# Trading and investing in the Kingdom of Swaziland





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#### 1. MACRO ECONOMIC INDICATORS (ANNUAL AVERAGE 2013)

1.1 Million

Inflation	5.6%
Literacy rate	89%
Real GDP	US \$3.7bn
Mechandise Exports	US\$ 1.8bn
Mechandise Imports	US\$ 1.6bn
Prime Rate (current)	8.75%

5.25%

2.8% (2013)



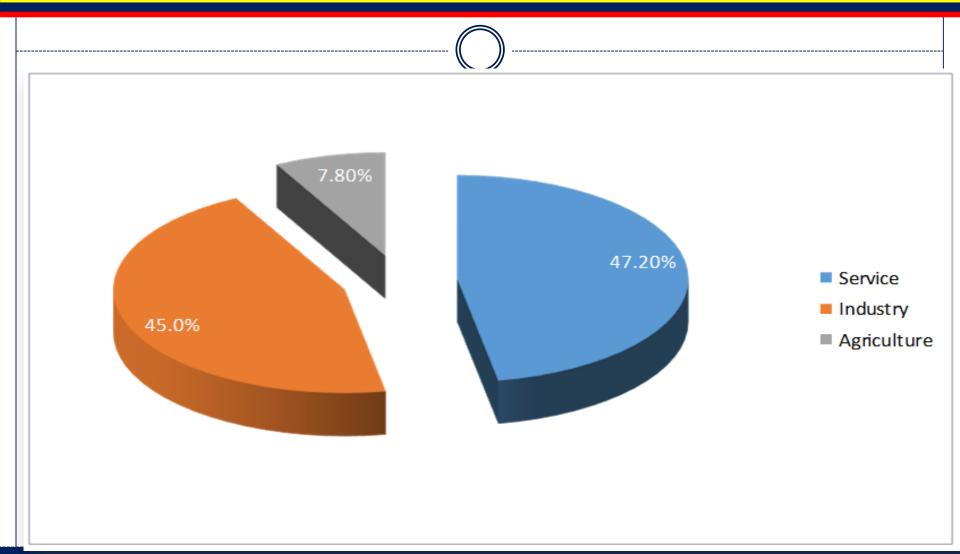
Discount Rate (current)

**Economic Growth Rate** 

Population



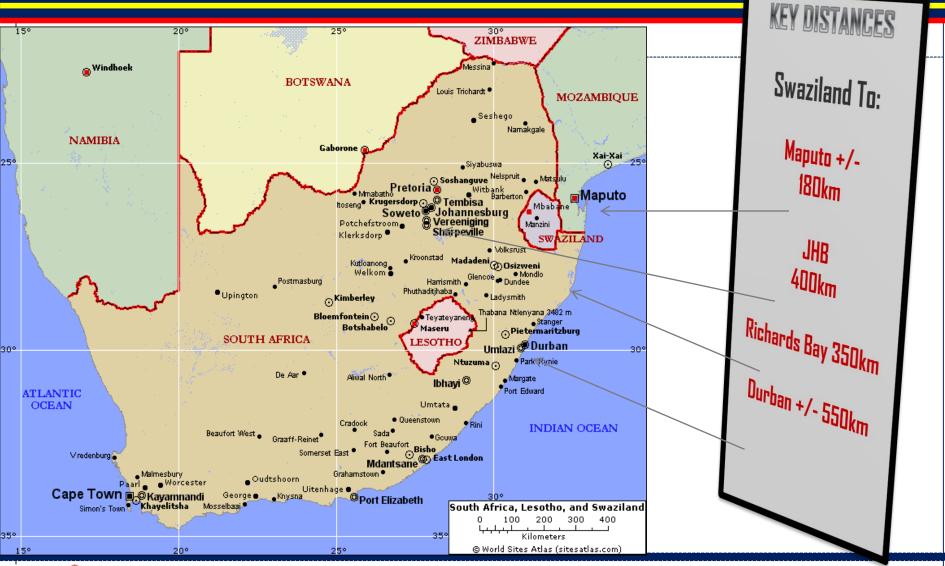
#### **1.1 GDP COMPOSITION**







#### 2. WHY SWAZILAND?; PROXIMITY TO MAJOR PORTS







#### 2. WHY INVEST IN SWAZILAND CONTN'D



- Roads, Utilities, Internet -Fast speed ADSL Broadband- Migration from 3G to 4G LTE, Quality Supply of power, Guaranteed water supply (Shared water systems with South Africa)
- E-government moving data not people, reduce paper, increased efficiency of public service delivery
- **2 . Stable and good industrial relations regime -** generally good employer employee relations
- 3. Relatively well educated but competitively priced labour
  - Country ranks no: 11 out of 54 countries in Africa in terms of literacy rate
  - Efficient alternative dispute resolution mechanisms
- 4. Strong investor protection framework (signatory to MIGA, ICSID, UNCTAD)





#### 2. WHY INVEST IN SWAZILAND CONT'D



#### 5. Strong business Support from government

Demarcated and serviced industrial land around the country

Government prioritizes a conducive investment and trade climate for investors (IRM)

Fiscal and non fiscal incentives

Generally, safe and peaceful country (low risk country)

6. Extended Market access - to regional communities and other trading blocks

#### 7. Others

Endowed with abundant natural resources – locally available input for other industries





#### 3. SETTING UP A BUSINESS IN SWAZILAND

#### SERVICES OFFERED BY SIPA



#### One Stop Shop Support Facility for Investors Incorporating

- Company Registration
- Free facilitation service
  - only statutory fees apply
- Work Permits
  - 5 years for Directors
  - -Statutory fees apply
- Trading License
  - -statutory fees apply
- Factory Space
  - Government subsidized Factory Shells





#### 4. INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

Item	Description		
1. Development Approval Order (Income Tax Order Section 69 (2)(a)-(e)	Corporate tax reduction at the maximum rate of 10% for ten years, applicable only in Manufacturing, Tourism and International Services after due evaluation for qualification		
2. Machinery initial Allowance (14(1)(e)(i)	50% of the total cost of machinery or plant brought for the first time to be used in manufacturing		
3. Infrastructural Initial Allowance (14(1)(e)(ii)	50% of the cost incurred of infrastructural machinery, plant or facilities, to be used in the provision of infrastructural services		
4. Building Allowance (14(1)(e)(iii)	Initial allowance of 50% of the actual cost of a building, for the first year and 4% thereafter		
5. Immovable property Allowance 14(1)(g)	Initial allowance of 20% (during the first year the expenditure is incurred) for the erection of any dwelling to be occupied solely by employees (applicable in manufacturing)		





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Item	Description
6. Hotel Allowance 14(1)(h)	Initial allowance of 50% of the capital expenditure in connection with the erection or beneficial improvement of a hotel (during the year of assessment for the first use of the hotel or beneficial improvements on an existing one) Annual allowance of 4% for the succeeding years, with total allowance not to exceed the total expenditure.
7. Export Promotion incentives 14(1)(y)(i) and	133% of approved export promotion expenditure incurred by an approved company in the handcraft and cottage sector. 150% of approved export promotion expenditure

incurred by an approved trading house



14(1)(y)(ii)



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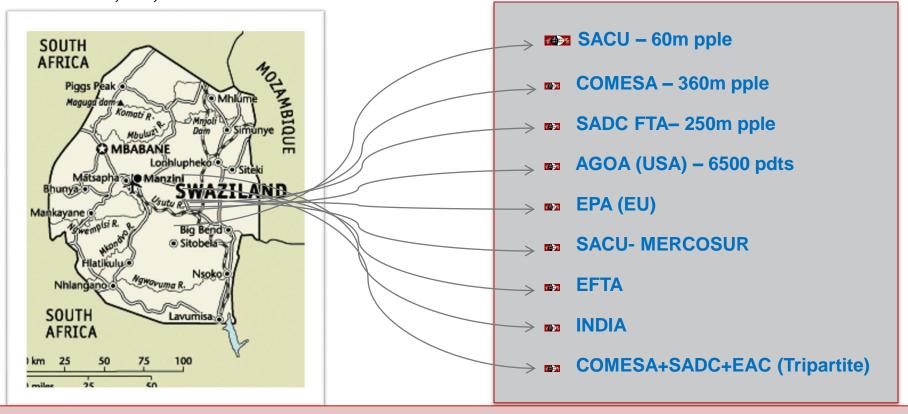
Item	Description
8. Incentives for mining operations 16 and 17	Immediate deduction from the income derived from mining operations for: shaft sinking building, works, or equipment, development, e.tc. prior to the commencement of production
9. Specials R&D and training deductions 14(1)(t)	Special deductions not to exceed 5% taxpayer's taxable income for: Expenditure incurred for the purpose of scientific research, e.t.c





#### **5. EXTENDED MARKET ACCESS**

Generalized System of Preferences (GSPs) - accessing Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, US, EU and the Russian Federation

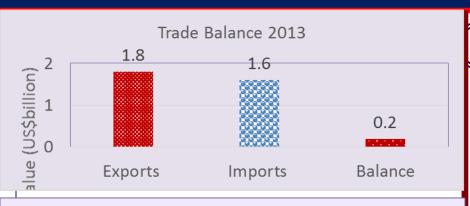


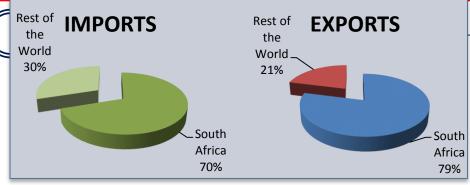
Expanding to other trade blocs: Asia, Middle East, etc



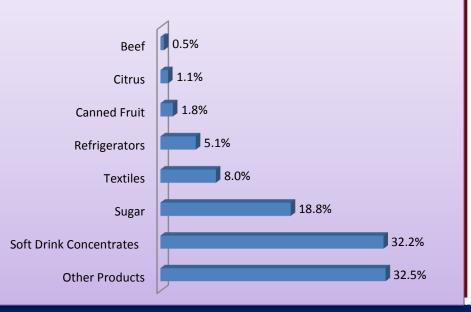


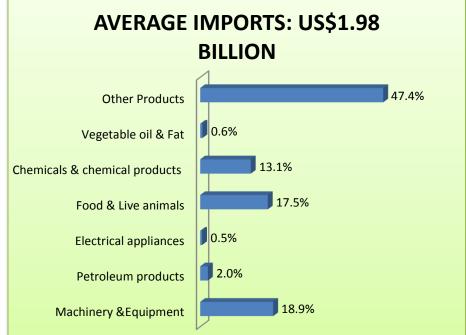
### 5.1 TRADE PROFILE (estimates)





#### **AVERAGE EXPORTS: US\$ 1.8 BILLION**

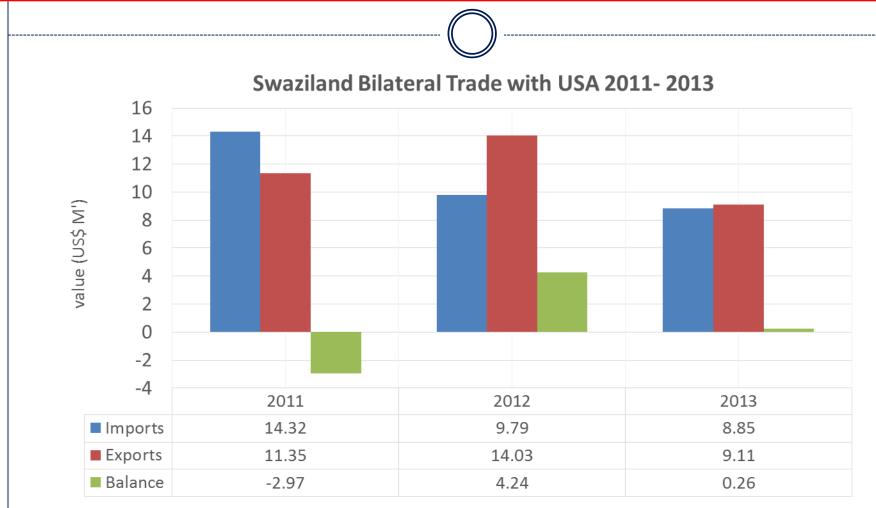


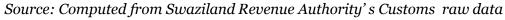






#### 5.2 SWAZILAND BILATERAL TRADE WITH THE USA 2011- 2013









#### 6. INVESTMENT PROTECTION



#### INVESTMENT PROTECTION AND PROMOTION AGREEMENTS

- United States of America
- -Republic of China on Taiwan
- -United Kingdom
- -Germany
- Mauritius
- Kuwait

#### DOUBLE TAXATION AVOIDANCE AGREEMENTS

- Republic of China on Taiwan : Income	- (1998)
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- UNITED KINGDOM: Income & Capital - (1994)

- SOUTH AFRICA: Income - (2004)

- MAURITIUS: Income & Capital - (1968)

- SOUTH AFRICA: Income - (1972)

- SWEDEN: Income & Capital - (1968)

- LESOTHO - (2012)

#### PIPELINE AGREEMENTS (DTAA)

- Zambia
- Seychelles
- Kenya
- Zimbabwe
- Botswana
- Namibia
- Kuwait
- Equatorial Guinea
- Turkey
- South Korea





#### 7. INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES







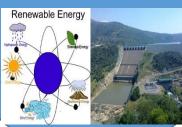


#### **EDUCATION**





#### **Energy & Mining**









Transport & Infrastructure







#### DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENCE, R & D AND ICT







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#### **Innovation Park**



- Call Centres
- Business process outsourcing (BPOs)
- Software development
- Manufacturing and assembly of hardware ICT components





#### **MINING**



#### **Available Mines with Reserves**

- Coal at Mpaka Coal Mine
- Diamond at Dvokolwako
- Gold at Daisy Gold Mine, Forbes Area
- Iron Ore ( in situ) at Ngwenya Iron Ore Mine
- Stone Aggregate at Nhlangano Quarry Mine
- Asbestos at Havelock Mine Dumps

#### **Potential Minerals**

- Dimension stone
- Kaolin
- Platinum
- Copper
- Nickel
- ❖ Silver





#### **Developments in Transport and Infrastructure**

# King Mswati III International Airport launched 2014

- To target hosting direct regional and international flights
- ☐ Can accommodate code E aircraft. B777-300, B747-400 or A340-600
- ☐ To increase air passenger traffic to 300, 000 per annum and Cargo volumes up to 70, 000 tonnes
- Built according to IATA designs and ICAO standards (Certified)
- Presents seamless opportunities for tourism, i.e <u>hotels</u>, <u>shopping malls</u> and <u>property development facilities</u>, and <u>franchises</u>, film industry



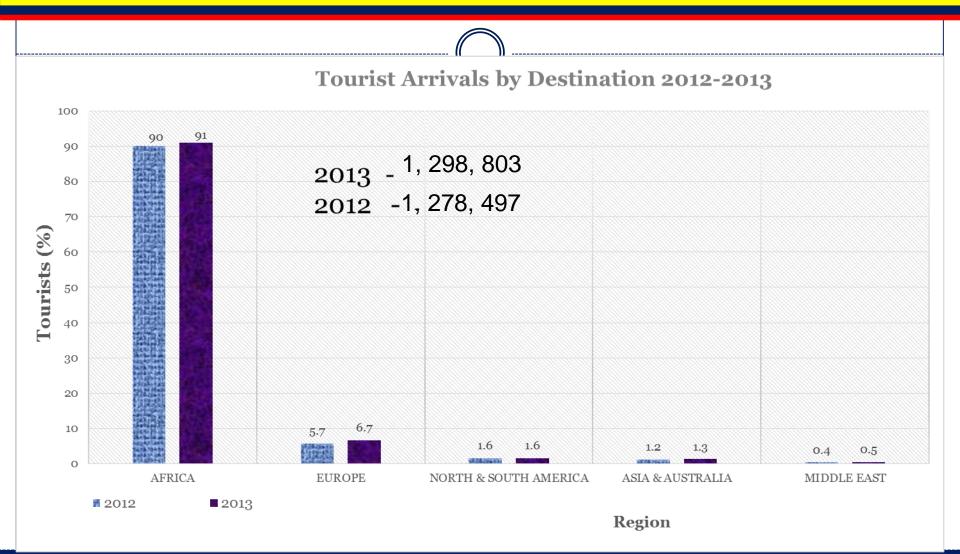








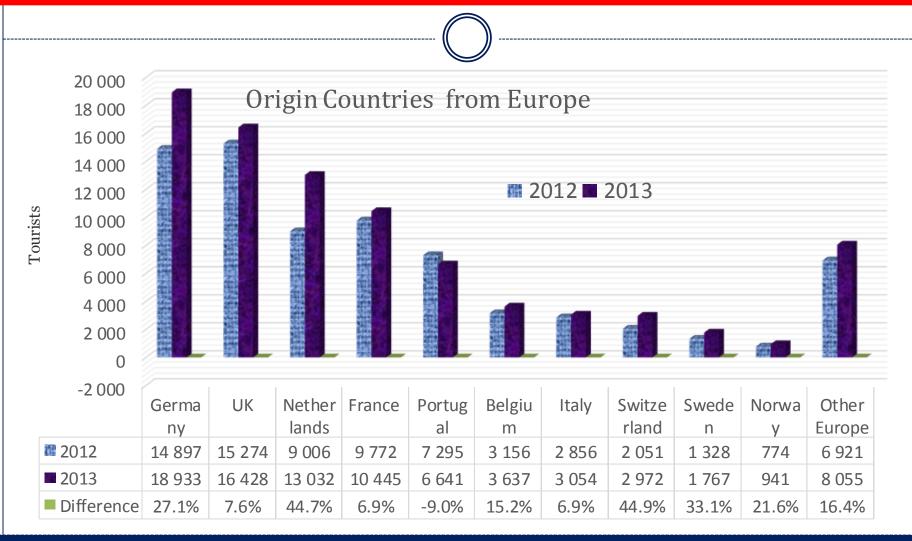
## PASSENGER, TOURISM AND ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SWAZILAND







#### **EUROPEAN TOURISTS TO SWAZILAND, BREAKDOWN 2012 - 2013**







#### **SWAZILAND OUTSIDE BUSINESS**



#### **Adventure, Culture & Entertainment**

- Rooted in deep culture scheduled national cultural events
- Scheduled entertainment events (Bushfire Festival, Fun Fairs)
- National Museum
- Walking/Hiking/Trails/Caravan/ Mountain biking (approximately 15 areas)
- Water Rafting
- Casinos & Gambling (x 3)
- Golfing (4x18 holes and 1x9 holes golf courses)
- Camping (approximately 10 safe & secure camping sites)
- Swazi Arts & Craft (more than 15 centres of "Made in Swaziland" Artworks)
- Wildlife & Bird viewing (The Big Five, 6 nature reserves)
- Horse Riding
- Fishing (4 places)



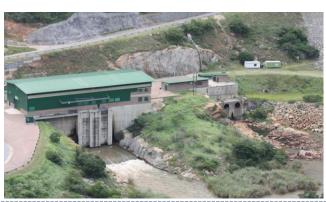


#### **ENERGY**



Local demand for power 220MW, current local generation 20-30% - imports 70-80%

- 1. Investment in a Hydro Power Station of 60-140 MW
  - Flexible feasibility study arrangements
- 2. 300 MW Thermal Power Plant





- 3. Solar Photovoltanic
- 4. Bio Mass (small scale)

#### **Regional Demand**

- SADC projected 96 000
   Megawatt by 2027 but current supply is 56 000 Megawatt
- SAPP pool plan 2009 presents seamless opportunities





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