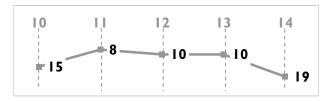
# QATAR

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**



# **CHALLENGES IN 2014**

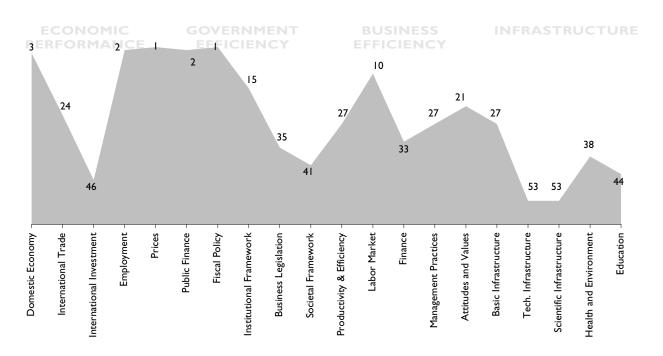
- Invest in education, capabilities and skills to allow more productive Qatari participation in the labor force.
- Improve the business and investment climate and attract and retain top international talent in Qatar.
- Create greater space for the private sector.
- Promote greater economic efficiency.
- Manage for economic stability and prosperity.

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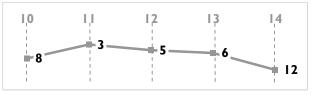
BASIC FACTS		Rank
Capital	Doha	
Land area (km <sup>2</sup> '000)	.6 (20 3)	
Exchange rate (per \$)	3.64 (2013)	
Population (millions)	2.00 (2013)	56
GDP (\$ billions)	202.5 (2013)	45
GDP (PPP) per capita (\$)	99,371 (2013)	1
Real GDP growth (%)	6.5 (2013)	3
Consumer Price Inflation (%)	3.1 (2013)	45
Unemployment rate (%)	0.3 (2013)	<u> </u>
Labor force (millions)	1.54 (2013)	53
Current Account Balance (%)	29.2 (2013)	I
Direct Investment		
Stocks Inward (\$ billions)	30.8 (2012)	54
Flows Inward (% of GDP)	-0.4 (2013)	55

# COMPETITIVENESS LANDSCAPE

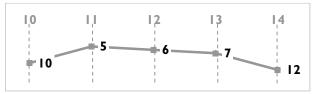


# PEER GROUP RANKINGS

#### EUROPE - MIDDLE EAST - AFRICA



#### POPULATIONS < 20 MILLION



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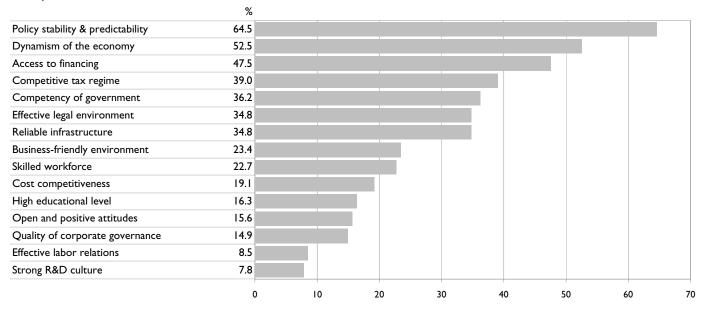
# **COMPETITIVENESS EVOLUTION**

The criteria below highlight the 15 biggest Improvements and the 15 biggest Declines in the overall performance of the economy. They are determined by the largest percentage changes in the value of each criterion from one year to the next.

IMPRO	OVEMENTS	WCY 2013	WCY 2014			WCY 2013	WCY 2014
1.3.01	Direct investment flows abroad (\$bn)	1.84	8.02	2.3.07	Exchange rate stability	0.004	0.037
1.3.02	Direct investment flows abroad (%)	1.00	3.96	1.3.05	Direct investment flows inward (\$bn)	0.33	-0.84
2.3.01	Real short-term interest rate	2.60	-2.23	1.3.06	Direct investment flows inward (%)	0.18	-0.42
1.2.25	Tourism receipts (%)	0.68	1.50	1.1.15	Real GDP growth per capita	1.56	-2.59
4.3.15	Patent applications per capita	1.67	3.06	1.5.01	Consumer price inflation	1.9	3.1
2.3.06	Foreign currency reserves (\$bn)	25.97	40.20	2.2.01	Collected total tax revenues (%)	6.60	9.05
1.4.06	Unemployment rate	0.50	0.27	2.1.02	Government budget surplus/deficit (%)	14.53	11.01
4.3.17	Number of patents in force	0.6	0.8	3.2.18	Skilled labor (Survey)	5.35	4.44
4.1.20	Future energy supply (Survey)	5.56	7.56	3.2.24	Competent senior managers (Survey)	6.04	5.24
4.2.22	High-tech exports (%)	0.03	0.04	4.5.12	Educational system (Survey)	6.86	5.97
1.4.08	Youth unemployment	1.63	1.14	2.4.17	Labor regulations (Survey)	5.45	4.74
4.2.12	Broadband subscribers	93.54	117.50	4.4.23	Sustainable development (Survey)	6.61	5.80
1.2.12	Exports of commercial services (\$bn)	8.21	10.13	4.5.14	University education (Survey)	7.12	6.26
2.4.12	Parallel economy (Survey)	4.53	5.23	4.4.19	Green technology solutions (Survey)	5.32	4.70
1.4.07	Long-term unemployment	0.07	0.06	4.3.22	Knowledge transfer (Survey)	5.99	5.30

# **KEY ATTRACTIVENESS INDICATORS**

From a list of 15 indicators, respondents of the Executive Opinion Survey were asked to select 5 that they perceived as the key attractiveness factors of their economy. The chart shows the percentage of responses per indicator from the highest number of responses to the lowest.



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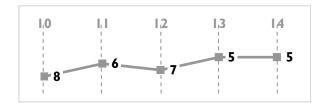
# **ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE**



Sub-Factor Rankings :	2013	2014
Domestic Economy	2	3
International Trade	3	24
International Investment	47	46
Employment	2	2
Prices	2	I

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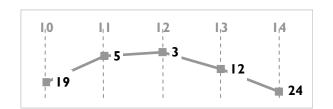
# **GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**



Sub-Factor Rankings :	2013	2014
Public Finance	I	2
Fiscal Policy	l	I
Institutional Framework	21	15
Business Legislation	32	35
Societal Framework	38	41



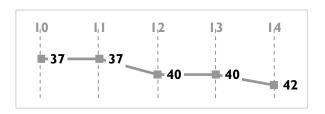
# **BUSINESS EFFICIENCY**



Sub-Factor Rankings :	2013	2014
Productivity & Efficiency	I	27
Labor Market	14	10
Finance	33	33
Management Practices	20	27
Attitudes and Values	13	21



# INFRASTRUCTURE



Sub-Factor Rankings :	2013	2014
Basic Infrastructure	11	27
Technological Infrastructure	49	53
Scientific Infrastructure	56	53
Health and Environment	38	38
Education	40	44

# **LATAR**

# STRENGTHS

# WEAKNESSES

#### **Economic Performance**

I.2.02 Current account balance (%)	I
I.I.21 GDP (PPP) per capita	I
I.4.02 Employment (%)	I
I.4.08 Youth unemployment	I
I.4.06 Unemployment rate	I
I.I.20 GDP per capita	2
1.5.06 Gasoline prices	2
I.2.26 Exchange rates (S)	2
I.I.I4 Real GDP growth	3
1.4.07 Long-term unemployment	3

#### **Government Efficiency**

2.2.09 Consumption tax rate	I
2.2.07 Effective personal income tax rate	I
2.2.01 Collected total tax revenues (%)	Ι
2.2.11 Employer's social security contribution rate	I
2.2.10 Employee's social security contribution rate	I
2.1.02 Government budget surplus/deficit (%)	2
2.2.08 Corporate tax rate on profit	2
2.3.01 Real short-term interest rate	4
2.5.03 Ageing of society (S)	6
2.3.10 Government decisions (S)	7

# **Business Efficiency**

3.2.13 Labor force (%)	I
3.1.01 Overall productivity (PPP)	Ι
3.1.04 Labor productivity (PPP)	4
3.2.06 Working hours	8
3.5.02 Image abroad or branding (S)	10
3.2.23 International experience (S)	11
3.5.06 Value system (S)	11
3.2.22 Foreign high-skilled people (S)	13
3.3.17 Credit (S)	15
3.3.05 Banking and financial services (S)	15

#### Infrastructure

4.2.03 Fixed telephone tariffs	I
4.1.10 Dependency ratio	2
4.1.25 Electricity costs for industrial clients	2
4.2.23 Cyber security (S)	8
4.5.04 Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education)	9
4.2.19 Funding for technological development (S)	10
4.1.20 Future energy supply (S)	10
4.5.08 Student mobility inbound	14
4.1.19 Energy infrastructure (S)	14
4.5.05 Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education)	15

#### **Economic Performance**

I.I.I5 Real GDP growth per capita	59
1.2.18 Export concentration by product	58
1.2.17 Export concentration by partner	56
1.3.05 Direct investment flows inward (\$bn)	56
1.3.06 Direct investment flows inward (%)	55
1.3.07 Direct investment stocks inward (\$bn)	54
1.3.08 Direct investment stocks inward (%)	52
1.2.12 Exports of commercial services (\$bn)	48
1.5.01 Consumer price inflation	45
I.3.03 Direct investment stocks abroad (\$bn)	44

#### **Government Efficiency**

2.4.05 Foreign investors (S)	57
2.4.08 Government subsidies (%)	49
2.4.16 Start-up procedures	47
2.4.20 Redundancy costs	46
2.4.19 Immigration laws (S)	44
2.5.06 Gini index	42
2.3.06 Foreign currency reserves (\$bn)	39
2.4.17 Labor regulations (S)	37
2.3.03 Interest rate spread	33
2.4.10 State ownership of enterprises (S)	32

# **Business Efficiency**

3.2.16 Female labor force (%)	57
3.2.18 Skilled labor (S)	50
3.2.19 Finance skills (S)	44
3.1.10 Small and medium-size enterprises (S)	41
3.4.01 Adaptability of companies (S)	41
3.3.20 Corporate debt (S)	41
3.3.01 Banking sector assets (%)	40
3.5.04 Flexibility and adaptability (S)	39
3.5.03 National culture (S)	36
3.4.06 Customer satisfaction (S)	35

#### Infrastructure

4.4.01 Total health expenditure (%)	60
4.2.22 High-tech exports (%)	60
4.2.11 Fixed broadband tariffs	58
4.3.17 Number of patents in force	57
4.2.01 Investment in telecommunications (%)	56
4.5.01 Total public expenditure on education (%)	54
4.5.07 Higher education achievement (%)	52
4.4.12 Energy intensity	51
4.3.15 Patent applications per capita	48
4.2.07 Connectivity (S)	47