



UAE Investment Ecosystem



Double the National Economy by 2031

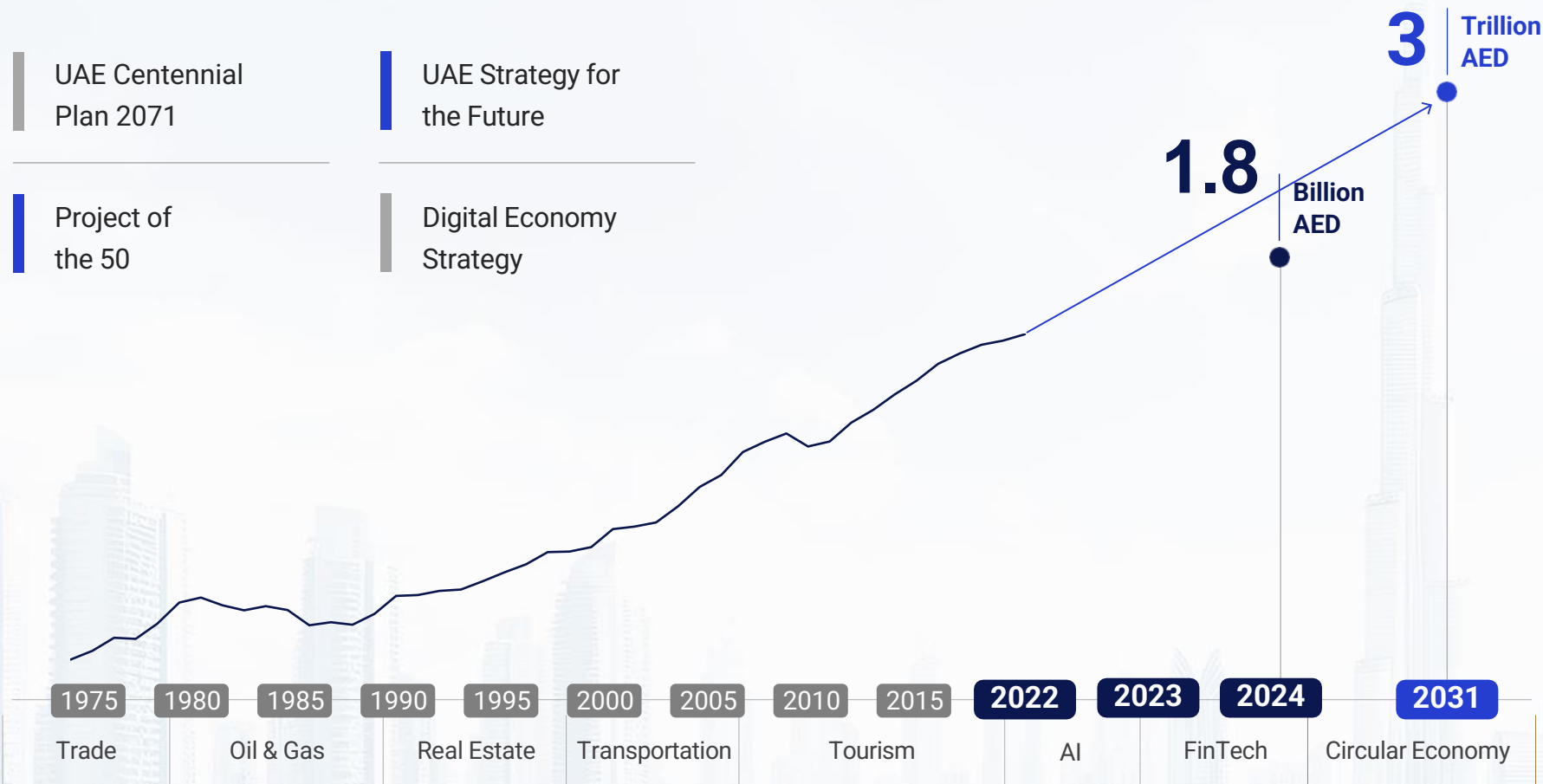
Double the National Economy over the Next 10 Years

UAE Centennial
Plan 2071

Project of
the 50

UAE Strategy for
the Future

Digital Economy
Strategy



Enhancing the
regularity environment

Opening up
new markets

Supporting their adoption
of advanced technology

Attracting leading talent
from around the world

UAE Economic Indicators

Total Non-Oil Foreign Trade 2024

\$808.8 Billion US Dollars



Total Non-Oil GDP 2024

(preliminary)

462.8

Billion US Dollars

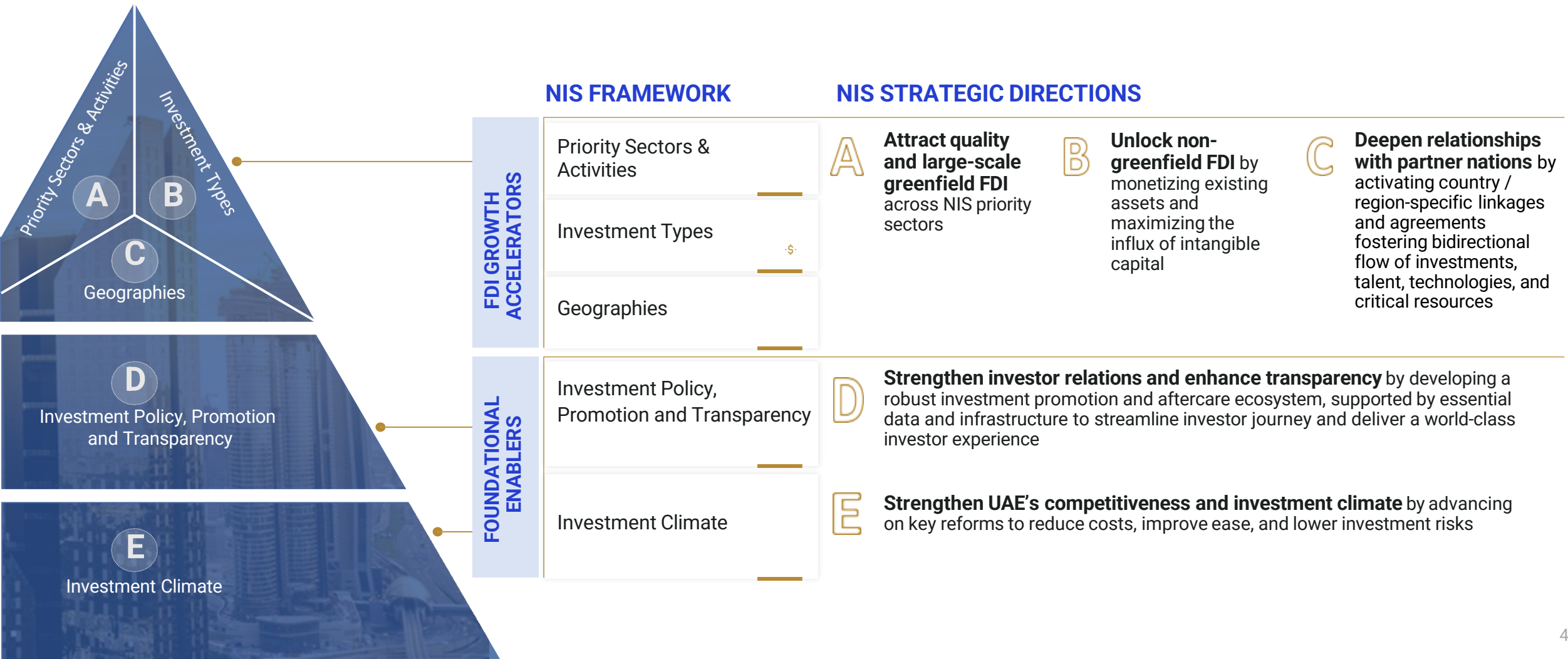
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In 2025 The Ministry of Investment launched The National Investment Strategy 2031:

NIS Strategic Directions

5 strategic directions defined across FDI growth accelerators and investment foundational enablers



NIS Strategic Directions

6 sectors prioritized (5 for greenfield investments and 1 for asset monetization)

	MANUFACTURING	FINANCIAL SERVICES	TRANSPORT&LOGISTICS	UTILITIES&RENEWABLES	ICT
GREENFIELD INVESTMENTS	Export-Led Plays (e.g., Machinery and Equipment)	Capital Markets (e.g., Asset Management, Investment Banking)	Warehousing and Storage	Independent Power and Water Producers	Data Processing and Hosting
	National Resilience Focused (e.g., Food and Agritech, Pharma)	Insurance (e.g., Captive Insurance)	Freight and Distribution	Circular Economy (e.g., Waste and Water Treatment)	Software and Services
	Advanced Manufacturing (e.g., Semiconductor)			Hydrogen	
ASSET MONETIZATION	INFRASTRUCTURE				
	Transportation Infrastructure (e.g., Roads, Metro stations)	Energy and Utilities (e.g., Transmission, Gas pipelines)	Telecommunications (e.g., Network towers, Fiber Optic)	Social Infrastructure (e.g., Educational facilities)	

Connectivity

The UAE has

10

Major Airports

12

Seaports

An unrivalled
network of roads
and bridges

33% of the
world population
within 4 hrs.

66% of the world
population within 8 hrs.

UAE Strategic Location



Digital Connectivity



Internet penetration
amounted to

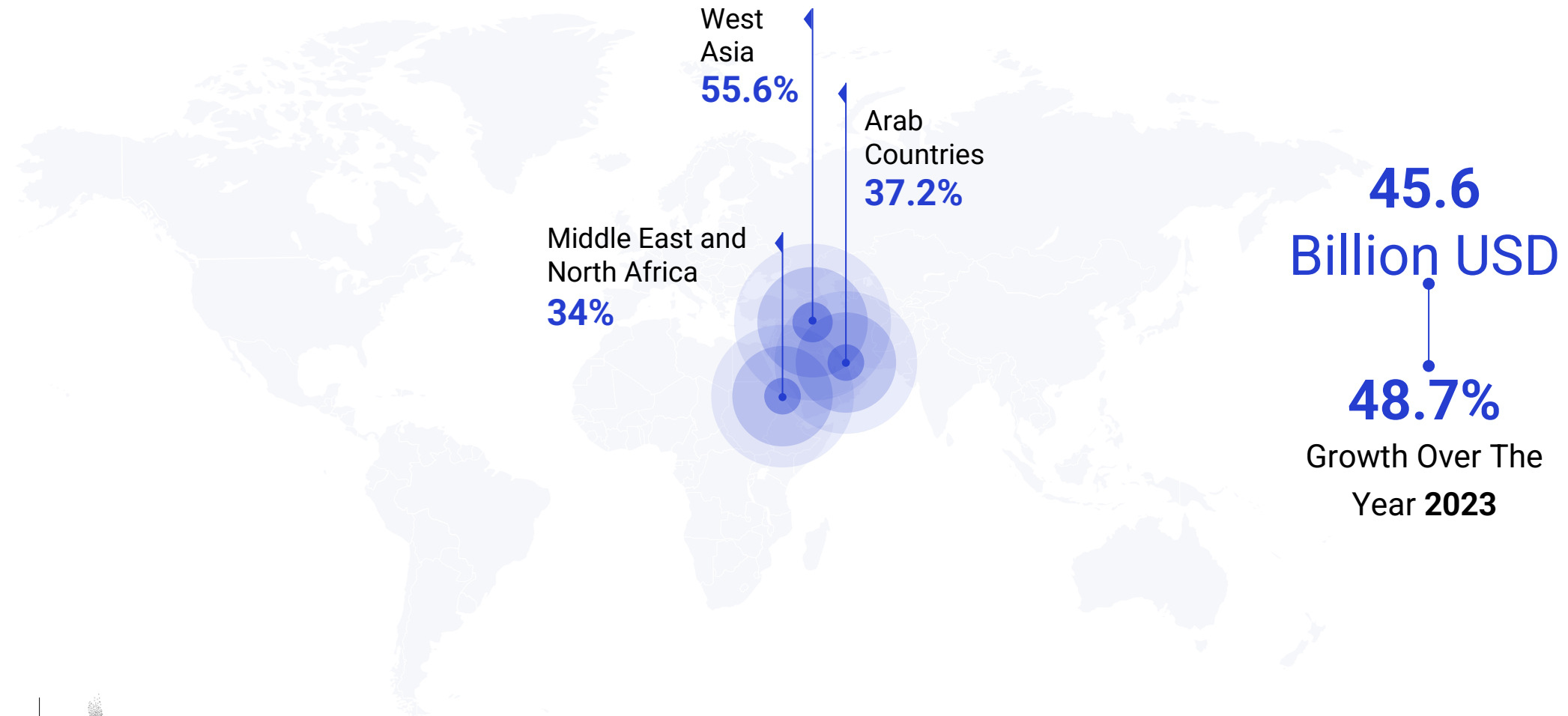
98% in 2024

20%

Digital Economy
contribution to UAE's
non-oil GDP by 2031

Inflow of Foreign Direct Investment into the UAE (2024)

Highest Share of Investment Inflows to The Region



Trade and FDI Overview



**UAE Non-Oil
Foreign Trade** | 2024

\$815.7 Billion

Growth Rate | **14.6%**
Compared to 2023



**UAE
FDI Outward Stock** | 2024

\$285.6 Billion

Growth Rate | **9%**
For the year 2023



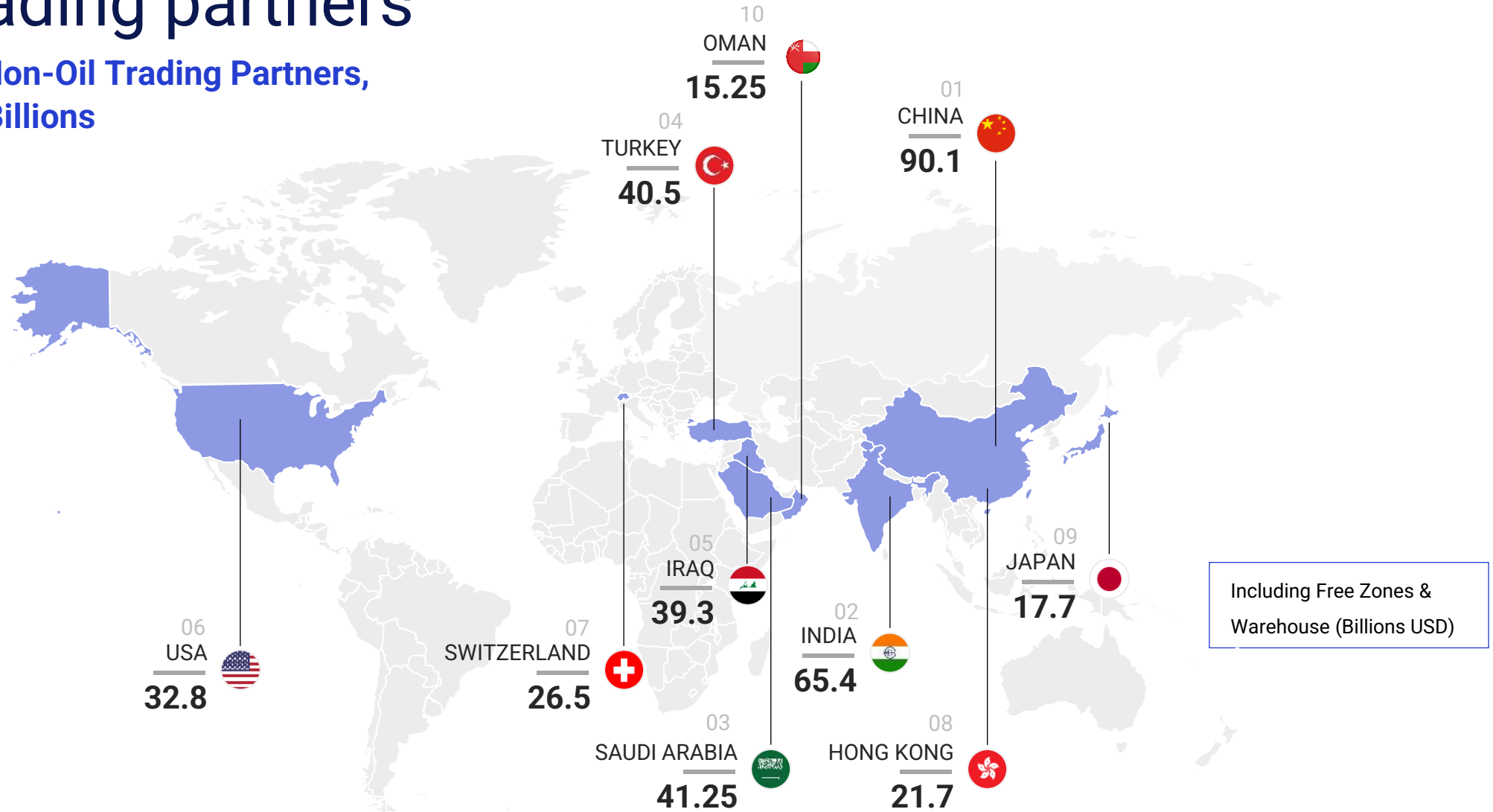
**UAE
FDI Inward Stock** | 2024

\$270.6 Billion

Growth Rate | **20.3%**
For the year 2023

Top trading partners

Volume of Non-Oil Trading Partners,
2024, USD Billions



UAE is One of the World's Most Attractive Investment Hubs



Effective Government
Strategies

1st Globally

Strong and Stable
Economy (Brand Finance
Soft Power Index 2024)



An Attractive
Economy

2nd Globally

Global Economic
Competitiveness Index
(WEF, 2023)



Strategic
Infrastructure

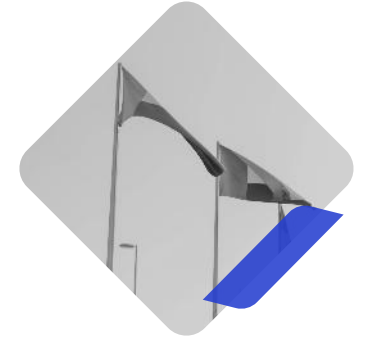
5th Globally

The Quality Infrastructure for
Sustainable Development Index
(UNIDO, 2024)



Strong Credit
Rating

**AA- Credit
Rating**
(S&P)



An Open, Multi-
Cultural Society

200+

Nationalities

UAE Trade growth

UAE Ranking in Foreign Trade Indicators



3 International Trade (World Competitiveness Index IMD 2024)



1 Extent of liberalization of Foreign Trade (Legatum Prosperity Index 2023)

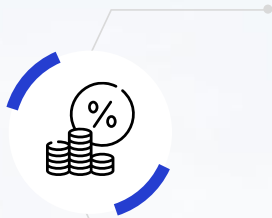


11 Leading exporters of merchandise (WTO 2024)



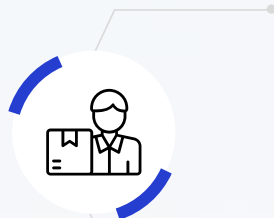
13 Leading exporters of commercial services (WTO 2024)

Prominent features of UAE's investment environment



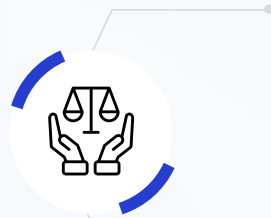
Favourable Tax and Fiscal environment

- Low Corporate & Income taxes
- Low Tariffs (0-5%)
- 5% VAT



Full Ownership

- Possibility of Full ownership in all economic sectors
- Full ownership in more than 40 Free zones
- The freedom to transfer profits completely abroad



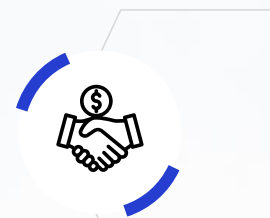
Impartial Legal System

- Based on a civil law system
- Jurisdictions that administer English Common Law



Access to global talent

- Availability of Skilled Labor
- Top 4th globally in Attracting Talent (INSEAD, 2023)



Long Term Residency for investors

- Golden Visa- 10-year residency

Liberalization Offers Full Ownership to Foreign Investors

Federal Decree Law No. (32) Of 2021 Regarding Commercial Companies.








CEPA

To achieve the UAE's economic goals, the country is enhancing its global connections to solidify its role as a prominent global trade and logistics center. The signing of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPAs) is a crucial strategy to strengthen relationships with strategic partners worldwide.

Benefits of CEPA



-  Enhanced market access
-  Lower or eliminated tariffs
-  Simpler custom procedures
-  Clear and Transparent rules
-  Rules-based competition

The UAE has concluded 10 Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPA) with



India



Indonesia



Israel



Turkey



Georgia



Cambodia



Jordan



Serbia



Costa Rica



Mauritius

Additionally, the UAE is actively engaged in discussions with numerous nations



Strategic Goals

- Attract digitally enabled businesses from all over the world and provide them with the necessary market entry fundamentals needed to launch and scale from within the UAE.
- Establish the UAE's profile as the top destination of choice for global talent



Objectives

- Support the growth of the nation's knowledge-driven economy, by enabling rapid incorporation processes to speed up licensing.
- Facilitating the issuance of bulk or golden visas.
- Accelerating banking services; and providing commercial and residential lease incentives for advanced technology companies seeking to relocate to the UAE.



Strategic Partners



BUSINESS

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Watch: UAE launches 'NextGen FDI' to attract world's digital businesses and talent and set up here

Entry for digital companies into UAE to be fast-tracked, incentives for relocations

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Dubai: The UAE Ministry of Economy has launched a project to bring more than 300 digital-focussed businesses to set up bases here within six to 12 months. The 'NextGen FDI' initiative will provide these companies with necessary market entry support to launch and scale from within the UAE. The Ministry plans to roll out additional features in the coming months.

Businesses wanting to base here will be helped with faster incorporation processes, through bulk visa issuance, accelerated banking services, and providing commercial

UAE Golden Visa

What is it?

A long-term residence granted to attract talents and highly skilled workers and professionals and to boost the investment environment and foster business success and growth

Beneficiaries

Investors

Entrepreneurs

Exceptional Talent

Scientists & Professionals

Outstanding Students & Graduates

Humanitarian Pioneers

Frontline Heroes

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UAE Talent Attraction & Retention Strategy 2031

Strategic Goals

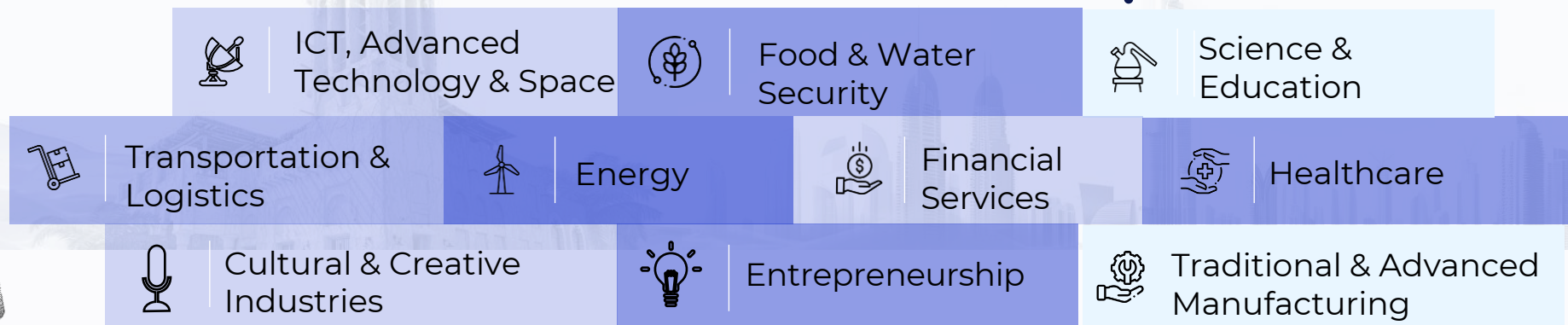
- 1 Establish The UAE As One Of The Top 10 Leaders Of Global Talent Competitiveness.
- 2 Ensure The Availability Of Talent In The UAE's Strategic Sectors To Enable The Knowledge Economy.
- 3 Establish The UAE's Profile As The Top Destination Of Choice For Global Talent.

Strategic Initiatives

Introduced more than 22 Initiatives for Talent Attraction & Retention:

- The Golden Visa
- Involuntary Loss of Employment Scheme
- Savings Scheme in UAE

Strategic Sectors



Strategic Goals in 2031

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Establish The UAE As One of The Top 10 Leaders of Global Talent Competitiveness.



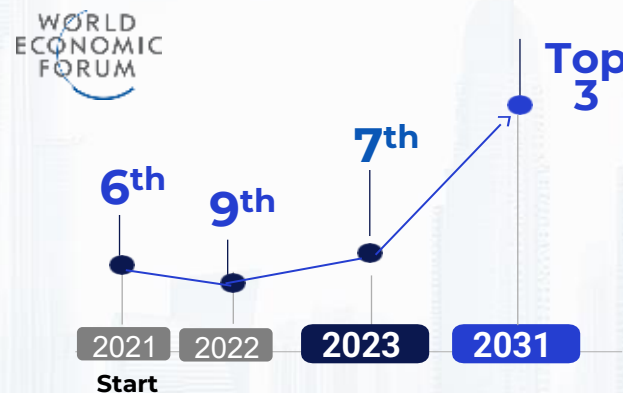
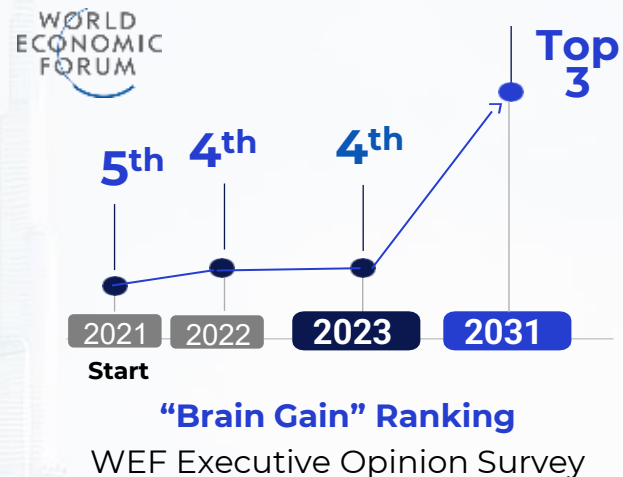
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Establish The UAE's Profile As The Top Destination of Choice For Global Talent.



UAE's Talent Competitiveness



Global Talent Competitiveness
Report, INSEAD 2023

22nd Globally in the overall Global Talent Competitiveness Index.

3rd Globally in Digital skills Index.

4th Globally in Brain Gain Index.

7th Globally in Ease of finding skilled employees Index.

12th Globally in High-Level Skills Index.



The Legatum Prosperity Index 2023

1st Globally in Capacity to attract talented people Index.



Global Talent Competitiveness
Report, 2024

17th Globally in the overall Global Talent Competitiveness Index.

1st Regionally in The Overall Ranking of The Global Talent Competitiveness Index.

2nd Globally in the Readiness Index.

4th Globally in the International experience Index.

5th Globally in the Foreign highly skilled personnel Index.

8th Globally in the Competent senior managers Index.

12th Globally in the Appeal Index.



World Digital Competitiveness
Ranking 2024

11th Globally in the overall Digital Competitiveness.

2nd Globally in the Talent Index.

Achievements

By The End 2023, More Than **90%** of The **22** Initiatives formulated by the strategy have been completed.

Among The Initiatives That Have Been Completed



Introducing and Modernizing The Residency System In UAE:

Green Visa for self-employment, for a high-level skilled worker, for an investor or partner, and Visa for a retired foreigner.

Introducing new entry visas for visits, such as: an entry visa for the purpose of exploring job opportunities, and an entry visa for the purpose of exploring business opportunities.

Developing new paths for those qualified to obtain golden residency, such as specialized professionals, distinguished graduates.

Developing and expanding the benefits of golden residency, such as: 10-year residency, a 6-month multiple-entry visa, no guarantor, issuing residency to family members.



Issuance of the Unemployment Insurance Law for Foreign Talents (insurance against unemployment).



Introduction of the savings scheme.



Launching several programs that support university student exchange and training, talent discovery and scholarships for foreign students.

The Second Phase (2025- 2027): Talent Attraction & Retention

Vision

Make the UAE the ideal choice for career and life development through attracting global diverse talent for professional opportunities and enhancing the country's sustainable economy and fostering innovation.

Strategic Objectives

- 1 Improving UAE's ranking in global talent competitiveness indicators.
- 2 Making UAE a key supporter of global talent in strategic sectors and Establishing a sense of belonging for individuals.
- 3 Building an environment that fosters long-term talent retention and providing continuous growth and development opportunities.

17 Strategic Initiative

Strategic Pillars

Talent Retention

Talent Attraction

Strategic Enablers

Readiness and availability of skilled labor (including industrial partnerships)

Social Care (including Gender Diversity)

Banking and Financial Services

Quality of Life

Education, Training and Lifelong Learning

Strategic sectors

Technology, Communication, Technology and Artificially Intelligence

Healthcare, Biotechnology, Life Sciences

Logistics and Aviation

Creative Economy

Renewable energy

Advanced Industries

Financial Services

Food and water technology

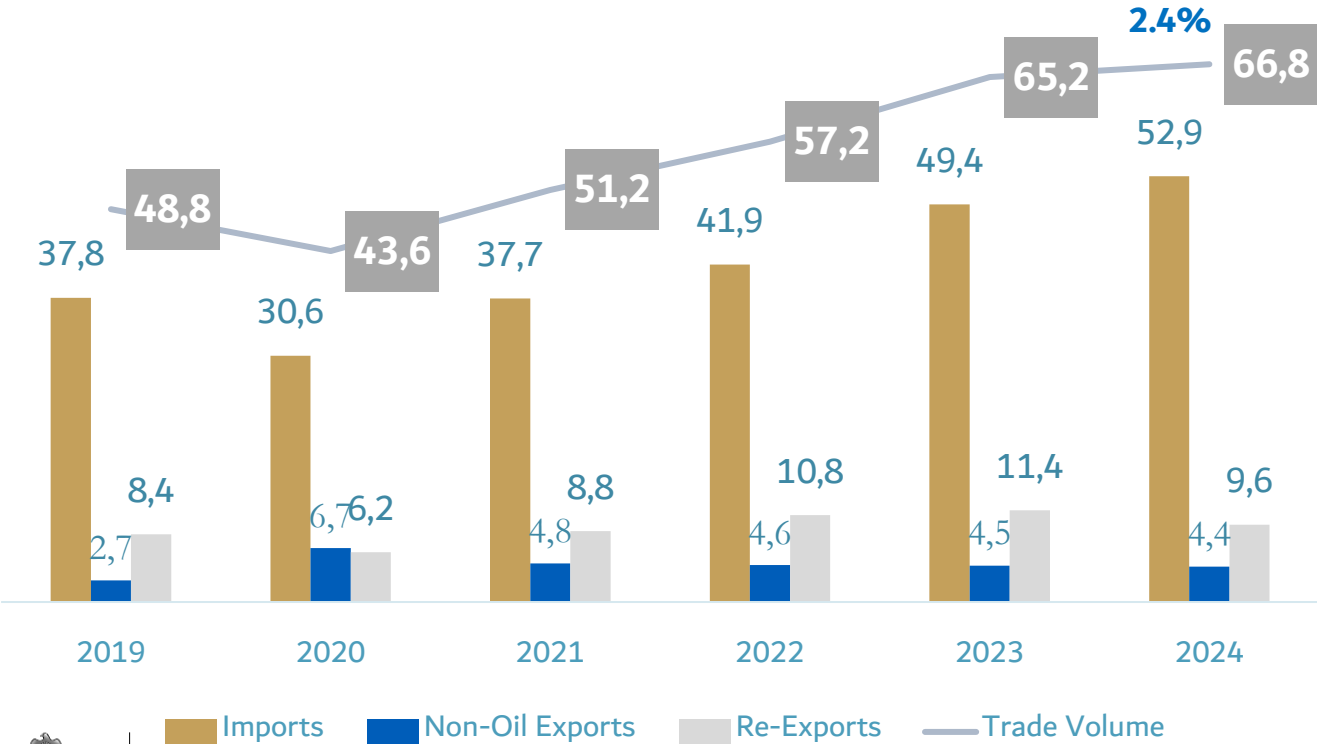


UAE – EU Trade Overview

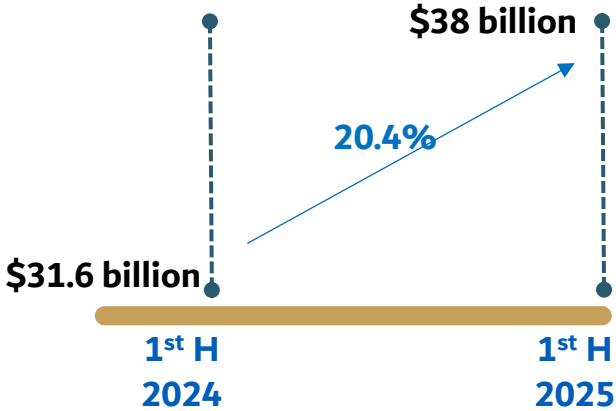
In 2024, UAE–EU Non-oil Trade Reached USD 66.8 Billion, Up 2.4% From 2023 And 16.8% From 2022, Making The EU The UAE’s Second-largest Trade Partner With An 8.3% Share.

- The UAE’s non-oil foreign trade with EU more than \$38 Billion in 1st HALF 2025 Increase by 20.4% year-on-year (compared to H1 2024).

Non-Oil Trade Between UAE & EU, 2019 - 2024
Billion USD



20.4% growth in trade exchange –
H1 2025 vs. H1 2024



UAE half year Non-Oil Trade with EU, BILLION USD				% CHANGE	
Row Labels	H1_2024	H2_2024	H1_2025	H1_2025 / H2_2024	H1_2025 / H1_2024
Imports	25.1	27.8	28.6	3.0%	13.8%
Non-Oil Exports	2.0	2.3	3.1	30.3%	50.1%
Re-Exports	4.4	5.1	6.4	24.9%	44.3%
Total Trade Value	31.6	35.2	38.0	8.0%	20.4%



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