

# Why Iran



## 1 Strategic Location

Straddling the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea, Iran connects Central Asia to the open seas and West Asia to the Middle East, offering a unique and valuable geographic location.

**17m** barrels of crude per day through the Straits of Hormuz  
= 30% of global requirements



## 2 At the heart of Regional Market

Iran has land and sea borders with 15 countries, offering easy access to a combined market of over 530 million whose demographics and increasing purchasing power offer a growing market at a time of stagnation in the world economy.

**15** Countries



## 3 World's 18<sup>th</sup> Largest Economy

With a total GDP of over USD 1,200 billion (PPP basis), Iran is the world's 18<sup>th</sup> largest economy and set to climb further, by mobilizing its demographic advantages and natural resources capital to enjoy years of sustainable and rapid growth.

9 % Agriculture 38 % Industry 53 % Services

# GDP

## 4 Political Stability

While Iran enjoys peace, stability and security in an area affected by upheavals, unrest and hot beds of tensions, it has always offered peace and tranquility and used its utmost to invite others to contribute to the process of Détente in the area and the Middle East region.



## 5 Abundant Mineral Resources

The country is also exceedingly rich in mineral resources, which are worth an estimated USD 27.3 trillion dollars. Iran is the MENA region's leading country in reserves and production of critical base metals including iron ore, zinc, steel, copper and lead.

**68** types of minerals and metals

**31** billion tones known reserves & 57 billion tones potential reserves

