



Invest in Azerbaijan



The Investment Climate and Business Opportunities in Azerbaijan





STABILITY



FAVOURABLE
BUSINESS AND
INVESTMENT
CLIMATE



PRIVATE
SECTOR



CLEAR VISION
FOR FUTURE

Economic stability: Competitiveness

1st among CIS countries
(6 times running)

38th among 144 countries

8th among 148 countries in terms of
stability of macroeconomic environment

Source: **World Economic Forum**

2nd fastest growing economy among
179 countries for GDP per capita growth in
2001-2010

Source: **The Economist**

Other indicators (place among 144):

Inflation – 1st

Macroeconomic environment – 9th

Government budget balance – 15th

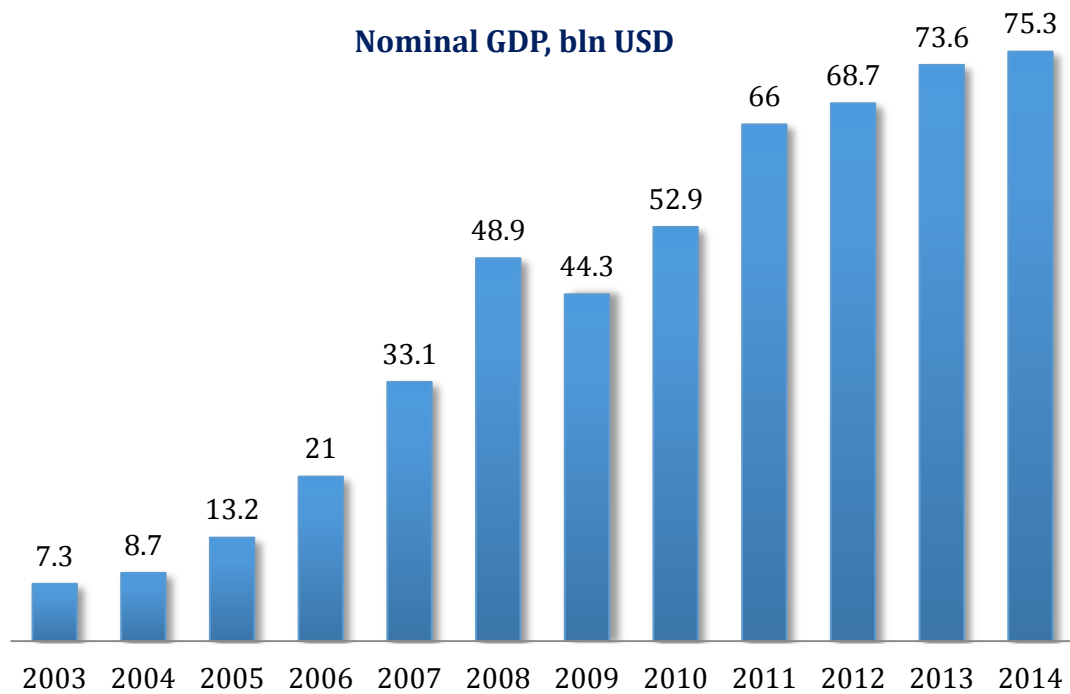
General government debt – 12th

Labour market efficiency – 33rd

Capacity for innovation – 43rd

Technological readiness – 56th

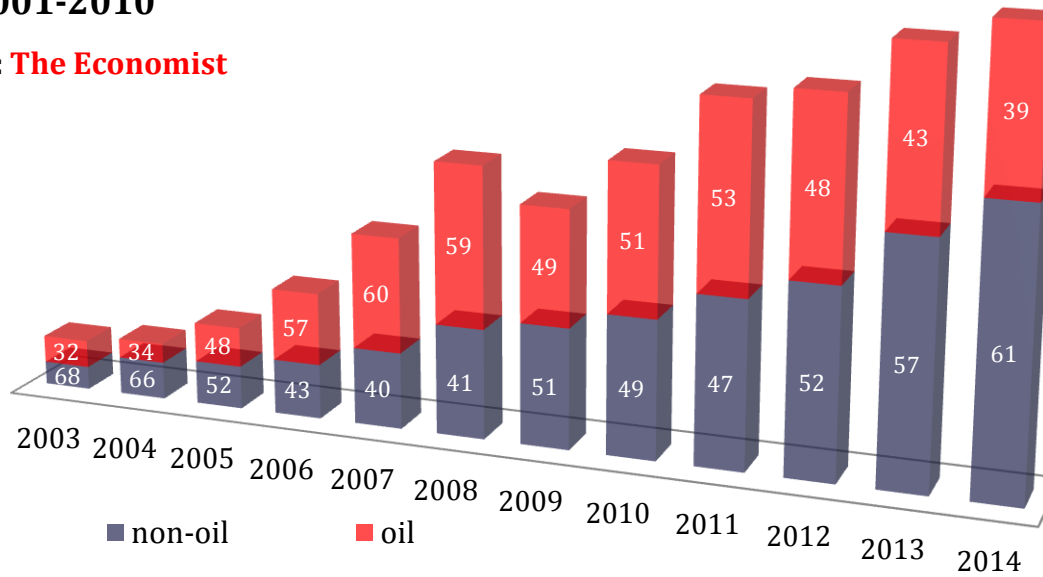
Economic stability: GDP Growth



Structure of GDP

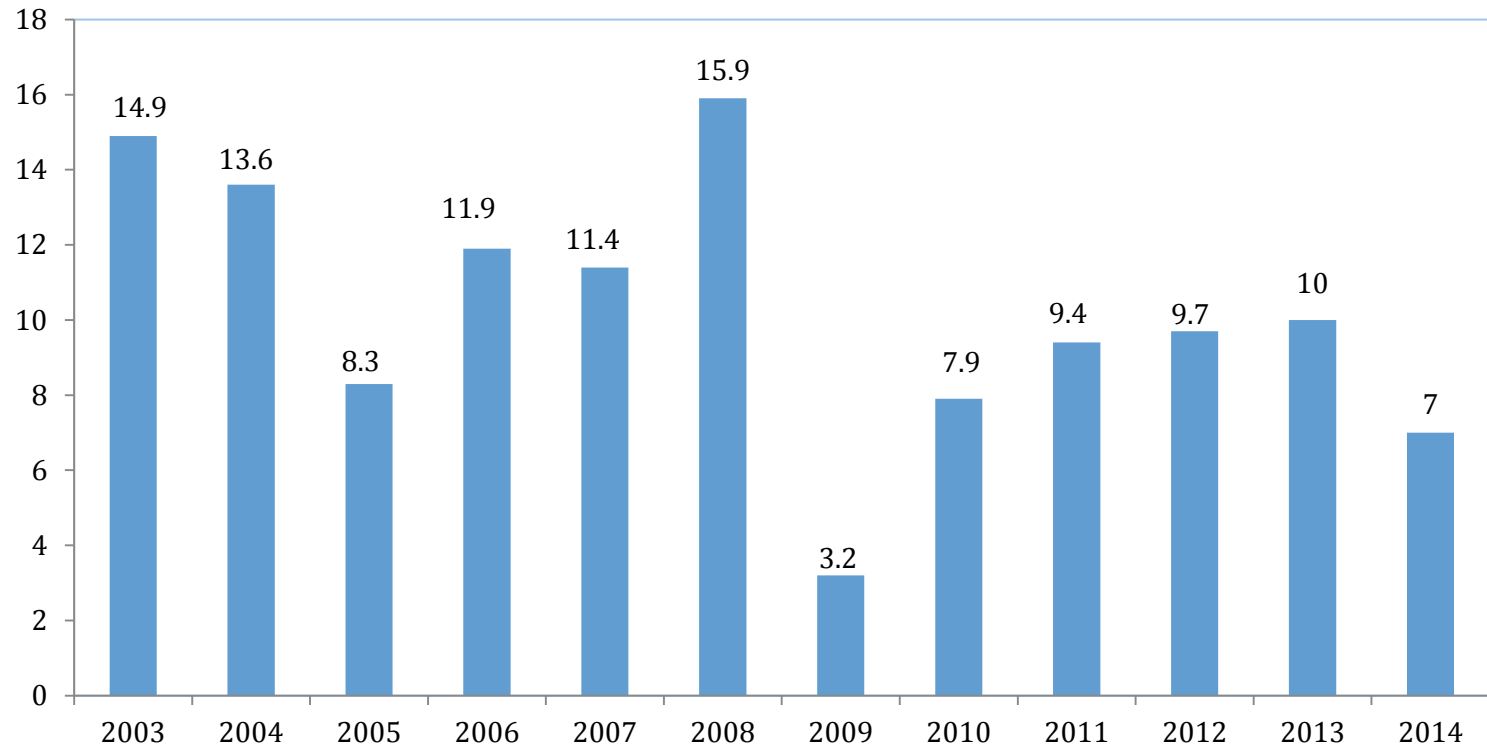
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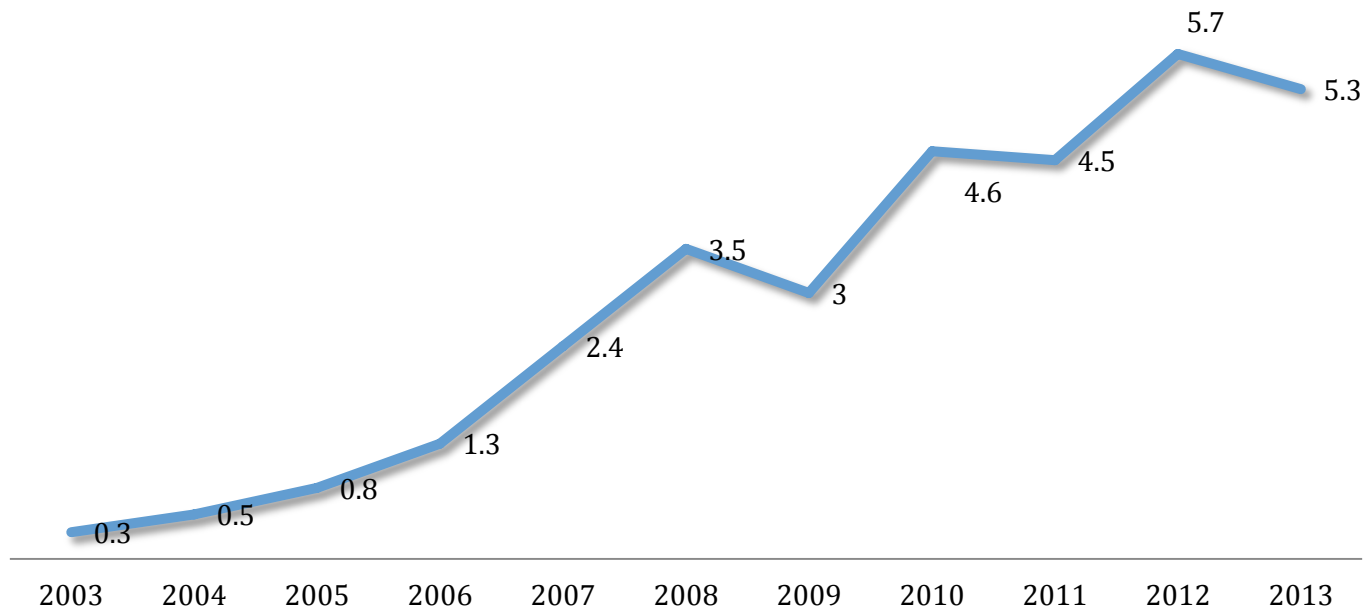


Economic Stability: Non-Oil Growth

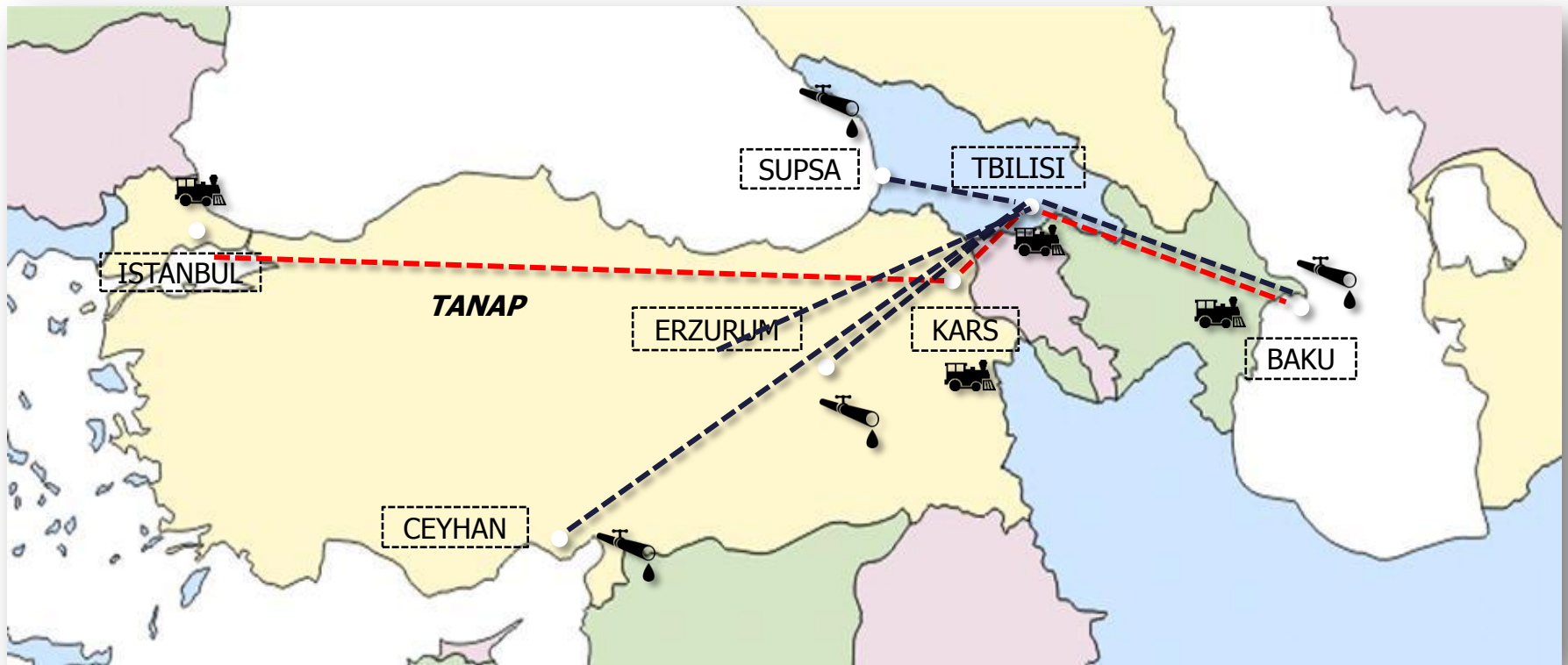
Non-oil GDP growth, %



Foreign investments in non-oil sectors, bln. USD



Strategic location





Business enabling environment

Reformist business environment

Firm legal basis and continuous improvement of business legislation

Top-reformer of business regulations according to Doing Business Report 2009

Decrease of red tape, simplifying business permitting and licensing systems



One-stop-shop for business registration

One of the easiest start-up procedures in the world

2 days for business registration

Internet registration of individual entrepreneurs and local commercial legal entities



Competitive tax system

E-filing and e-payment

Corporate tax - 20%; VAT - 18%;
Simplified tax - 4% and 2%

No agriculture tax, tax holidays for residents of industrial and high-tech parks



User-friendly government services

428 e-services by state authorities

Web portal on business permissions and licenses (www.icazeler.gov.az) and B2B facilitation (www.b2b.az)

One-stop-shop services by ASAN Service Centers (State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations)



Favorable business environment Doing Business Report 2015

In the top 10 of the best reformers!

15th among the 50 most successful countries in reducing the distance from the "forward line" for the period since 2005.

Some indicators:

Company Registration - 12

Registration of real estate - 10

Enforcing Contracts - 31

Paying Taxes - 33



Developed legal framework

Guarantees for investors

Institutional support mechanisms

Government e-services

Competitive tax regime

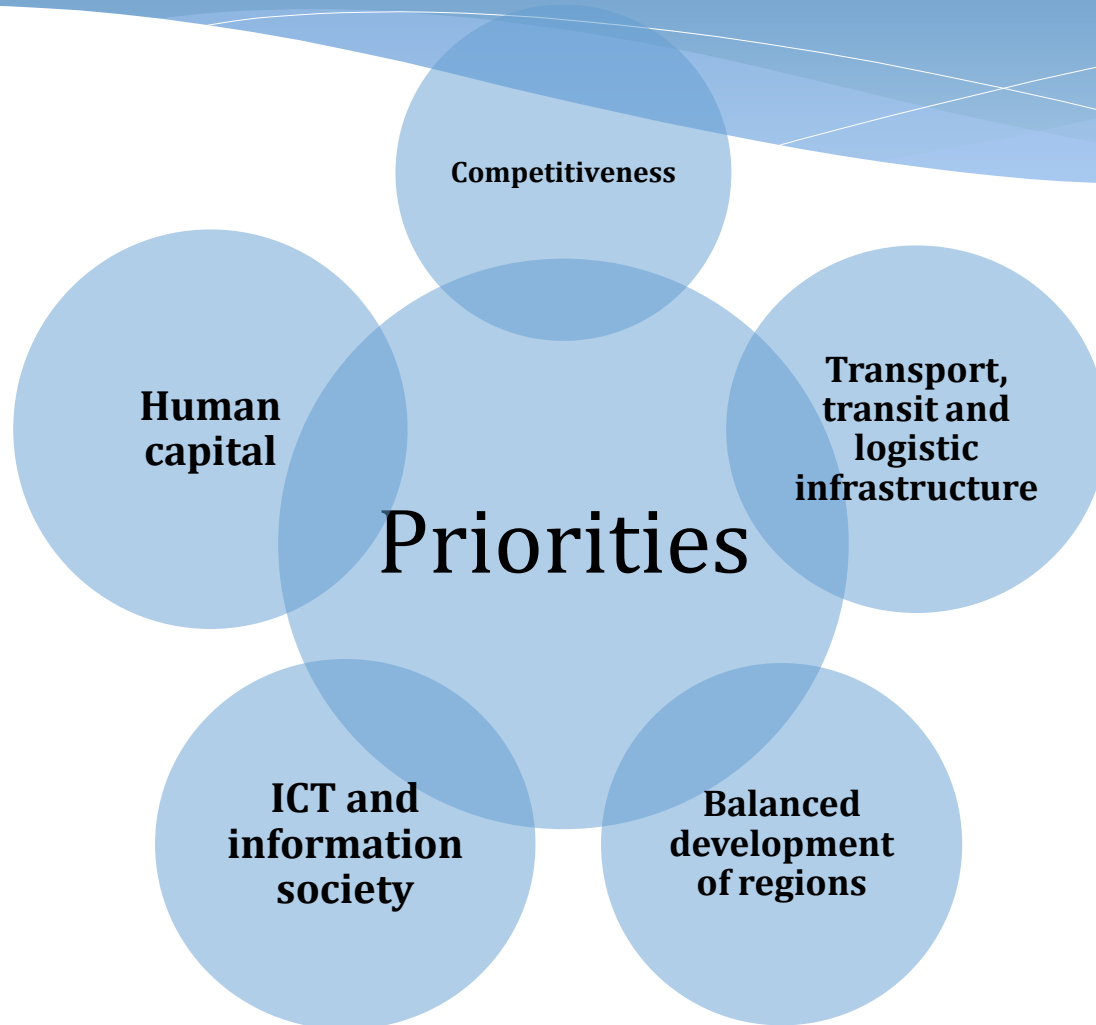
Easy business start-up

Investments to economy

1995-2014



Our vision of the future





Azerbaijan 2020: the vision of the future

- Doubling GDP
- Reaching GDP per capita level to
13,000 USD

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- Moving to innovation based economy
- Increasing competitiveness through diversification

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- Establishing export-oriented economic model
- Increasing volume of export to 1,000 USD per capita for non-oil products and services

Priority sectors



Tourism



Information and communication
technology



Agriculture and food industry



Manufacturing

Special zones

Sumqayit chemical industrial park- total area: 295 ha

Balakhani Eko-industrial park – total area: 10 ha

Mingachaur industrial park – total area: 25 ha

Parks administered by Ministry of Economy and Industry.

Priority products: chemicals used in agriculture, construction, packaging and automotive industries, textile product production, waste recycling and production.

Key advantage: All utilities are provided by plug-and-play concept; availability of in-door raw materials, **Tax holidays for 7 years**

Shamkir Agro park - Total area: 1500 ha

Priority products: agricultural products and food processing

Key advantage: Technology support, all utilities are provided by plug-and-play concept; availability of in-door raw materials and expert supports, tax and duty incentives

High tech parks Total area: 5 thousand m2 in Baku and 50 hectares on the island Pirallahi

Park administered by Ministry of Communication and High Technologies

Priority products: chemicals used in agriculture, construction, packaging and automotive industries

Key advantage: All utilities are provided by plug-and-play concept; availability of in-door raw materials, **Tax holidays for 7 years**

*Established 6 private and public parks/incubators specialized in ICT.



Thank you for the attention!

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