



AIFC CONNECT: LONDON 2024

**Thriving Through Change: Kazakhstan's Economic Resilience
and the Astana International Financial Centre**

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KAZAKHSTAN AT THE CROSSROADS OF EURASIA

Vast Mineral Resource Base

- **#13** in oil
- **#1** in uranium
- **#18** in copper

Low Default Risk

- **Baa2** Moody's
- **BBB-** S&P
- **BBB** Fitch

Prospective Human Capital

- 20 mln population
- 30 years median age
- **#56** Human Development Index

MACROECONOMIC OVERVIEW



GDP Growth, in \$bn



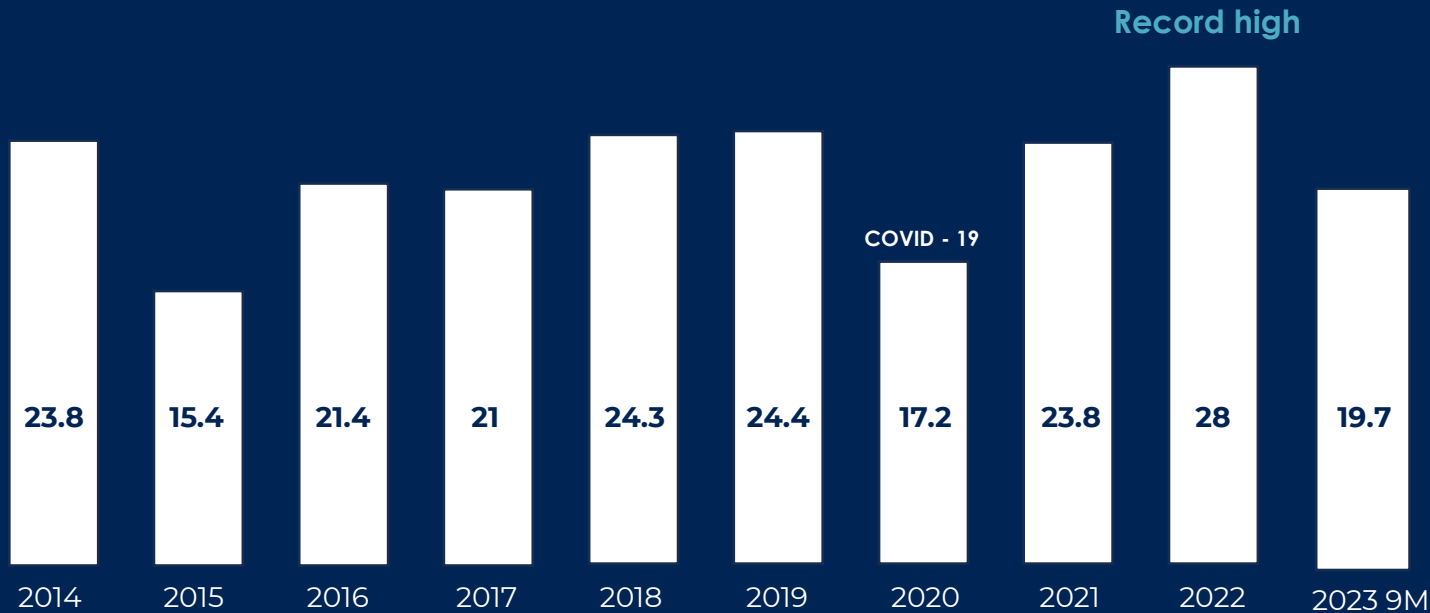
- Upward trend for real GDP
- ~4.2% average annual GDP growth in the last 3 years
- **\$354bn economy** in 2028

Fiscal Resilience, in \$bn



- Kazakhstan possesses significant resources to deal with economic shocks and take on large-scale initiatives
- Both National Fund and International Reserves have been growing over last two years

FDI INFLOW, in \$ bn



In recent years, gross FDI inflows into Kazakhstan have demonstrated stability, with a record **high value achieved in 2022 totaling \$28 billion**

58% of FDI inflow attributed to Oil & Gas, Mining and Metal Industry

Top Countries Contributing to FDI:



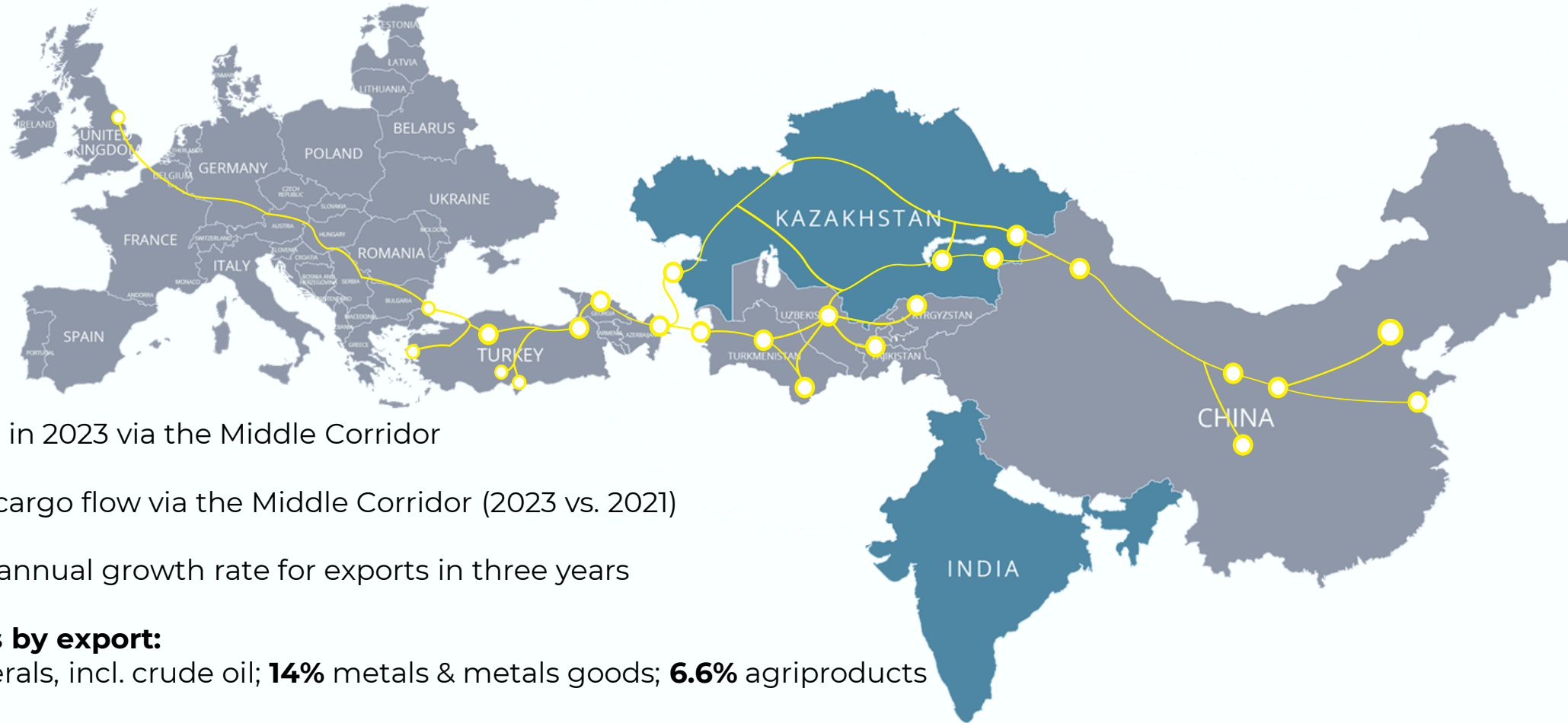
KEY OBJECTIVES FOR POLICY REFORMS: STATE-POLITICAL SYSTEM



- President's Authority Constraints and Parliament Reformation
- Electoral Process and Political Party Registration Enhancement
- Advancing Judicial Independence and Transparency
- Strengthening Maslikhats (Local Representative Bodies)
- Protection of Fundamental Human Rights
- Empowering Civil Society and Media Groups

TRADE IN GOODS AND TRANSPORT POTENTIAL OF KAZAKHSTAN

Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (TITR), also known as the Middle Corridor, runs through China, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia and further to Turkey and Europe



- **2.7 mln tonnes** in 2023 via the Middle Corridor
- **x 5** increase in cargo flow via the Middle Corridor (2023 vs. 2021)
- **16.3%** average annual growth rate for exports in three years
- **Top 3 products by export:**
61.4% fuel minerals, incl. crude oil; **14%** metals & metals goods; **6.6%** agriproducts

KAZAKHSTAN'S FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE

Banking

- **21** bank
- **29%** of GDP
- **\$73 bn** deposits
- **81%** of adults banked

Asset management

\$2.5 bn AUM (vs. \$1 bn in 2018)

Insurance

\$1.9bn total premium volume
(vs. \$750m in 2018)

Microfinancing

\$3bn loan book

Leading IFC in CIS countries

AIFC is strategically positioned to service the growing market of Central Asian countries and neighboring CIS countries, which encompass a region with a combined **GDP of \$500bn** and a **population of 100 mln** people



The Global
Financial Centres
Index 34



Astana is the highest ranked city in the region, progressively moving higher in the index from #88 in 2018 to #60 in 2023

WHY AIFC?

A modern and dynamic finance hub for businesses entering Central Asia's emerging market.

- English common law jurisdiction
- Independent judicial system
- Robust regulatory framework
- Modern exchange infrastructure
- Special tax, currency and labor regime

Business Activity

2400+

Registered entities

89 firms offering **Financial Services**

- Asset & Fund management
- Wealth management
- Banking
- Insurance
- Custody
- Brokerage

163 firms offering **Professional Services**

- Legal services
- Audit services
- Taxation
- Accounting
- Business consulting
- Shari'ah consulting
- Credit rating

52 recognised non-AIFC members (**brokers**)

17 firms offering **Fintech Services in Regulatory Sandbox**

- Digital Asset Trading Facilities
- Digital Asset Brokers
- Payment Services
- Crowdfunding

AIFC Court and International Arbitration Centre

Legally separate and **independent** from Kazakhstan's judicial system, it provides an effective dispute resolution system for civil and commercial matters

89

Court Judgements and Orders

2200+

Arbitration and mediation cases

9

Judges

42

International arbitrators and mediators

100%

Enforcement



Astana International Exchange

Fosters reliable and liquid capital markets in Central Asia and beyond, by offering cutting-edge solutions and services that cater to the needs of both companies and investors

Product Pipeline

- Equity
- Debt
- Structured products

\$365 mln equity capital

\$4.2 bn debt capital

150 listings

1.5 mln+ investor accounts

x2,4 growth in trading volume (2023 vs 2022)

Compliance with global standards



AIFC is committed to world standards in **tax transparency**, as well as combating **money laundering** and the **financing of terrorism**.

In July 2023 AIFC has passed the EAG Mutual Evaluation for compliance with the FATF international standards

In July 2022 AIFC was confirmed to be compliant with global standards of tax transparency (**OECD BEPS**)

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Thank you for your attention,
and we extend a warm
invitation to you for
ASTANA FINANCE DAYS 2024!



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