]         | 4.2  |
| MFN Tariff (Agriculture)                           | 19.9 |
| MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)                       | 8.1  |
| MFN Tariff (Simple Average)                        | 9.7  |
| Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]         | 79.0 |

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

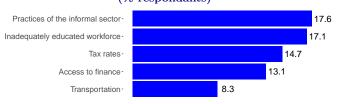
### Private Sector View

### **Enterprise Survey 2012**

|   | Lao PDR | East Asia and Pacific | All Countries |
|---|---------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Number of electrical outages in a typical month   | 2.30    | 3.50                  | 6.30          |
| Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit  | 32.60   | 35.00                 | 34.30         |
| Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)  | 9.30    | 12.80                 | 14.30         |
| Proportion of investment financed internally (%)  | 81.00   | 74.70                 | 71.80         |
| Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%) | 5.80    | 6.70                  | 9.90          |

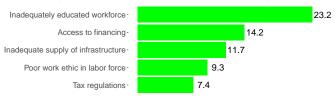
Source: Enterprise Survey 2012

## Top 5 constraints according to ES 2012 (% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2012

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



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

