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Country Risk Update

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

The debt problems on both sides of the Atlantic continue to weigh heavily on the outlook for the global economy: the authorities in the EU and US have not yet come up with convincing longer-term solutions to their respective crises, and the current high levels of debt threaten to exacerbate the global economic slowdown. Meanwhile, the possibility of more quantitative easing in the US and the ECB's purchase of Italy's and Spain's sovereign bonds could fuel new asset-price bubbles and inflationary risks.

These developments also reflect elevated political risk on both sides of the Atlantic. More broadly, companies will need to closely monitor political risk if they are to maintain an informed view of potential risks in the countries with which they do business.

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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Argentina

Political uncertainty is likely to increase, harming the business environment.



Singapore

The global economic backdrop is a cause for concern given the country's export-dependency.



Spain

Concerns persist about ongoing debt financing risks and the weak economic outlook.



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AFRICA

Libya: The civil war against the Gaddafi regime appears close to a conclusion but the outlook remains uncertain.

South Africa: Strikes threaten the inflation outlook and corporate profitability.

MIDDLE EAST

Iran: Political factors continue to undermine the risk outlook despite a generally positive IMF report on the economy.

Jordan: Proposed reforms may be insufficient to improve the political risk outlook.

WESTERN EUROPE

Germany: The economic outlook darkens as the country feels the impact of the euro-zone debt crisis.

Sweden: Economic growth is strong but could be threatened by external events

EASTERN EUROPE

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

Slovakia: Increasing uncertainty in the country's trade-partner economies could affect industry and exports.

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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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Australia: The risk outlook is set to deteriorate as consumer caution and the weak non-mining economy limit prospects.

China: The country is entering a phase of high-inflation economic growth.

AMERICAS

Chile: Economic growth remains very strong, although there is a risk of overheating.

Uruguay: Despite global uncertainty, the country's economic outlook remains largely positive.