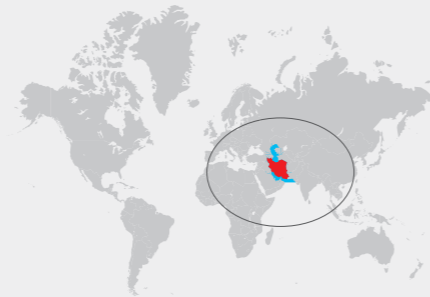


Why Iran



1 Strategic Location

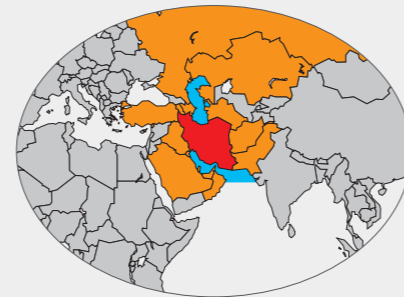
Straddling the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea, Iran connects Central Asia to the open seas and West Asia to the Middle East, offering a unique and valuable geographic location.



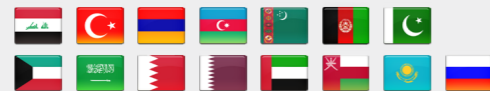
17m barrels of crude per day through the Straits of Hormuz
= 30% of global requirements

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 18th Largest Economy

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

GDP

9% Agriculture **38%** Industry **53%** Services

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.



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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



6 Energy Security

Iran with close to $\frac{1}{5}$ of total global proved gas reserves as the leading country and ranked 4th in proved crude oil reserves is one of the most sustainable resources of supplying hydrocarbon fuels in the world. An extensive national pipeline network to deliver fuel, together with 74,000 MW of installed electrical generation capacity ensure energy security. **14th** Largest Electricity Producer



7 Low Effective Rate of Taxation

Iranian companies enjoy a flat 25% corporate tax rate and shareholders are not liable to any tax on dividends, while exports are exempt from any taxation and under certain circumstances tax holidays of up to 15 years can be obtained.

15 Years Tax Holidays



8 Developed Infrastructure

Through substantial investments, Iran has developed its ports, rail and road networks and air transport systems, creating the perfect foundation for economic development and prosperity.

103 Airports **13,000 km** Railroads



9 Young Educated Labor Force

With some 3.7 million students at various stages of higher education, Iran possesses some of the best educated youth in the developing world.

79m Population **3.7m** Students



10 Untapped Tourism Potential

Ancient history, the heritage of some of the world's greatest empires, exquisite arts and crafts, rich cultural heritage, refined and varied cuisine, diverse climate and breath-taking natural wonders provide the perfect platform for Iran to tap into the fast growing and lucrative global tourism market.

