



Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



Saudi Arabia

GDP (US\$	Population	Income per	Unemployment	Ease of Doing
billions) (2016)	(millions)	capita (current	rate (2014)	Business Rank
	(2016)	US\$) (2016)		(2016)
678.0	32.2	21,082.3	5.6	82.0

Macro Indicators						
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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
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	10.022	11.111	5.131	-3.851	-19.523	-12.591
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.037	0.034	0.036	0.036	_	_
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	114.491	100.817	106.333	105.979	87.259	95.235
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Investment indicators	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	19.4	25.7	26.4	26.1	24.4	25.7
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Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	4.0	1.7	1.2	1.1		
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Trade Indicators	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	83.82	81.23	80.37	81.96	83.77	83.70	_
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	31.57	16.46	14.96	11.66	12.04	11.27	
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Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	11.57	7.67	3.68	11.34	4.90	3.40	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	26.72	35.48	36.64	33.59	_	_	



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

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

Data not available

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, 2013

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

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Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2013

Consumer goods	Capital goods	Intermediate goods	Raw materials
35	33	24	8

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

	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

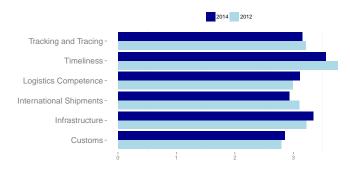
WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(Scale 1-5, 5=best)

Health and primary educat. Labor mrkt efficiency. Technol. Readiness Macroec. environment 3: Fin. mrkt development 2: Institutions Business sophist. Goods mrkt efficiency Higher educat. and training + Saudi Arabia Innovation Market size Infrastructure

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

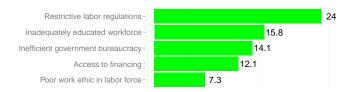
Key Subsection CountryCode Period Scale Observation Source IndicatorShort

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondants)

Data not available

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



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

