

# Tajikistan: Opportunities for Investment

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## **Investment Drivers**

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- 1. Strategic Geographic Location;
- 2. Political and Economic Stability;
- 3. Positive Reform Dynamics;
- 4. System of Guarantees and Preferences for Investors;
- 5. Natural Resource Endowment;
- 6. High-Level Political Commitment;
- 7. Diverse Investment Opportunities.



## Strategic Location

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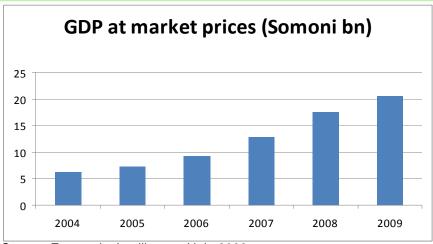
- Borders China (length of border approx. 430 km), Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan – it provides access to markets of Central and South Asia, as well as and CIS;
- Central Asia: Eurasian integration hub;
- Traditional transit route for cross-Asian trade. "Silk Road".





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- Model of political stability;
- Sound macroeconomic management;
- Relative resilience amid global economic crisis;
- National Development Strategy
   Until 2015 is under implementation.



Source: Economist Intelligence Unit 2009

Turkmenistan Kyrgyzstan Kazakhstan Tajikistan

GDP trends in Central Asia in 2009

Source: National Statistics Bureaux



## Results of Reforms

- Simplified registration procedures of business (under "One stop shop" registration principle);
- Considerably simplified procedures of bankruptcy and reduced related costs:
- Streamlined process of transactions and strengthened rights of minor shareholders:
- Reduced list of activities where licenses and permits are required;
- VAT was reduced from 20 to 18 percent and Income Tax from 25 to 15 percent;
- Tajikistan was named as a Top-Reformer by the World Bank Report "Doing Business 2010"-2011.

The top reformers			
Economy	Starting a business	Dealing with construction permits	Employing workers
Rwanda	✓		✓
Kyrgyz Republic	✓	✓	✓
Macedonia, FYR	✓	✓	✓
Belarus	✓	✓	✓
United Arab Emirates	✓	✓	
Moldova	✓		
Colombia	✓	✓	
Tajikistan	✓	✓	
Egypt, Arab Rep.	✓	✓	
Liberia	✓	✓	

Source: World Bank, Doing Business 2010



### Preferences & Guarantees for Investors

#### Government regulations ensure:

- Equal right of domestic and foreign investor;
- Legal protection of investors;
- Guarantee of noninterference of Government in business;
- Right of using and transferring abroad revenues and incomes;
- Right to move out property and information;
- Intellectual Property Rights;
- Right to use natural resources;
- Right to use produce, income and profit from concessions; fixed terms of concession agreements.

#### Income tax exemption:

- For 2 years, with investment amount below \$500.000;
- For 3 years, with investment amount between \$500.000 and \$2.0 mln.;
- For 4 years, with investment amount between \$2.0 mln. and \$5.0 mln.
- For 5 years, with investment amount of over \$5.0 mln.

#### VAT and customs duties exemption:

 For a number of goods imported within the framework of priority projects approved by the Government of Tajikistan.



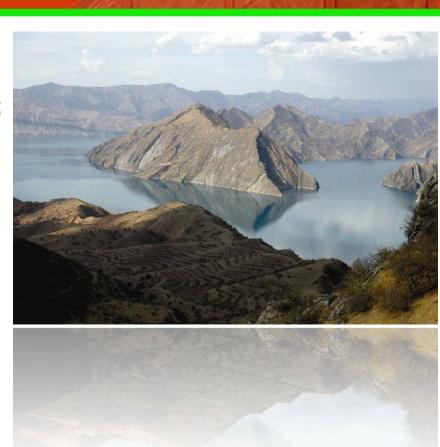
# Natural Resource Endowment

#### Inexhaustible water resources:

- Total length of 947 rivers is over 28500 km;
- Around 1300 lakes, with total area of 705 sq. km;
- Glaciers with total area of 8476 sq. km;
- Tajikistan's hydro-resources make up 60 percent of the total in Central Asia.

#### Over 400 deposits of natural resources:

- Gold and Silver;
- Iron-bismuth;
- Antimony and Wolfram;
- Marble, Granite, Volcanic Tuff;
- Strontium;
- Semi-precious stones.
- Unique natural and climatic conditions.



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Source: Structure of Consultative Council