Uzbekistan is a doubly landlocked country located in Central Asia that borders the countries of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Uzbekistan has a varied landscape that includes a rolling sandy desert, mountains along the border with Tajikistan, and the Aral Sea in the west. The government system is a republic under authoritarian presidential rule, with little power outside the executive branch; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Uzbekistan has a mixed economy in which there is limited private freedom, but the economy remains highly controlled by the government.

Location: Central Asia  
Capital City: Tashkent (+5 GMT)  
Chief of State: Interim President Shavkat Mirziyoyev  
Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov  
Currency: Uzbekistan Som (UZS)  
Major Languages: Uzbek (official) 74.3%, Russian 14.2%, Tajik 4.4%, other 7.1%  
Primary Religions: Muslim 88% (mostly Sunni), Eastern Orthodox 9%, other 3%  
Calling Code: 998  
Voltage: 220

Key Websites  
Main Government Page: gov.uz  
Commerce Ministry: mineconomy.uz

Key Economic Facts

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<td>GDP, PPP (current international $):</td>
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GDP Composition %

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*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.

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Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: C - A very uncertain political and economic outlook and a business environment with many troublesome weaknesses can have a significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is high.

Business Climate rating: C - The business environment is difficult. Corporate financial information is often unavailable and when available often unreliable. Debt collection is unpredictable. The institutional framework has many troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run major risks in the difficult environments rated C.

Strengths

- Abundant and diversified natural resources (gas, gold, cotton, hydroelectric potential)
- Low level of debt and comfortable foreign exchange reserves
- Ambitious public investment programme
- Population of 32 million inhabitants
- Strategic position between China and Europe (New Silk Road)

Weaknesses

- Poor economic diversification and dependence on commodity prices
- Low competitiveness
- Underdeveloped banking sector; practice of directed credit
- State interventionism; difficult business climate
- Autocratic regime

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