



# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



# Saudi Arabia

GDP (US\$	Population	Income per	Unemployment	Ease of Doing
billions) (2015)	(millions)	capita (current	rate (2015)	Business Rank
	(2015)	US\$) (2015)		(2015)
642	32	20,345	NA	84

**Macro Indicators** 

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	5.582	5.371	2.663	3.593	2.800	2.400
Current account balance	15.749	22.464	18.212	10.667	-0.900	2.400
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	10.022	11.111	5.131	-3.851	-19.523	-12.591
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	19.449	25.657	26.392	26.078	24.364	25.707
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	24.476	26.339	26.241	27.786	_	_
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	3.981	1.660	1.184	1.059	_	_
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	17.441	7.728	_	_	_	_
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	83.820	81.228	80.370	81.962	83.773	83.702
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	31.566	16.464	14.962	11.663	12.038	11.266
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	3.870	3.393	0.183	1.738	5.200	1.500
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	11.570	7.669	3.684	11.339	4.900	3.400
Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.037	0.034	0.036	0.036	_	_
General government gross debt [3]	36.102	3.590	2.154	1.583	6.720	17.342
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	26.717	35.481	36.645	33.588	_	_
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	114.491	100.817	106.333	105.979	87.259	95.235
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	2.844	2.874	3.521	2.676	2.000	2.400

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: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2013

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Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2013

Consumer goods		Intermediate goods	
35	33	24	8

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

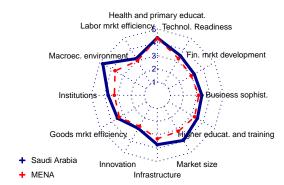
## Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	17	17	0
Ease of Doing Business Rank	84	82	2
Enforcing Contracts	86	86	0
Getting Credit	71	79	-8
Getting Electricity	25	24	1
Paying Taxes	3	3	0
Protecting Minority Investors	98	99	-1
Registering Property	49	31	18
Resolving Insolvency	189	189	0
Starting a Business	124	130	-6
Trading Across Borders	151	150	1

Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

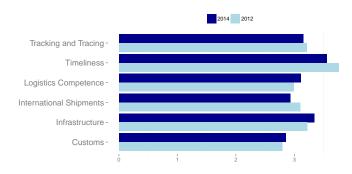
# WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(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)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

#### Trade Policy

	2011	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	4.8	4
Binding (%)	100	100
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	3	11.5
Import duties collected [1]	_	_
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	4.3	5.5
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	4.9	4.6
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	4.8	4.7
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]		120

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 (% respondants)

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



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

