

The Center for Facilitation of Investments (CFI) is Haiti's national investment promotion agency and the first port of call for investors looking at opportunities in Haiti.

CFI's dedicated and skilled staff is available to support investors throughout the investment process by:

- Providing general and customized information to support the investment location assessment and facilitating access to regulatory authorities;
- Supporting site visits to Haiti by identifying potential investment targets and arranging suitable meetings and introductions that could support the investment decision process;
- Identifying suitable sites; and
- Providing post-establishment support.



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**One of the fast growing economies in the Western Hemisphere, the Caribbean's first independent nation is set to take off.**

Haiti's economy boasts a growing range of business and leisure activities, from manufacturing to agribusiness to high-end hotels. With exceptional labor skills, proximity to markets, language capabilities, and competitive business costs, Haiti provides an environment where businesses can take off. Bolstered by public and private investment in infrastructure and propelled by its diversely talented population of over 10 million, Haiti's investment opportunities are better than ever.

### 1 EXCELLENT GEOSTRATEGIC POSITION

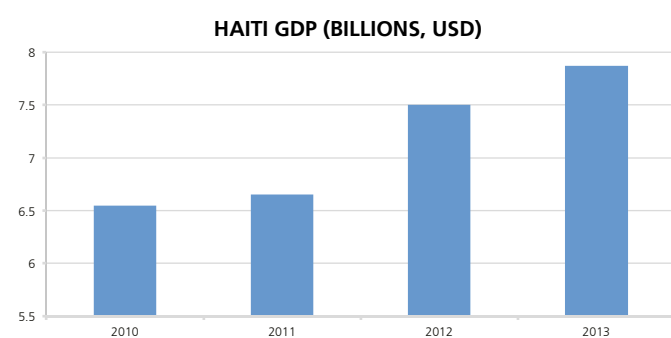
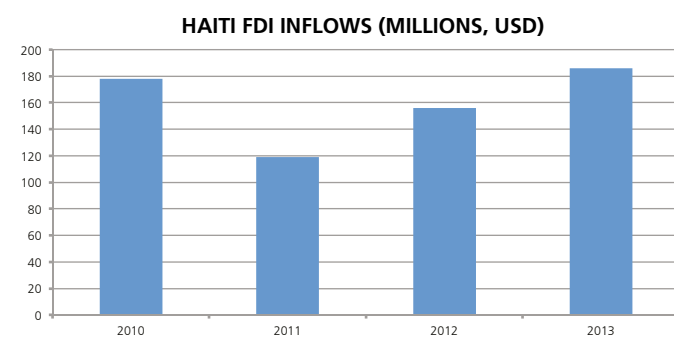
#### LOCATION

- Shipping time is up to 3 days to the U.S. and Latin America and up to 10 days to Western European ports.
- Located 90 minutes by plane from Miami, Haiti is a near-shore destination for investment that allows easy direct supervision trips.
- Same time zone as the U.S. East Coast.

#### TRADE PREFERENCES

- Haiti, as a Least Developed Country (LDC), enjoys preferential trade access to 17 developed country markets, as well as access to the European Union through the Everything But Arms (EBA) scheme.
- Unparalleled duty-free access to the U.S. market for the apparel sector through the HOPE II and HELP legislation.
- As a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Haiti benefits from a trade and investment agreement with the U.S. and an expanding access to the markets of 14 other countries in the Caribbean.

**Haiti has preferential access to more than one billion customers in the most attractive markets worldwide.**



Source: Trading Economics

### HAITI AT A GLANCE

<b>Currency:</b>	USD 1 = 46.7 Haitian Gourde (HTG) (Avg. Nov. 2014)
<b>Time zone:</b>	EST (U.S.)
<b>GDP:</b>	USD 8.459 billion (2013)
<b>GDP Growth:</b>	3.6% (Provisional for 2013-2014)
<b>Inflation:</b>	5.3% (Provisional for 2013-2014)
<b>Area:</b>	27,750 Km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	10.4 million
<b>Climate:</b>	Tropical

### 2 COMPETITIVE AND COMMITTED WORKFORCE

- The workforce includes a large pool of English, French and Spanish speakers.
- Haiti has an abundant labor market with highly competitive costs.
- There is a wide diversity of experiences reaching from agriculture to high-level technology.
- Businesses report very low turnover rates and absenteeism.
- Workers are ready and keen to learn new skills.

### 3 INVESTOR-FRIENDLY CLIMATE

- The CFI (Center for Facilitation of Investments) is present to support investors through the whole investment process.
- Haiti has a pro-private sector investment code with exceptional incentives including up to 15 years of tax exemption.
- Funding is available from local banks, investment funds and international institutions.
- Haiti has high quality opportunities in industrial parks and free zones, including on-site electricity generation and waste water treatment facilities.

### 4 UNTAPPED OPPORTUNITIES

Potential opportunities for investment abound, particularly in the country's key sectors, as well as other sectors with growth potential:



**Find more information and specific opportunities on the key sectors in the sector brochures.**

### 5 PROVEN TRACK RECORD

- Many international companies come to Haiti and thrive.
- Recent investors include: Marriott, Best Western, Occidental Hotels, Coca-Cola, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Toms Shoes, Donna Karan.
- Re-investment from established investors such as Heineken, Digicel, SAE-A, H&H Global, GB Group, Coles Group, CODEVI.