

No country has been able to develop without sustained economic growth



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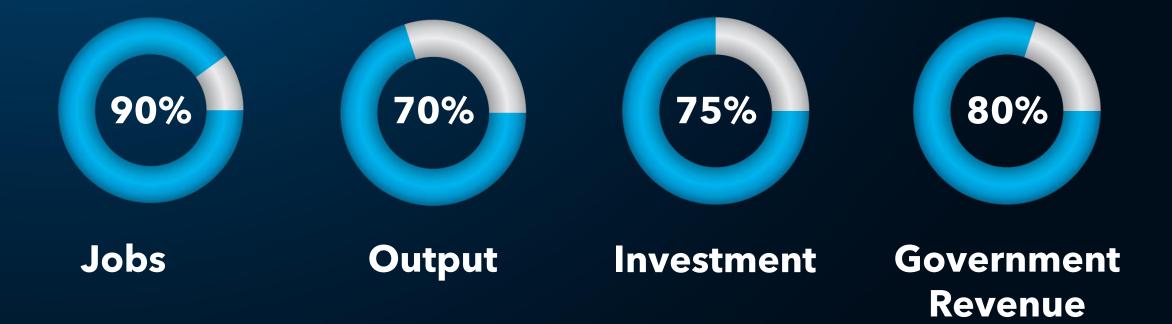
Annual growth needed to escape the "middleincome trap"



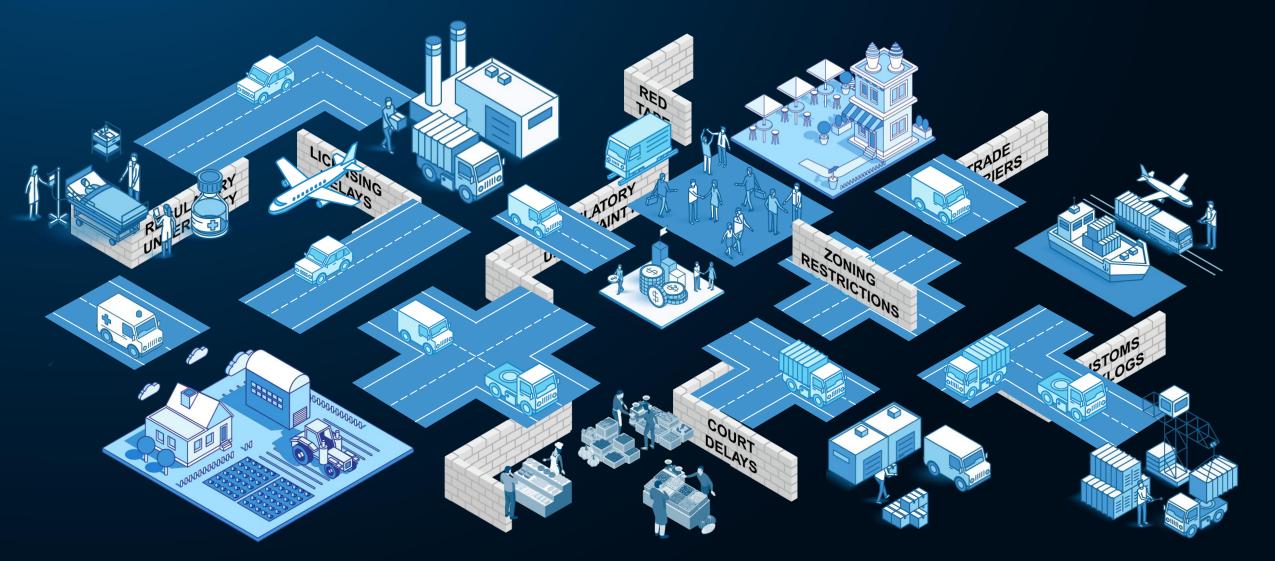


Average annual growth in ASEAN countries over the last decade

The private sector: an economic giant



The private sector can be an engine of growth if the business environment is favorable





What makes for an enabling business environment?

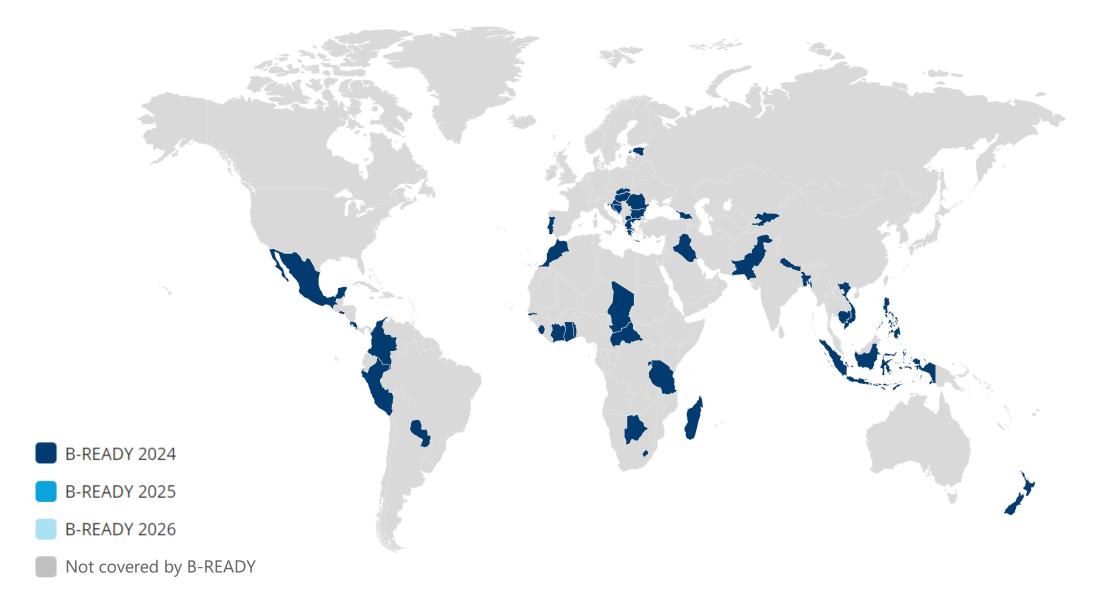


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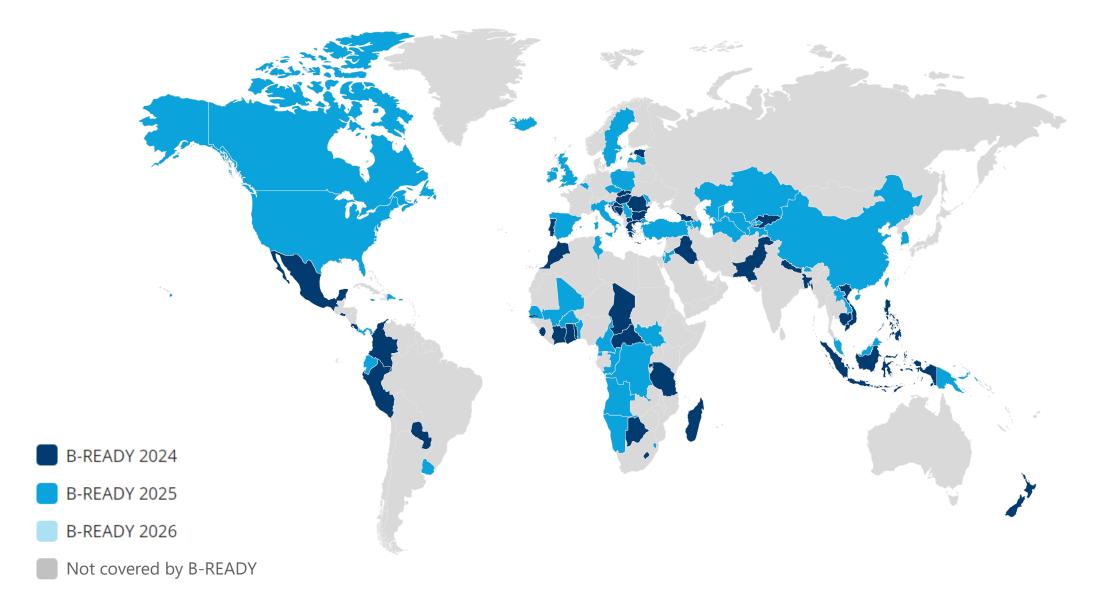
 Assessing the business environment
Reform guide for private sector development



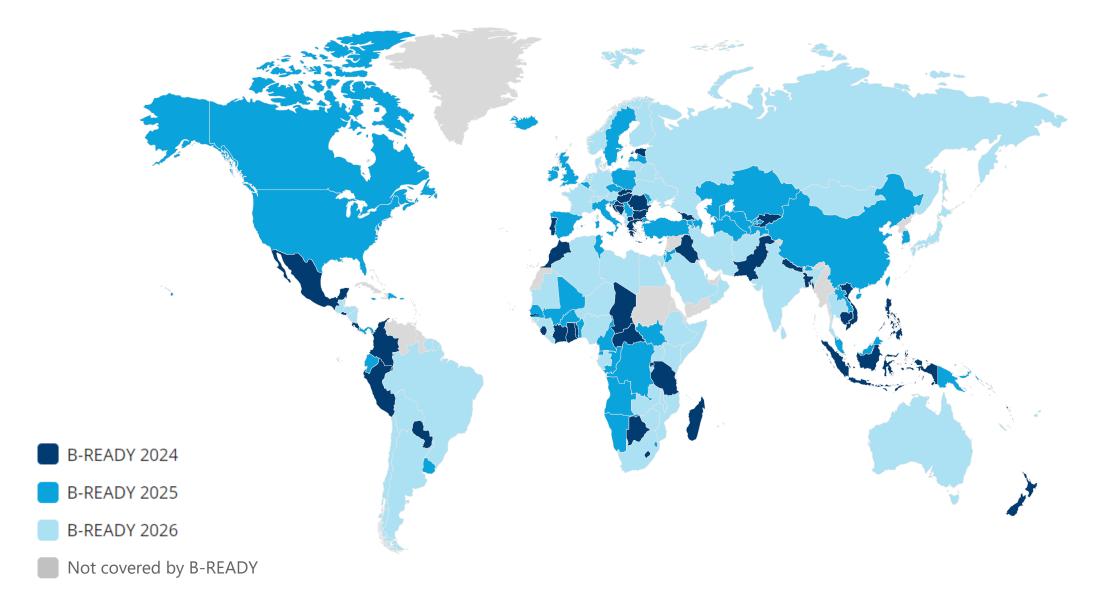
B-READY 2024



Planned B-READY 2025



Planned B-READY 2026



Topics





Ex. Restrictions on the ability of foreign companies to lease or own property

Ex. Digital platforms to register a property transfer

Ex. Time to obtain a construction permit

Ex. The existence of a code of ethics for judges

Ex. Digital platforms to hold virtual court hearings

Ex. Time and cost to resolve a comercial dispute

Data sources

Expert Questionnaires

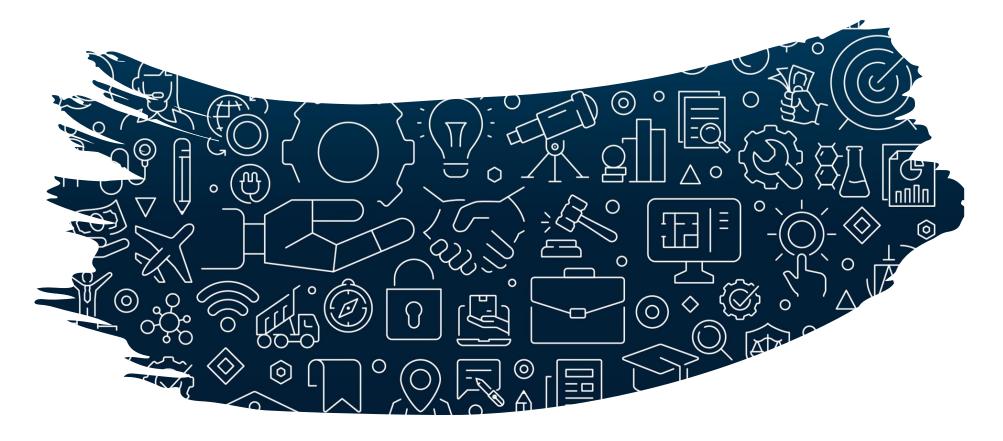
Enterprise Surveys

Data from experts Data from firms

De jure and de facto De facto

Annual cycle

Three-year cycle



B-READY 2024 Results

1,200 indicators for each economy

Scores



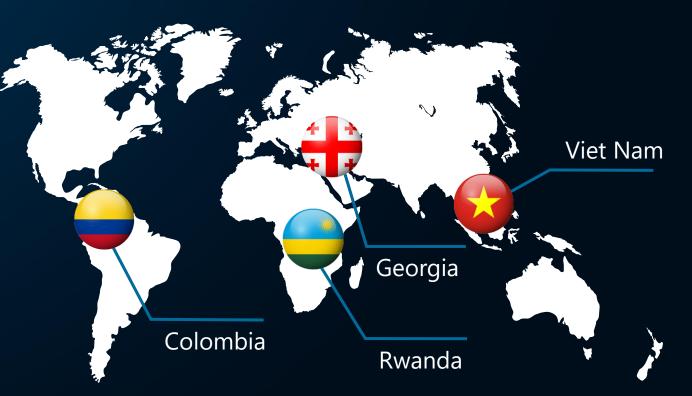
Which countries perform well in B-Ready 2024?

Wealthier countries tend to be more business ready

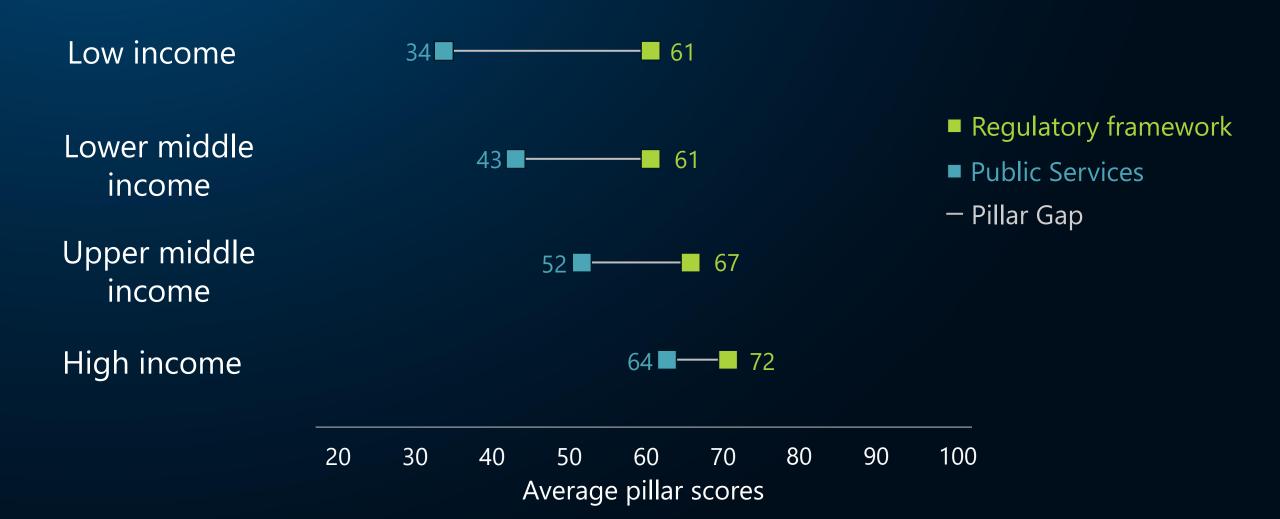


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But countries <u>do not</u> <u>need to be rich</u> to develop a favorable business environment



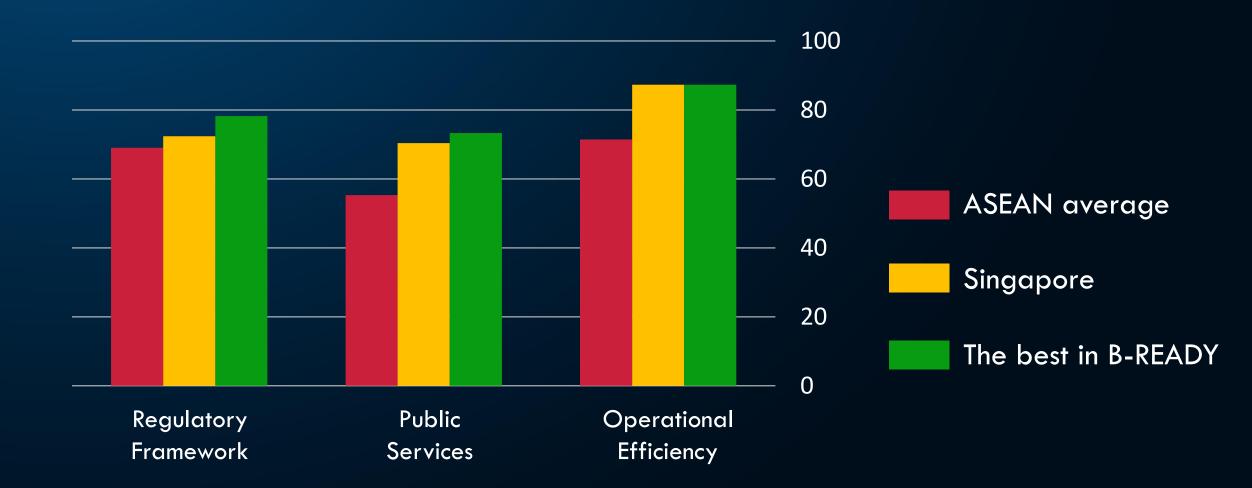
A "public-services" gap





B-READY 2024 – Results for ASEAN countries

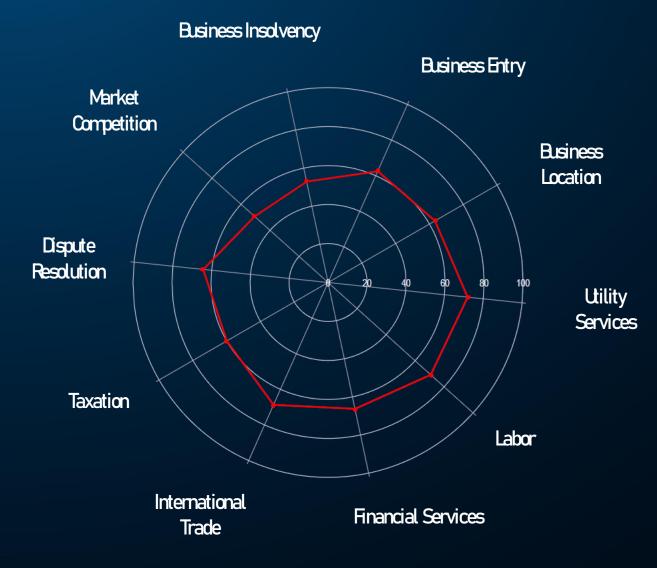
Pillar scores



Performance by pillar

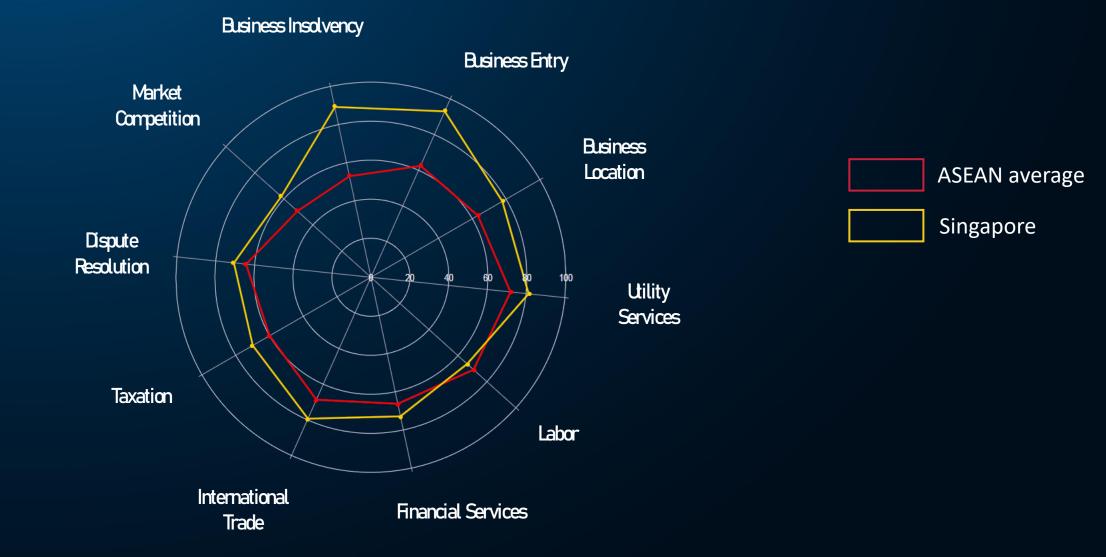
	Pillar 1 Regulatory Framework	Pillar 2 Public Services	Pillar 3 Operational Efficiency
Cambodia	62.94	39.14	60.66
Indonesia	63.98	63.44	61.31
Philippines	70.68	50.80	57.95
Singapore	72.37	70.40	87.33
Viet Nam	66.81	53.41	72.78
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Topic scores



ASEAN average

Topic scores



Topic scores



Performance by topic

	Business Entry	Business Location	Utility Services	Labor	Financial Services	International Trade	Taxation	Dispute Resolution	Market Competition	Business Insolvency
Cambodia	43.80	49.00	64.45	68.44	86.03	57.68	58.60	61.76	33.09	19.63
Indonesia	63.72	68.09	70.55	72.20	56.51	64.58	59.91	64.24	52.34	56.96
Philippines	48.49	60.27	66.47	75.54	60.70	71.47	56.66	62.88	50.13	45.51
Singapore	93.57	78.24	81.76	66.83	73.33	79.83	70.39	71.08	62.29	89.69
Viet Nam	65.47	62.92	78.73	73.19	57.17	72.39	56.46	64.23	57.67	55.12

Top 20% 20-40% 40-60% 60-80%

Topics in top 20%



In Cambodia, it takes 68 days to register a new domestic

company. In the most efficient economies, it takes 3 days.

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Business Location – The Philippines

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24% of Singaporean firms perceive labor regulations to be a major or very severe obstacle. In the most efficient

economies, it is less than 1%.

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learning services



In Indonesia, only 34% of payments by firms to their suppliers are made electronically. In the best performing

economies, it is more than 99%.

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International Trade - Indonesia

In Indonesia, it costs 66% of an imported good's value and 35% of an exported good's value to comply with import/export

requirements. In the most efficient economies, it costs 2%.

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In Viet Nam, small companies cannot make use of simplified record keeping methods, such as single-entry

bookkeeping.

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Dispute Resolution – Viet Nam

In Viet Nam, it costs 39% of the claim value to settle a dispute through courts. In the most efficient economies,

the value is below 10%.

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Market Competition – The Philippines

In the Philippines, 22% of firms reported that their prices are

regulated. In the most competitive economies, it is less than 4%.

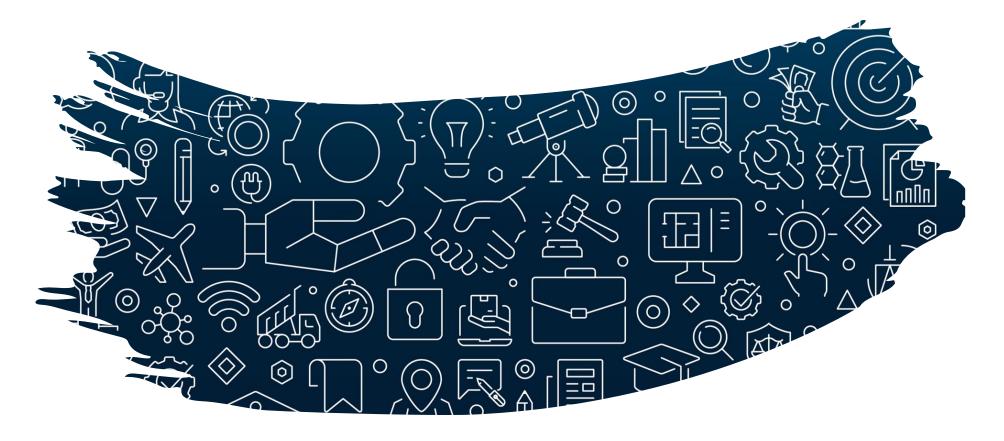
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Business Insolvency - Cambodia

Cambodia has not completed an insolvency case in the last three years, putting under question its ability to

address bankruptcy and reorganization cases.



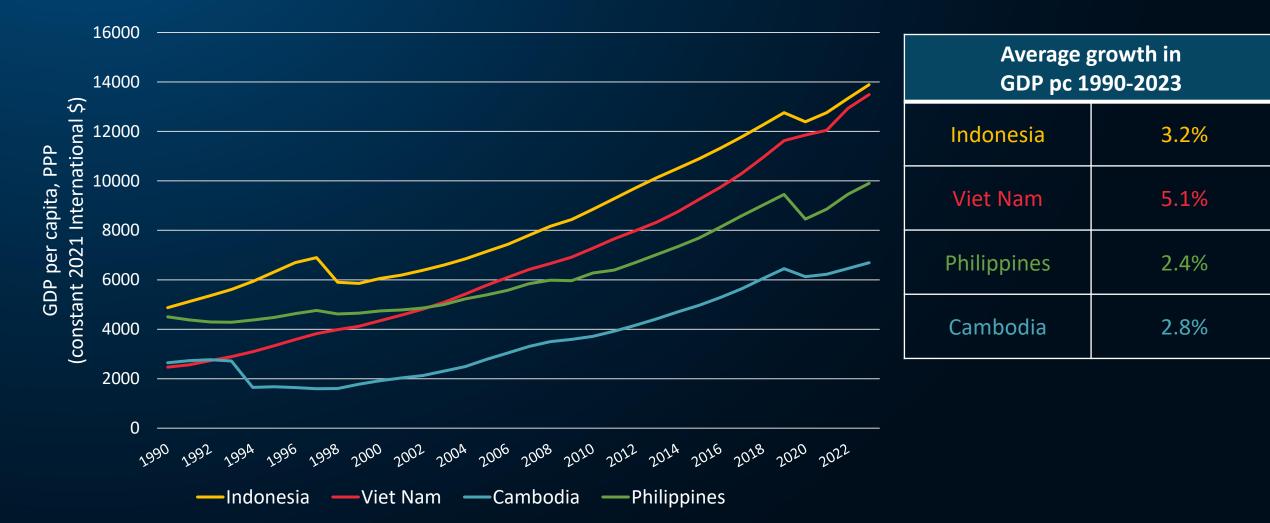
In conclusion

The conclusion of Business Ready 2024

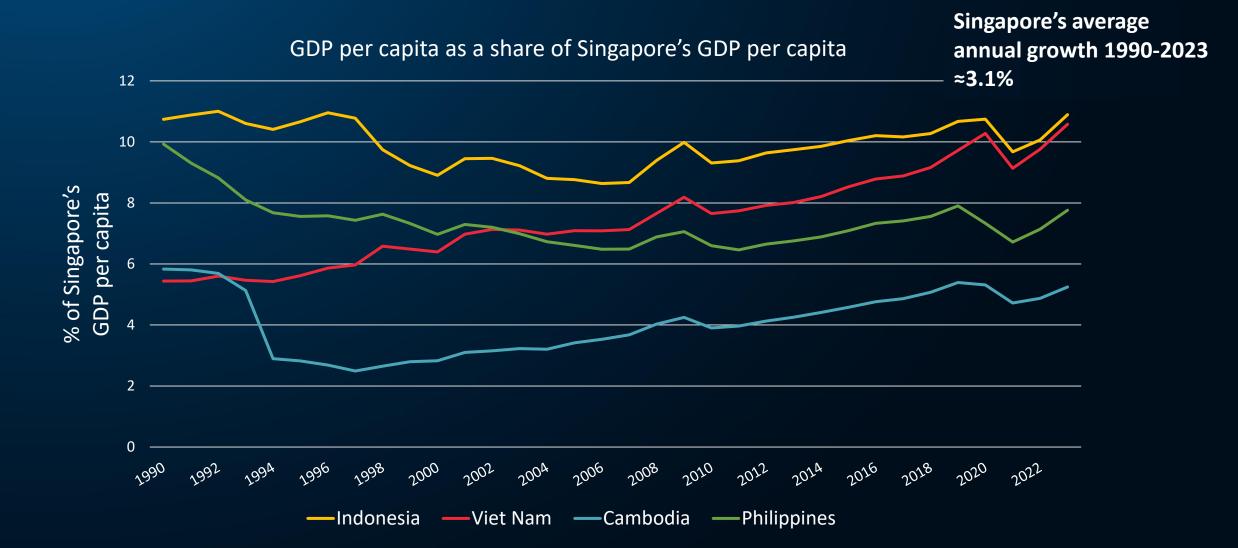
Because of the great need for economic growth and job creation, ASEAN economies must significantly improve their business readiness



Growth in ASEAN countries

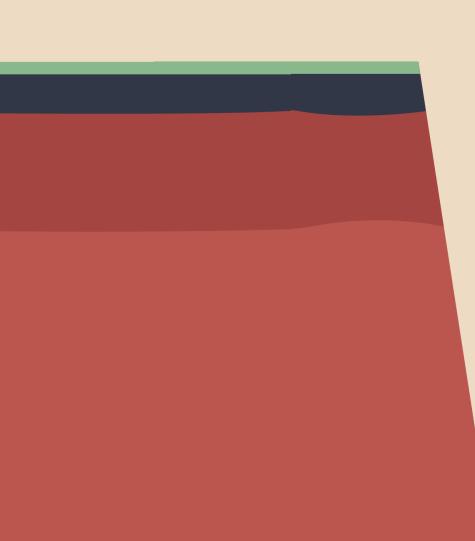


ASEAN countries relative to Singapore



Stuck in the "middle income trap"...







Key Messages:

It is vital that ASEAN Countries renew their <u>ambition</u> for economic growth

The private sector can be the engine of high and sustained growth

The government can and should support it by creating a <u>favorable business environment</u> for investment, innovation, and competition

- Quality regulations
- > Well designed public services
- > Put into practice... and not left on paper

"If you close your eyes to facts, you will learn through accidents"

African Proverb



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