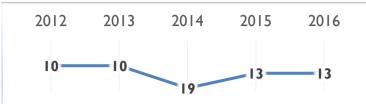
# **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**



### **CHALLENGES IN 2016**

- 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 a greater role for the private sector.
- Promote greater economic efficiency.
- Manage fiscal resources sustainability and ensure greater efficiency and value for money in public spending.

### **BASIC FACTS**

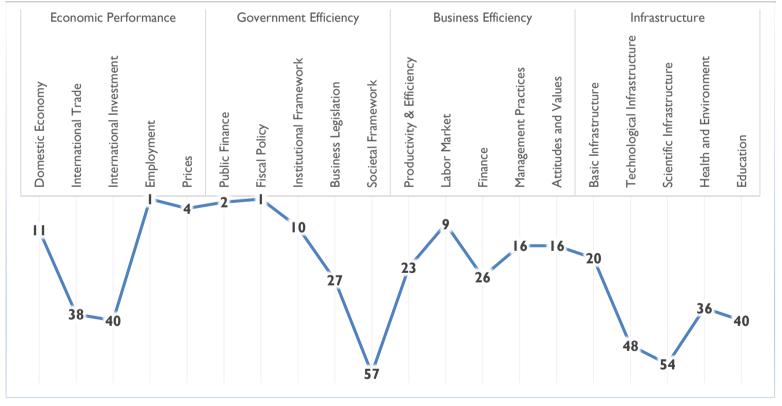
Capital	Doha	
Land area (square km '000)	12 2015	
Exchange Rate (per \$)	<b>3.640</b> <sup>2015</sup>	
Population - market size (millions)	<b>2.43</b> <sup>2015</sup>	56
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (US\$ billions)	<b>185.4</b> <sup>2015</sup>	44
GDP (PPP) per capita (US\$)	131,396 <sup>2015</sup>	Ι
Real GDP growth (%)	<b>3.3</b> <sup>2015</sup>	16
Consumer price inflation (%)	<b>1.68</b> <sup>2015</sup>	42
Unemployment rate (%)	0.16 2015	Ι
Labor force (millions)	1.96 <sup>2015</sup>	52
Current account balance percentage (%)	27.00 2015	Ι
Direct investment stocks inward (\$bn)	31.0 <sup>2014</sup>	51
Direct investment flows inward (%)	0.58 2015	46

Rank

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# COMPETITIVENESS LANDSCAPE



### PEER GROUPS RANKINGS



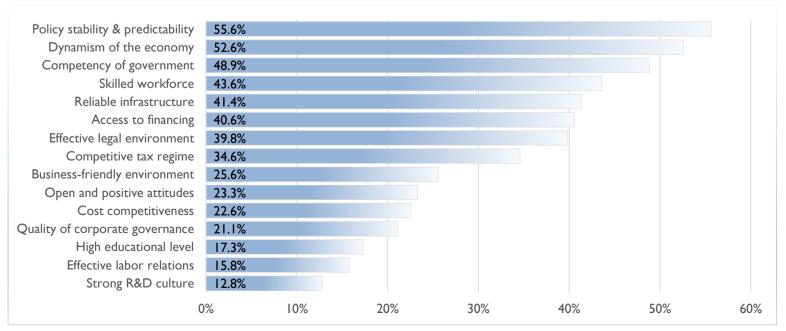
# COMPETITIVENESS EVOLUTION

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 yearbook to the next.

IMPROVEMENTS	WCY 2015	WCY 2016	DECLINES	WCY 2015	WCY 2016
4.3.18 Number of patents in force	2.0	8.7	2.3.08 Exchange rate stability	0.008	0.079
4.3.16 Patent applications per capita	4.19	7.90	3.2.04 Remuneration of management		
1.5.02 Adjusted consumer price inflation	2.40	0.78	3.2.03 Remuneration in services professions		
1.4.07 Long-term unemployment	0.04	0.02	1.1.15 Real GDP growth per capita	-4.00	-5.98
4.2.11 Information technology skills	5.13	7.52	1.1.14 Real GDP growth	6.2	3.3
4.4.26 Quality of life	5.57	8.03	1.2.08 Exports of goods (\$bn)	134.25	77.29
4.2.04 Communications technology	5.63	8.12	4.3.07 Total R&D personnel nationwide per capita	1.77	1.06
4.2.05 Connectivity	5.56	7.89	1.2.09 Exports of goods (%)	63.38	41.69
4.1.20 Future energy supply	5.76	8.08	1.1.20 GDP per capita	95,585	76,169
4.2.17 Technological regulation	5.16	7.21	2.1.04 Total general government debt (%)	30.73	35.80
4.2.15 Development and application of technology	5.17	7.08	4.5.07 Higher education achievement	19.0	16.0
4.2.16 Funding for technological development	5.08	6.89	4.5.08 Women with degrees	71.9	60.8
4.5.18 Language skills	5.09	6.84	2.1.10 Tax evasion	6.57	5.70
4.3.23 Intellectual property rights	5.29	7.00	2.2.12 Real personal taxes	6.90	6.02
4.5.13 Educational system	5.30	7.00	2.2.01 Collected total tax revenues	6.50	7.32

## **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.

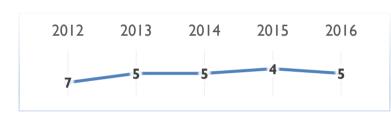


### **ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE**



Sub-Factor Rankings :	2015	2016
Domestic Economy	7	11
International Trade	22	38
International Investment	39	40
Employment	2	I
Prices	2	4

### **GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**



Sub-Factor Rankings :	2015	2016
Public Finance	2	2
Fiscal Policy	I	I
Institutional Framework	10	10
Business Legislation	30	27
Societal Framework	38	57

## **BUSINESS EFFICIENCY**



Sub-Factor Rankings :	2015	2016
Productivity & Efficiency	3	23
Labor Market	6	9
Finance	20	26
Management Practices	20	16
Attitudes and Values	10	16

### INFRASTRUCTURE



2015	2016
34	20
58	48
57	54
39	36
39	40
	34 58 57 39

# STRENGTHS

Economic Performance	Rank
1.1.21 GDP (PPP) per capita	I
1.2.02 Current account balance percentage	I
I.4.06 Unemployment rate	L
I.4.02 Employment (%)	I
1.5.07 Gasoline prices	L
1.4.08 Youth unemployment	I
1.4.07 Long-term unemployment	2
1.2.26 Exchange rates	2
1.1.20 GDP per capita	3
1.3.14 Relocation threats of R&D facilities	5

Government Efficiency	Rank
2.1.02 Government budget surplus/deficit (%)	I
2.2.09 Consumption tax rate	I
2.2.08 Corporate tax rate on profit	I
2.2.07 Effective personal income tax rate	I
2.2.01 Collected total tax revenues	I
2.2.11 Employer's social security contribution rate	I
2.2.10 Employee's social security contribution rate	I
2.3.07 Foreign currency reserves per capita	4
2.3.11 Government decisions	5
2.3.10 Adaptability of government policy	6

3.2.13	Labor force (%)	I
3.1.01	Overall productivity (PPP)	I
3.1.04	Labor productivity (PPP)	I
3.3.05	Banking and financial services	8
3.2.22	Foreign high-skilled people	9
3.2.23	International experience	9
3.4.07	Entrepreneurship	9
3.5.06	Value system	9
3.2.06	Working hours	10
3.5.05	Need for economic and social reforms	10

Rank

Rank

### Infrastructure

4.1.25 Electri	icity costs for industrial clients	I
4.1.10 Depen	ndency ratio	2
4.5.04 Pupil-t	eacher ratio (primary education)	3
4.2.21 Cyber	security	5
4.5.14 Science	e in schools	7
4.1.20 Future	e energy supply	8
4.5.09 Studer	nt mobility inbound	12
4.3.21 Resear	rchers and scientists	12
4.5.05 Pupil-t	eacher ratio (secondary education)	13
4.5.08 Wome	en with degrees	14

# WEAKNESSES

Economic Performance	Rank
1.1.15 Real GDP growth per capita	59
1.2.18 Export concentration by product	59
1.2.17 Export concentration by partner	56
1.3.08 Direct investment stocks inward (%)	54
1.3.07 Direct investment stocks inward (\$bn)	51
1.5.05 Office rent	49
1.2.12 Exports of commercial services (\$bn)	47
1.3.05 Direct investment flows inward (\$bn)	47
1.3.06 Direct investment flows inward (%)	46
1.2.13 Exports of commercial services (%)	42

Government Efficiency	Rank
2.5.13 Disposable Income	56
2.4.05 Foreign investors	56
2.4.08 Government subsidies	48
2.4.16 Start-up procedures	48
2.4.20 Redundancy costs	47
2.5.06 Gini coefficient	46
2.4.10 State ownership of enterprises	39

Business Efficiency	Rank
3.2.16 Female labor force	58
3.2.18 Skilled labor	44
3.3.20 Corporate debt	40
3.2.20 Attracting and retaining talents	37
3.2.04 Remuneration of management	36
3.2.19 Finance skills	36
3.2.01 Compensation levels	36
3.2.03 Remuneration in services professions	34
3.1.10 Small and medium-size enterprises	33
3.3.01 Banking sector assets	30

Infrastructure	Rank
4.4.18 Renewable energies (%)	61
4.4.01 Total health expenditure	61
4.2.19 High-tech exports (%)	60
4.5.03 Public expenditure on education per pupil	56
4.5.07 Higher education achievement	55
4.5.01 Total public expenditure on education	52
4.3.02 Total expenditure on R&D (%)	52
4.3.05 Business expenditure on R&D (%)	52
4.3.07 Total R&D personnel nationwide per capita	50
4.2.03 Mobile Telephone costs	49