

## ENFORCING CONTRACTS

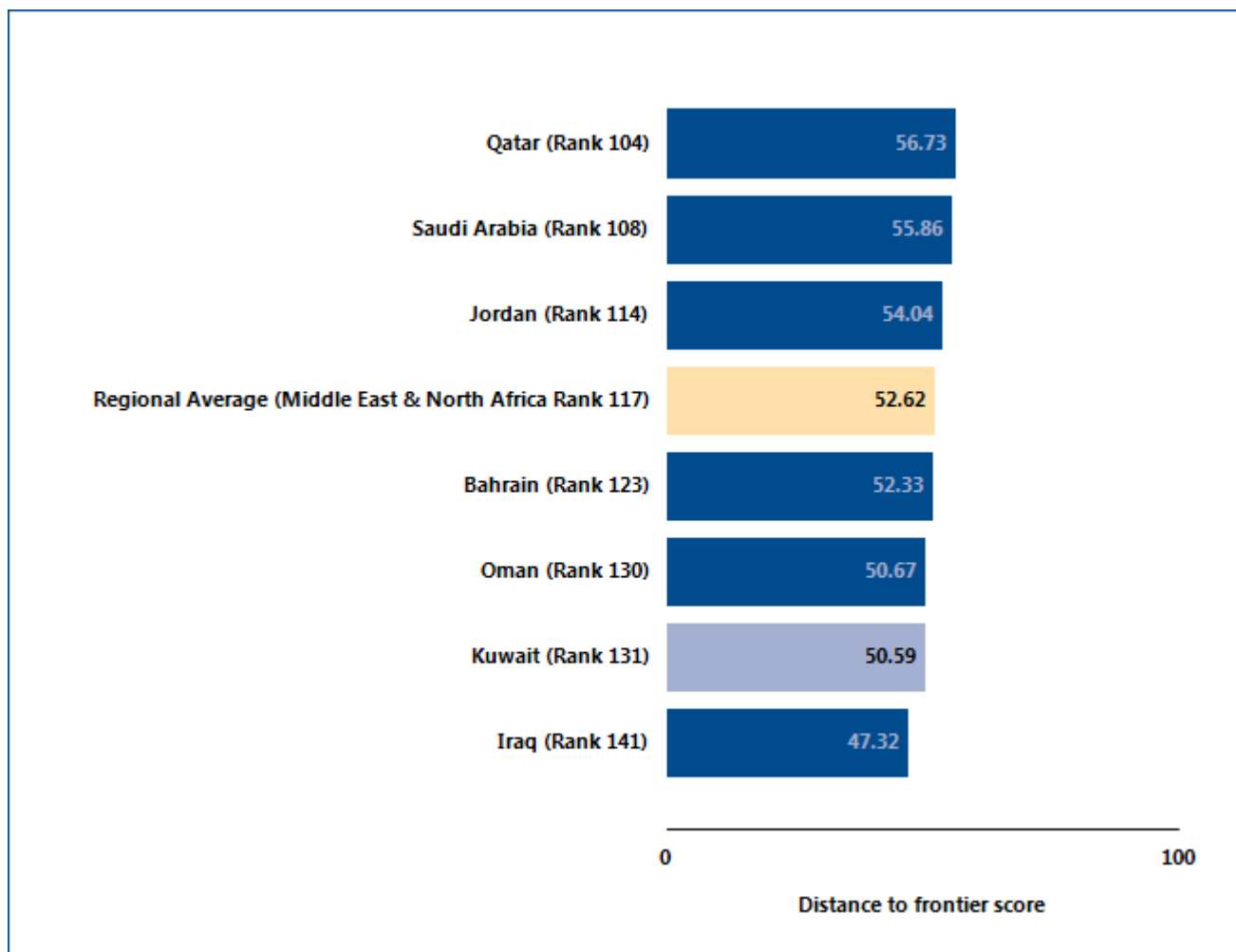
### Where does the economy stand today?

How efficient is the process of resolving a commercial dispute through the courts in Kuwait? According to data collected by *Doing Business*, contract enforcement takes 566.0 days, costs 18.8% of the value of the claim and requires 50.0 procedures (see the summary at the end of this chapter for details). Most indicator sets refer to a case scenario in the largest business city of an economy, except for 11 economies for which the data are a population-weighted average of the 2 largest business

cities. See the chapter on distance to frontier and ease of doing business ranking at the end of this profile for more details.

Globally, Kuwait stands at 131 in the ranking of 189 economies on the ease of enforcing contracts (figure 10.1). The rankings for comparator economies and the regional average ranking provide other useful benchmarks for assessing the efficiency of contract enforcement in Kuwait.

Figure 10.1 How Kuwait and comparator economies rank on the ease of enforcing contracts



Source: *Doing Business* database.

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### What are the details?

The indicators reported here for Kuwait are based on a set of specific procedural steps required to resolve a standardized commercial dispute through the courts (see the section in this chapter on what the indicators cover). These procedures, and the time and cost of completing them, are identified through study of the codes of civil procedure and other court regulations, as well as through questionnaires completed by local litigation lawyers (and, in a quarter of the economies covered by *Doing Business*, by judges as well).

COURT NAME	
<b>Claim value:</b>	<b>KWD 25,661</b>
<b>Court name:</b>	<b>Kuwait City Court of First Instance, Commercial Circuit</b>
<b>City:</b>	<b>Kuwait City</b>

Table 10.2 Summary of time, cost and procedures for enforcing a contract in Kuwait

Indicator	Kuwait	Middle East & North Africa average
<b>Time (days)</b>	566	658
Filing and service	26	
Trial and judgment	420	
Enforcement of judgment	120	
<b>Cost (% of claim)</b>	18.8	24.8
Attorney cost (% of claim)	10.7	
Court cost (% of claim)	2.6	
Enforcement Cost (% of claim)	5.5	
<b>Procedures (number)</b>	50	44
Number of procedures (without bonus points)	51	
Specialized commercial courts	-1	
Total number of procedures (including bonus points)	50	