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Country Risk Update

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Welcome to the latest issue of D&B's Country Risk Update.

The fallout from the euro-zone debt crisis continues to affect stock market volatility amid persistent worries over a sovereign default. Moreover, uncertainty over the effects of the euro-zone's problems is weakening the overall economic outlook and raising the risk of another global financial crisis. With leading indicators suggesting that global growth will remain sluggish in H2, the business environment in many countries looks set to be even more challenging in 2012.

The impact of global and regional developments will vary according to local conditions and problems, so country-level intelligence is an essential aid to understanding.

This complimentary newsletter from D&B's Country Risk Services group has been put together by our team of economists using the most up-to-date information to provide a snapshot of the latest cross-border risk situation, and provides an excellent overview for those involved in cross-border trade and direct business investment.

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Australia	Above-expectation quarterly growth provides some grounds for mild optimism.	
Canada	The economy risks falling back into recession due to weak external demand and financial sector volatility.	
Norway	The economy faces a period of slower growth as export prospects falter.	

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Angola: Intensified anti-government protests increase political risks.

Libya: Political and security risks ease despite some threats to the country's democratic transition.

MIDDLE EAST

Israel: Downside risks to the economic outlook increase amid the threat of a global slowdown.

U.A.E.: The oil sector remains buoyant despite a broader slowdown.

WESTERN EUROPE

Finland: Economic growth slows amid the escalating euro-zone crisis and weakened exports.

Luxembourg: Recovery is unlikely in the near term as exports to the euro zone slow.

EASTERN EUROPE

Romania: Economic growth eases as a consequence of lower exports.

Serbia: The moderation in economic growth damages the public finances.

ASIA PACIFIC

Cambodia: The economy faces a period of slower and more uncertain growth.

Hong Kong: The economy shows signs of weakness as global demand

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These snapshot reports provide a succinct assessment of the risk of doing business in a country, given its economic, political and commercial situation.

Updated monthly, the data and analysis are presented in a standard format which helps you monitor and evaluate the business trading conditions in a foreign country and facilitates the management of ongoing business risk around the globe.

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AMERICAS

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Colombia: Economic performance looks set to ease towards the end of 2011.