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24** **A YEAR OF MILESTONES  
FOR FOREIGN DIRECT  
INVESTMENT IN THE  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**



**MAY 2025**





## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** **A HUB OF STABILITY AND GROWTH FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT**

- 1-** Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows reached USD 4.5 billion in 2024, setting a record for the third consecutive year.
- 2-** This amount represents a 3% increase compared to 2023, in a context where global FDI flows declined by 8%, while in the Latin America and Caribbean region the decrease was 9%<sup>1</sup>.
- 3-** Leading recipient of FDI in Central America and the Caribbean.
- 4-** Tourism and Energy remain the top FDI-attracting sectors.
- 5-** The Central Bank of the Dominican Republic projects FDI will surpass USD 4.7 billion by the end of 2025.

<sup>1</sup> Global Investment Trends Monitor, no. 48, UNCTAD.

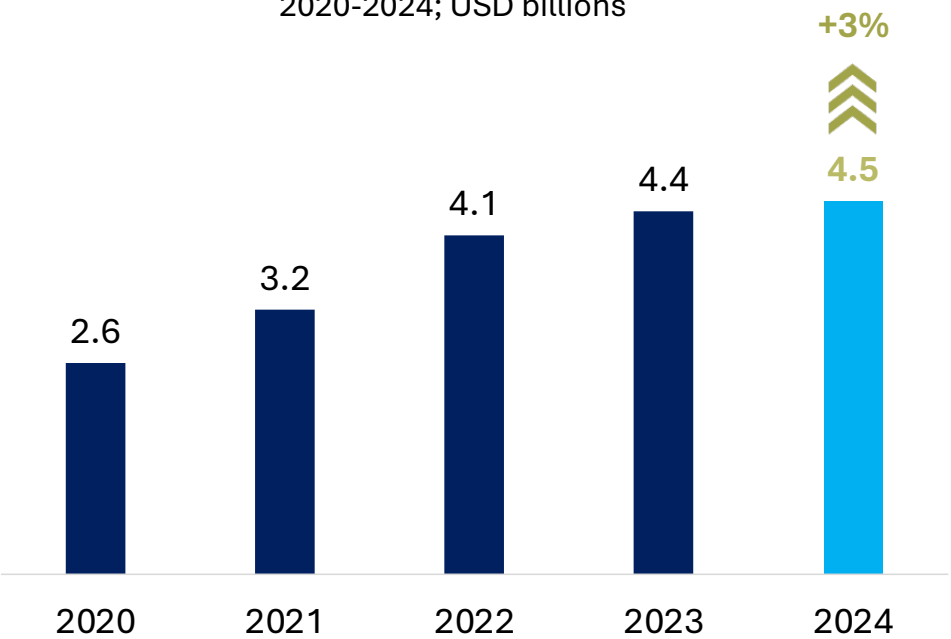


STRATEGIES THAT DELIVER RESULTS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SETS HISTORIC FDI RECORD IN 2024 FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

USD 4.5 BILLION IN FDI

FDI inflows in the Dominican Republic  
2020-2024; USD billions



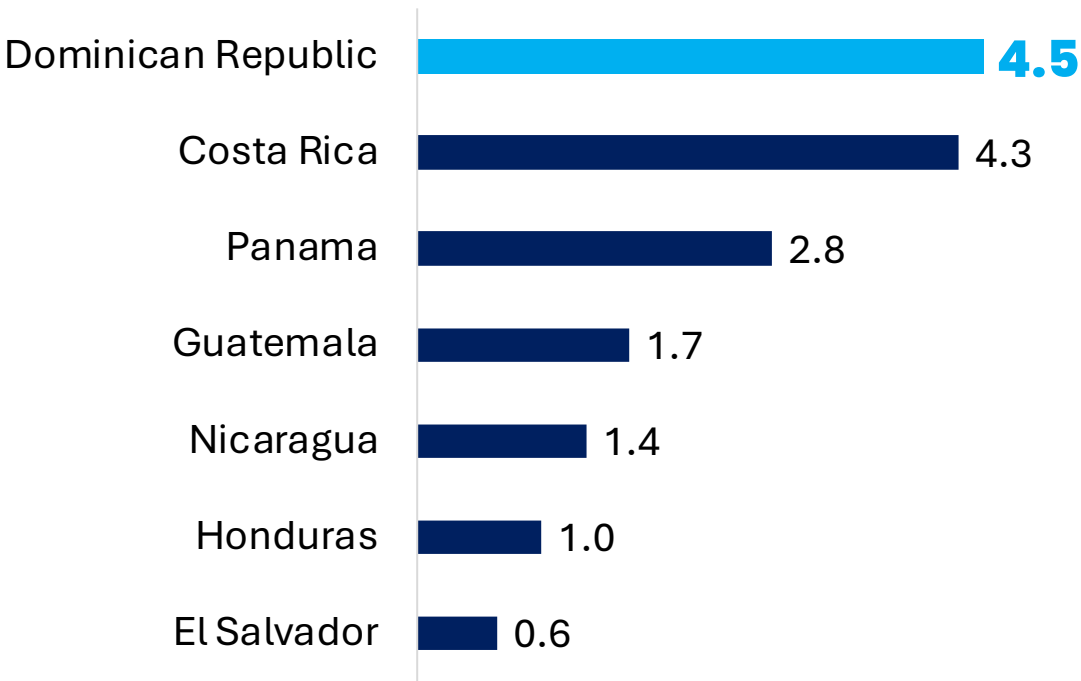
Source: ProDominicana ProInteligencia, based on data from the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic (BCRD, by its Spanish acronym).

INVESTORS TRUST THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR ITS ECONOMIC, LEGAL, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL STABILITY, A COMBINATION THAT STRENGTHENS ITS POSITION AS AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

REGIONAL LEADER

FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC STANDS OUT AS THE TOP RECIPIENT OF FDI IN CENTRAL AMERICA

FDI attraction ranking in Central America 2024  
USD billions



Source: Prepared by ProDominicana using data from Statistics Institutes and Central Banks.  
Note: Data consulted on April 15, 2025.



FOREIGN CONFIDENCE IN STRATEGIC SECTORS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

FDI SECTORS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2024

TOURISM:	USD 1.3 BILLION
ENERGY:	USD 1.1 BILLION
REAL ESTATE:	USD 798.3 MILLION
COMMERCE/INDUSTRY:	USD 441.4 MILLION
FREE TRADE ZONES:	USD 417.4 MILLION
TRANSPORTATION:	USD 283.8 MILLION
FINANCIAL:	USD 162.8 MILLION
MINING:	USD 38.5 MILLION

Source: ProDominicana ProInteligencia, based on data from the BCRD.

Note: The telecommunications sector showed a negative value of USD 44.3 million (sectors with negative values correspond to operational losses, disinvestment, and/or dividend payments).

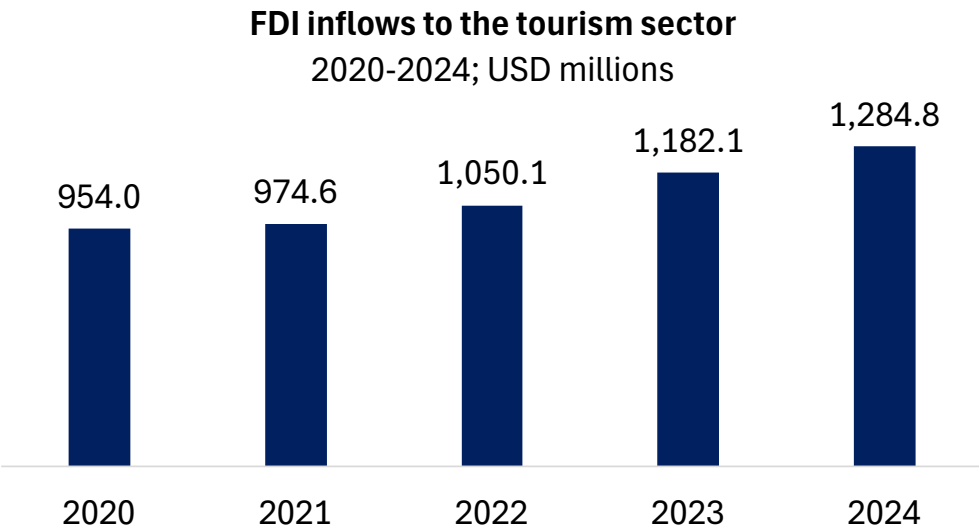


FDI IN TOURISM REMAINS LEADER

THE LEADING FDI SECTOR, RECORDING ITS HIGHEST VALUE IN 2024 WITH

USD 1.3 BILLION

DRIVEN BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN TOURIST HUBS, DIVERSIFICATION OF THE TOURISM OFFERS, EXPANSION OF AIR CONNECTIVITY, AND SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION



Source : ProDominicana ProInteligencia, based on data from the BCRD.

SETTING RECORD AFTER RECORD

OTHER KEY TOURISM INDICATORS ALSO STRENGTHEN ITS INVESTMENT APPEAL IN 2024

11.2 MILLION VISITORS

CENTRAL AMERICA’S AND THE CARIBBEAN’S TOP TOURIST DESTINATION

USD 11.0 BILLION IN TOURISM INCOMES

12.5% HIGHER THAN 2023

Source: BCRD.



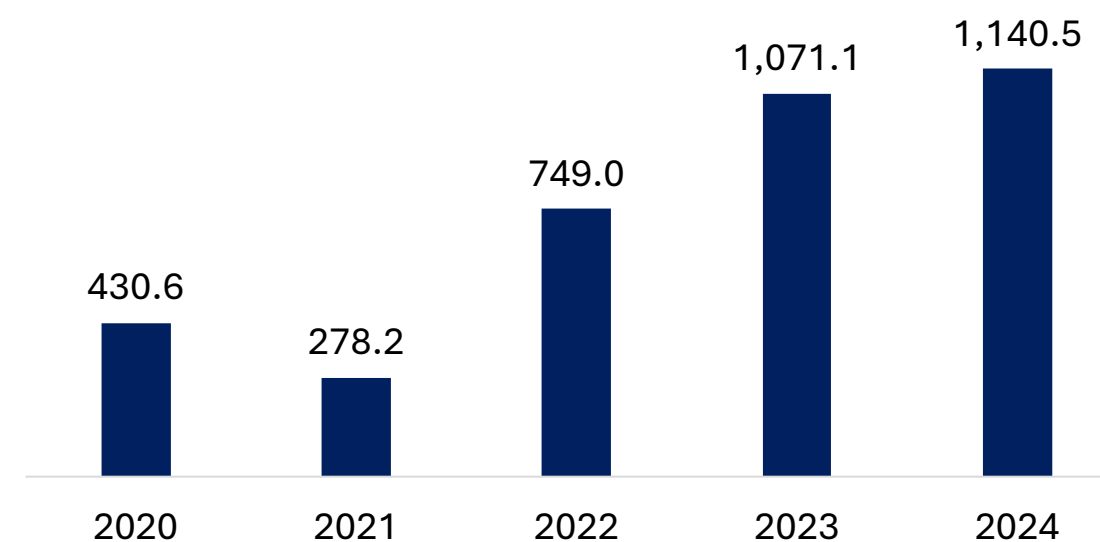
## THE ENERGY MATRIX DIVERSIFIES

THE ENERGY SECTOR GAINS GREATER PROMINENCE DUE TO ELECTRICITY GENERATION PROJECTS FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES

**USD 1.1  
BILLION IN FDI**

HISTORIC RECORD AND THE SECOND SECTOR WITH THE HIGHEST FDI INFLOWS

### FDI inflows to the energy sector 2020-2024; USD millions



Source: ProDominicana ProInteligencia, based on data from the BCRD.



UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) highlighted the Dominican Republic as a model for “Energy transition investment and tourism development”



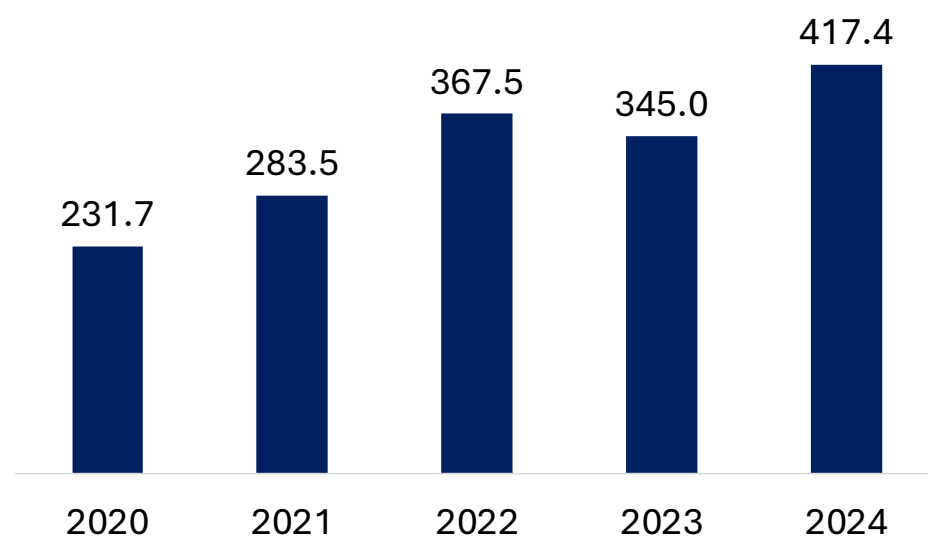




## FREE TRADE ZONES REACH THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL OF FDI IN 2024:

**USD 417.4 MILLION**

FDI inflows to the free trade zones sector  
2020-2024; USD millions



Source: ProDominicana ProInteligencia, based on data from the BCRD.





## A GLOBAL INVESTMENT DESTINATION

FDI inflows in the Dominican Republic by country of origin 2024 (Top 10)

INVESTMENTS FROM  
CANADA TOTALED  
**USD 207.4 MILLION.**



THE UNITED STATES WAS  
THE TOP INVESTOR:  
**USD 1.2 BILLION.**



MEXICO RANKED  
SECOND IN LATIN AMERICA:  
**USD 209.6 MILLION.**



PANAMA WAS THE MOST  
IMPORTANT IN CENTRAL AMERICA:  
**USD 192.2 MILLION.**



COLOMBIA POSITIONED  
AS SOUTH AMERICA'S  
SECOND-LARGEST:  
**USD 140.9 MILLION.**



BRAZIL WAS LATIN  
AMERICA'S LARGEST INVESTOR:  
**USD 229.2 MILLION.**

EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS  
WERE LED BY SPAIN:  
**USD 1.1 BILLION.**



GERMANY RECORDED  
**USD 89.2 MILLION.**

INVESTMENTS FROM  
ITALY REACHED  
**USD 100.6 MILLION.**

FRANCE WAS EUROPE'S  
SECOND-LARGEST INVESTOR:  
**USD 163.1 MILLION.**

Source: ProDominicana ProInteligencia, based on data from the BCRD.



## EXPORTS FROM FDI COMPANIES REACH

**USD 8.9 BILLION IN 2024**



### KEY SECTORS IN EXPORTS FROM FDI COMPANIES 2024

**USD 2.8 BILLION**

MEDICAL DEVICES AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN EXPORTS.

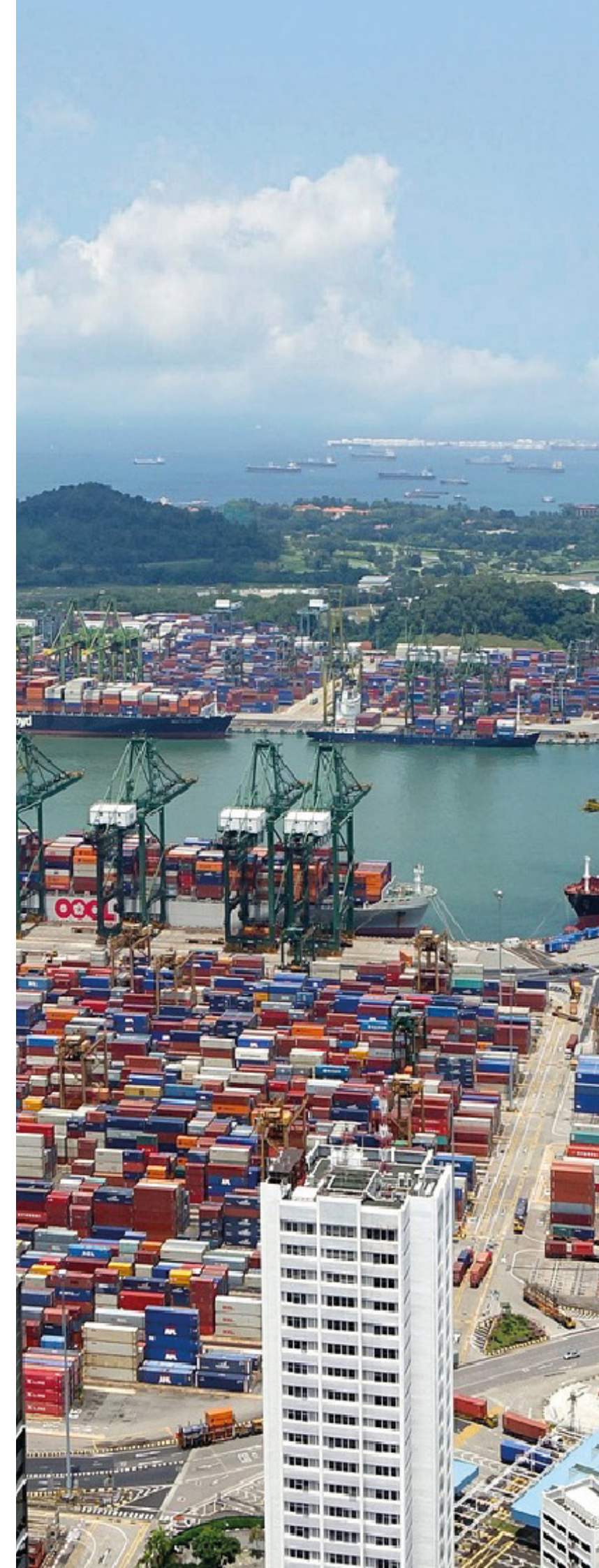
**USD 1.2 BILLION**

ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS IN EXPORTS.

Source: General Directorate of Customs, BCRD.

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“The Dominican Republic’s free trade zones make the country a regional powerhouse in the production and export of electronics and medical devices”  
- Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF), Washington, D.C., USA







**A FUTURE FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES:  
THE GROWTH TREND CONTINUES IN 2025**

PRELIMINARY FDI JANUARY–MARCH 2025

**USD 1.4 BILLION**

7.1% HIGHER THAN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE  
PREVIOUS YEAR

THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
ESTIMATES THAT FDI IN THE COUNTRY WILL EXCEED

**USD 4.7 BILLION**

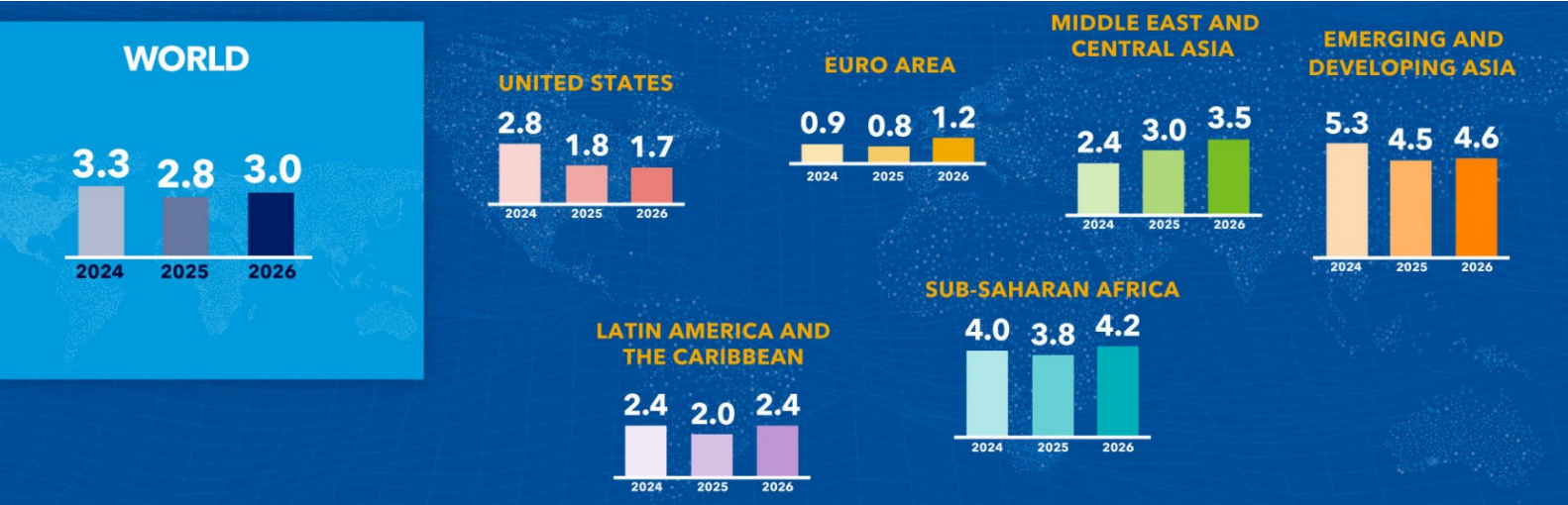
BY THE END OF 2025



A KEY FACTOR FOR INVESTORS: THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC’S ECONOMIC GROWTH PROJECTIONS OUTPACE GLOBAL AND REGIONAL AVERAGES



GLOBAL GROWTH PROJECTIONS  
REAL GDP GROWTH, PERCENT CHANGE

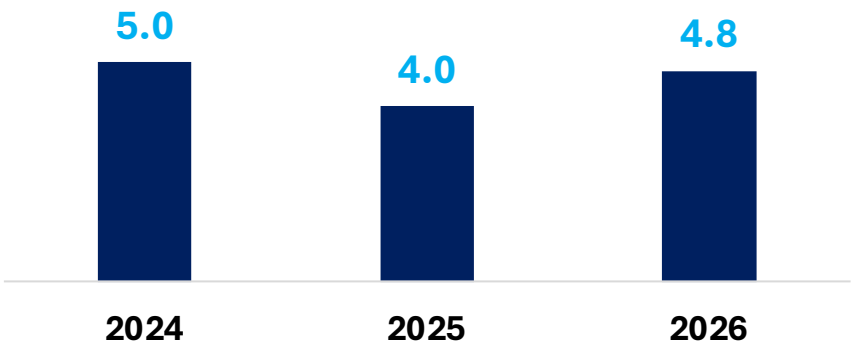


DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTS STRATEGY TO DOUBLE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) BY 2036

FDI IS A KEY DRIVER OF THIS VISION

The Goal 2036 Plan (Meta RD 2036) outlines that, by leveraging nearshoring opportunities—especially the rise of the semiconductor industry—and incorporating key proposals from sectoral associations, FDI could potentially double even before 2036.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: COUNTRY WITH THE HIGHEST PROJECTED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, AND THE SECOND HIGHEST IN LATIN AMERICA\*



Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook, April 2025.

Note: Order of bars for each group indicates (left to right): 2024, 2025 projections, and 2026 projections.

\*: For the Caribbean, only insular territories are considered.



## PRODOMINICANA SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTS ITS INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION STRATEGY

**+320** PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

**58** COUNTRIES



**SHOWCASING THE BEST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE WORLD**

## PRODOMINICANA POSITIONS THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AS A BENCHMARK IN INVESTMENT ATTRACTION

AWARDED AS ONE OF THE LEADING INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ANNUAL INVESTMENT MEETING AWARDS 2024





## IT'S A GREAT TIME TO INVEST IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC!

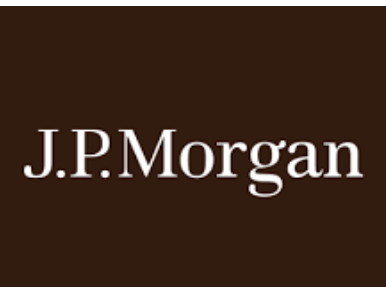
POSITIVE OUTLOOK AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



"The Dominican Republic is one of the world's fastest-growing economies, offers perhaps the most attractive business environment in Latin America, and is a leading candidate for nearshored investments in advanced manufacturing activity—particularly for electronics such as printed circuit boards (PCBs) and the assembly, test, and packaging (ATP) of semiconductors".



"The performance of the Dominican Republic can be attributed to several factors, including the implementation of sound policies, particularly by the central bank, improvements in the policy framework, a more diversified export base, and the economy's structural flexibility to changing global conditions".



The Dominican Republic's country risk of 210 basis points (bps) is lower than that of countries of the region such as Colombia (342 bps), Mexico (311 bps), and Panama (282 bps)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Date of consultation: May 13, 2025.



The Dominican Republic is the only country in the Central American region with a positive outlook on its credit rating.



The credit rating of the Dominican Republic has reached its highest level, with Standard & Poor's reaffirming its position at BB with a stable outlook. The rating agency also highlighted that the market-friendly policies implemented by the government have helped maintain a high level of investment, estimated at around 32% of GDP in 2024.



"Dominican Republic is forecast to grow strongly, by an average of 4.9 percent in 2025-26, supported by structural reforms to attract foreign direct investment"<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> Global Economic Prospects, January 2025.





## Streamline Optimize

and expedite your investment process

The One Stop Shop for Investment in the Dominican Republic (VUI-RD) is a centralized point that provides services to investors, facilitating the acquisition of permits, licenses, and certifications required by various government institutions to materialize an investment project in the productive sectors of goods and services in the country.



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- OVER **450** REGISTERED AND ACTIVE USERS



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