Algeria
Economic environment and business opportunities

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- Algerian Business Owners Association
- Represents major Algerian enterprises
- Think tank focused on the development of Algerian economy
- Advocacy for public policy that stimulate business development, local value creation and competitiveness
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- Recent position: 50 key reforms for a diversified economy
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Brief Algeria Economic picture

- Country that has almost no foreign debt and Foreign Currency Reserves of 190 USD billions (4 years imports)
- Abundant natural resources
- A demographic economic endowment:
  - Young population: 68% of the 36 million population is less than 35 years old
  - This represents a challenge for job creation
  - One of the most advanced education system and health coverage system in Africa
A decade of GDP Growth that has been resilient to financial crisis: Growth disconnected from world trends

- GDP growth has been above 2% for the last 10 years.
- Non Hydrocarbon Growth of 5.9% in 2013.
- Accounting for approximately 40-45% of the country GDP and 98% of its exports, the hydrocarbon sector remains the “engine” of the Algerian economy (provide government financing and infrastructure financing).
- Government recently announced objective: 7% GDP growth by 2019.
Growth was led by the state’s investment package as the government is trying to lessen economy reliance on hydrocarbons.

The released spending focused on:
- developing non-hydrocarbon sectors,
- improving infrastructure,
- expanding local skills base,
- and supporting small and medium size enterprises.

The challenge: Economic diversification in order to create sufficient jobs for the growing young population.
New government plan key announced objectives (2014-2019) 1/2

- Economy diversification in order to reach a 7% GDP growth rate
- Business Environment Reforms (reduction of the procedures, delays and costs for doing business)
- Legal system reform and anti-corruption enforcement
- Tourism development strategy
- Government spending efficiency monitoring and review of the subsidies
- Local and Foreign Investment promotion: a review of the investment rules is currently under review (in order to enhance attractiveness)
- Financial system reforms
New government plan key announced objectives (2014-2019) 2/2

- Infrastructure investment should continue with a higher focus on efficiency and PPP could be considered for some sectors.
- SMEs development and local subcontracting policy for key industrial sectors as automotive parts, health & construction.
- Promotion of developing local supplying for energy, water and agri-food industries.
- Mining resources development and related industries (Fertilizers and Steel). New development for Zinc, baryte and Gold.
- Fishing development.
New government plan key announced objectives (2014-2019) for Energy

- Intensification of exploration and development for conventional reserves
- New production start-ups for conventional Oil and Gas
- Testing activities for non-conventional hydrocarbons (shale gas)
- 14 new pipes projects
- 6 new refineries
- Electricity: doubling the electricity production capacity by 2017
- Renewable energy development (mainly solar)
- Petrochemical industry development
Business and investment opportunities

- Energy
- Petrochemicals
- Mining
- Construction materials
- Engineering
- Health (pharmaceuticals & medical equipment)
- Consumers products
- Hospitality
- Financial services
Car market: above 500,000 vehicles per year with a 18% yearly growth

Compounded Annual Growth: 18%

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Financial Services: Attractive Fundamentals
Reforms would create opportunities

• The financial systems has not been affected by the financial crisis…

• But the financial intermediation is still not performing: 40% of deposit are not converted into loans to the economy

• High level of liquidity on the market

• The banking system is still focused on offering trade services

• Great development opportunities:
  • Banking services
  • Electronic banking
  • Mobile banking
  • Under developed stock market
  • Professionnal asset management
Algeria investment rules

- **51/49 rule:** Foreign Shareholding in Algerian companies limited to 49%
  - Specific corporate governance should be organized in line with strategic objectives
  - Explore the wide range of local shareholding possibilities:
    - Equity funds
    - Local IPO
    - Public companies
    - Strategic local investors

- **Consider M&A, JVs, Partnership options for entering the market**

- **The Business environnement is challenging:** 4 basic rules for success
  - **Prepare:** Do market research and monitor market opportunities in your sector.
  - **Plan for the long term:** It will take time to get results.
  - **Patience:** The business environment is different.
  - **Persevere:** If you are considering this market for the right reason, you should succeed.
Questions and Contact

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