



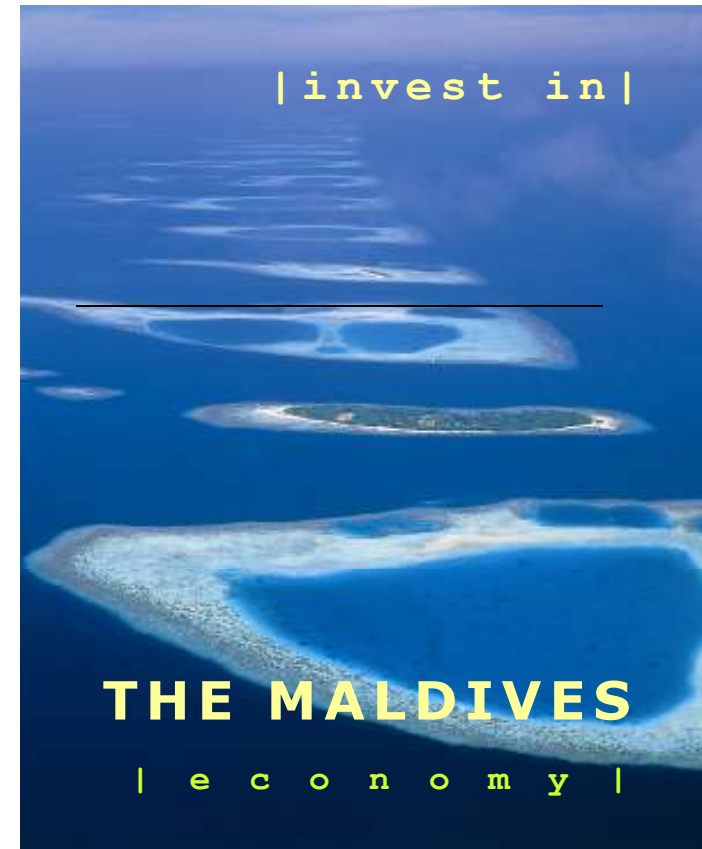
The Maldives

- Archipelago comprising of 1,190 tiny islands in an area of 90,000 sq km
- Strategic location astride and along major sea lanes in Indian Ocean
- 195 islands are inhabited by the country's population of 350,000 people
- Sustained high economic growth throughout the last 35 years, led mainly by tourism
- Achieved over 7% growth over the last decade
- Economic activities: Tourism, Fisheries, transport and communications

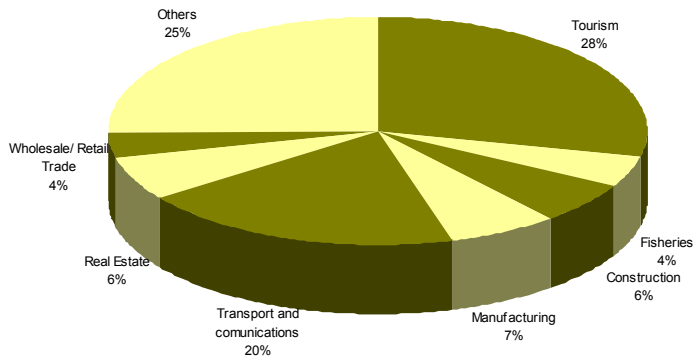


Prospective Sectors

- Infrastructure development including ports, airports, harbours and bridges etc
- Financial services including insurance, banking, consultancy etc
- Aquaculture, cultivation of seaweed and value added marine products
- Tourism and tourism related investments
- Transport sector, including air and sea transport
- Information technology



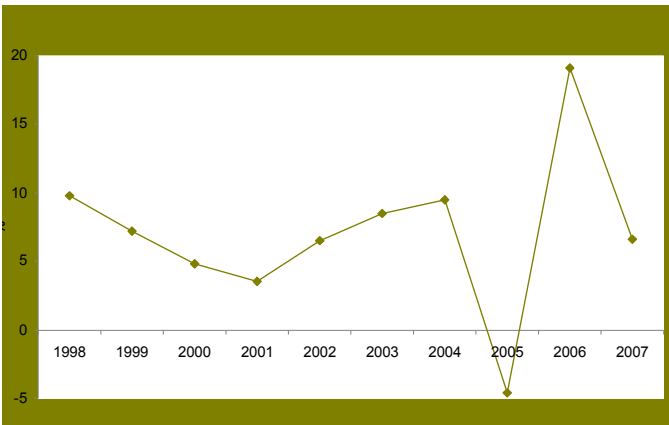
Composition of GDP, 2007



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Maldives - Ranked number ONE on the ease of doing business in South Asia - Doing Business Report 2007, World Bank

Economic Growth



Trade

- An open economy with a narrow export base
- *Imports:* Almost everything is imported. Includes a wide range of goods such as petroleum products, intermediate and capital goods, foodstuffs, textiles, clothing, etc.
- *Import partners:* Singapore 23%, UAE 19%, India 11%, Malaysia 9%, Sri Lanka 7%
- *Exports:* Frozen, fresh and processed fish and other marine products
- *Export partners:* Thailand 22%, Japan 22%, UK 14%, Sri Lanka 15%, Germany 5%.

Foreign Investments

- 'Most business friendly country in south Asia' - World Banks' Doing Business report 2007
- Simple and straightforward process that takes only 10 days
- Incentives to foreign investors include:
 - No income tax, corporate tax or property tax in the Maldives
 - Legally backed investment guarantee
 - Long term contractual agreements and long term lease of land
 - Freedom to use foreign managerial, technical and unskilled workers
 - No restrictions on the repatriations of earnings or profits

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