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Invest in the Dominican Republic

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Invest in a connected, competitive and growing Caribbean



Scalable investment potential

The Caribbean attracts **USD 5bn+** in **annual FDI** and offers scalable opportunities supported by **sustained GDP growth of around 3%** across the region.

Gateway between North and South America

Located on key hemispheric trade routes, the Caribbean connects the US, Canada and Mexico with South American markets, offering **sub-5-hour flight times** and **strong maritime connectivity** across major regional hubs.

A coordinated regional investment ecosystem

Anchored by **CARICOM's single market** and supported by **CAIPA and 23 national IPAs**, the region offers streamlined investment facilitation, cross-border industry clusters and access to blended and multilateral finance.

Sources: UNCTAD; IMF; World Bank; Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); CARICOM Secretariat; CAIPA.



The Caribbean offers a strategic location, political stability, skilled workforce, competitive incentives, and strong investor protection - backed by investment promotion partners committed to your success

Suzette Hudson, Secretariat, CAIPA

Why invest in the Dominican Republic?

Invest in a dynamic, resilient and opportunity-rich economy

The Dominican Republic offers investors a large, stable and high-growth market, underpinned by strong macroeconomic fundamentals and one of Latin America's most consistent growth trajectories. With a GDP of USD 124.6bn and exports reaching USD 12.9bn in 2024, the country has established itself as a regional hub for investment, trade and services.

Consistent USD 4.5bn+ annual FDI inflows demonstrate deep investor confidence, supported by a diversified economy spanning tourism, manufacturing, logistics, energy, and agribusiness. Strategic proximity to the US and broad trade agreements further strengthen its role as a competitive export and nearshoring platform.

Tap into a large, educated workforce at competitive cost

Investors gain access to a 5.4 million-strong Spanish-speaking labour force, one of the largest in the Caribbean, with 83% holding advanced education and a steady pipeline of qualified talent from leading Dominican institutions such as UASD, PUCMM and INTEC. This depth of talent supports growth across manufacturing, logistics, agriculture, services and clean-energy industries.

Competitive labour and utility costs enhance operational efficiency—for example, skilled production operatives earn USD 9,151–10,029 annually and electricity stands at USD 0.16/kWh—enabling efficient scaling, strong operating margins and cost-competitive nearshore operations.



Your friendly
country for growth

Katy Capriles, Marketing Director,
ProDominicana

Why invest in the Dominican Republic?

Unlock high-growth opportunities across priority sectors

Guyana presents clear, investment-ready opportunities across its priority sectors. In agribusiness, abundant land, favourable climate conditions and a national push for value-added processing create strong market potential.

Logistics benefits from duty-free access to 15+ CARICOM markets and major upgrades to corridors, ports and warehousing, positioning Guyana as a natural gateway between South America and the Caribbean.

In renewable energy, fast-growing solar capacity, vast hydropower resources and the LCDS 2030 framework open attractive prospects for utility-scale projects, clean-tech manufacturing and smart-grid infrastructure.

Benefit from generous incentives and a pro-investment regulatory framework

Investors can access a highly competitive incentive ecosystem, including full tax exemptions in Free Zones, 100% exemptions in Border Development Zones, and strong renewable-energy benefits under Law 57-07.

Institutional support from ProDominicana, CNE, CNZFE and the General Directorate of Customs ensures smooth facilitation, clear regulations and fast-track procedures. The One-Stop Investment Window (VUI) centralises all permits and approvals, enabling investors to establish and scale operations with greater speed and certainty.



1.

A favourable business environment



10.8m

Population¹



\$124.5bn

GDP¹



5.4m

Labour force²



What makes Dominican Republic attractive

One of the largest and fastest-growing economies in Latin America and the Caribbean, supported by strong fundamentals its economy is forecast to grow at a sustain pace of about 5% GDP yearly over coming years.

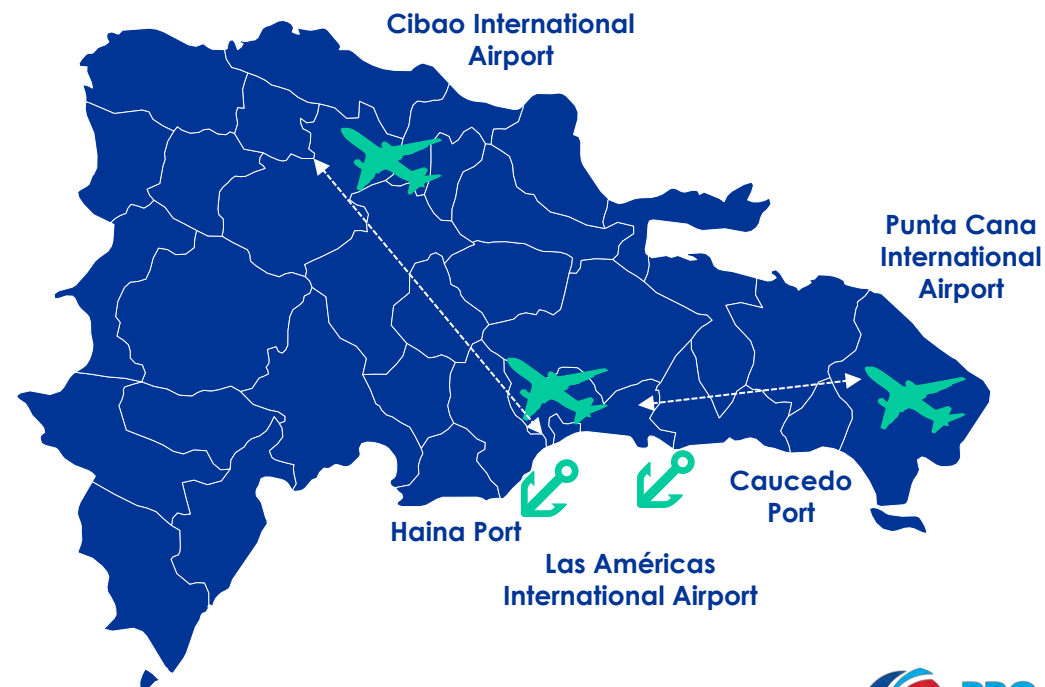
Consistent FDI inflows and a diversified investment base reflect the country's status as a leading hub for regional and global investors.

Sources: ¹ IMF World Economic Outlook 2025, ² International Labour Organization, DP World (Caucedo)

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Access to a well connected and a healthy economy

The Dominican Republic serves as a premier regional logistics hub, offering superior maritime connectivity to 154 countries through high-capacity ports like Caucedo and Haina. This infrastructure is complemented by remarkable air connectivity, featuring direct global access via major international gateways like Punta Cana and Las Américas.



Strong fundamentals for long-term investment



Regional economic leader

With a GDP of US\$124.6bn Dominican Republic is one of the largest and fastest-growing economies in Latin America and the Caribbean, projected to expand at an average annual rate of 4.9% between 2026 and 2030¹.



Competitive export base

Exports of goods totalled US\$12.9 billion in 2024 - an 8% increase from 2023, supported by the country's extensive free trade zones and strategic proximity to the US market³.



Strong foreign investment performance

Dominican Republic attracted US\$4.5bn in FDI inflows reinforcing its roles a leading investment hub in the Caribbean².



The Dominican Republic's scale, stability and consistent US\$4.5bn annual FDI inflows make it a proven platform for investors seeking long-term growth and global market access

A man wearing a light-colored cap and a plaid shirt is working in a greenhouse. He is holding a small plant in his hands, looking down at it. The background shows the structure of the greenhouse and other plants.

2.

Access talent and utilities at a competitive cost

Access to a qualified pool of talent

Why the Dominican Republic?

Large, highly-educated and competitive labour force: Dominican Republic has one of the most educated labour forces in Latin America and the Caribbean, providing investors with the scale, diversity and experience needed to support business growth.

Large and diverse labour force

Dominican Republic's 5.4mn workforce provides scale, diversity and experience needed to support expanding operations across multiple industries ¹.

Highly educated workforce

With 83% of the labour force holding advanced education, the Dominican Republic boasts one of the highest education levels in Latin America and the Caribbean, providing a skilled and adaptable talent base².

Strong higher-education ecosystem

Well-established university network is led by the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD), Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), and the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC) ensuring a continuous pipeline of qualified professionals to support economic growth.

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With 83% of its workforce highly educated, the Dominican Republic is among the region's top talent hubs

Utility unit costs (USD)

Electricity



\$0.16 kWh

Gas



\$0.32 m³

Water



\$0.16 m³



“ Engineer salaries in Dominican Republic are 76% lower than in the US

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Access talent and utilities at a competitive cost

Operating costs

Role	Labour costs (USD)
Engineer	\$26,459
Engineer Technician	\$14,772
Warehouse Manager	\$15,431
Warehouse and Distribution Operative	\$7,247
Agriculture Manager	\$12,216
Agriculture Worker	\$5,562
Production Operative (Highly Skilled)	\$10,029
Production Operative (Skilled)	\$9,151

Sources: Based on 2025 fDi Benchmark data: salary comparisons include all mandatory social security contributions and employee benefits

3.

Investment opportunities



4.9%

of real value
agriculture growth
in 2024



1.08bn

in agricultural
exports in 2024



Tariff-free

import subsidies
for land and
agriculture



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Unlocking growth in value-added and sustainable **agribusiness**

Invest in a dynamic and resilient sector with real value added in agricultural activity growing at 4.9% in 2024. Agricultural exports also increased from USD 831 million in 2023 to USD 1.08 billion in 2024, consolidating the Dominican Republic as one of the region's largest agricultural exporters.

Government programmes provide strong support through tariff-free import subsidies for key inputs, land preparation and tilling, and distribution of seeds, fertilisers and machinery, leveraging fertile soils and year-round production conditions to boost sector productivity and investor confidence.

	Key anchor firms and business associations		
Key successful investors			
			
Key business associations			

Sources: Banco Central de la República Dominicana, Ministerio de Agricultura de la República Dominicana, CAFTA-DR Agreement



Unlocking growth in value-added and sustainable **agribusiness**

Key Investment Opportunities



Scale fruit-processing capacity for booming export markets

Leverage strong domestic output—plantain (+24%), banana (+23%) and avocado (+20.5%) growth in 2024—to supply high-value US and EU buyers with purées, dried fruit, juices and frozen products.



Build premium cocoa & coffee manufacturing facilities

Turn the DR's position as one of LAC's top cocoa exporters into higher-margin chocolate, cocoa-derivatives and specialty coffee products for gourmet and ethical-consumption markets.



Invest in modern greenhouse and CEA farms

Deploy high-yield, climate-controlled facilities to supply North American supermarkets year-round, supported by a trained agricultural workforce and proven export logistics.

Unlocking growth in value-added and sustainable **agribusiness**

Key Investment Opportunities



Establish agri-industrial plants in Border Development Zones

Benefit from 100% exemptions on corporate income tax, VAT and import duties (Law 12-21) to develop cost-competitive processing, packaging, canning and dehydration facilities



Develop sustainable and organic agriculture hubs

Tap into rising global demand for organic tropical products by expanding certification-ready farms—building on the DR's strong position in organic bananas and premium cacao.



Expand cold-chain and post-harvest infrastructure

Improve export reliability with packhouses, ripening centres and cold storage to support USD 1+ billion in annual agricultural exports, reducing post-harvest losses and meeting US/EU standards.



90+

Maritime routes



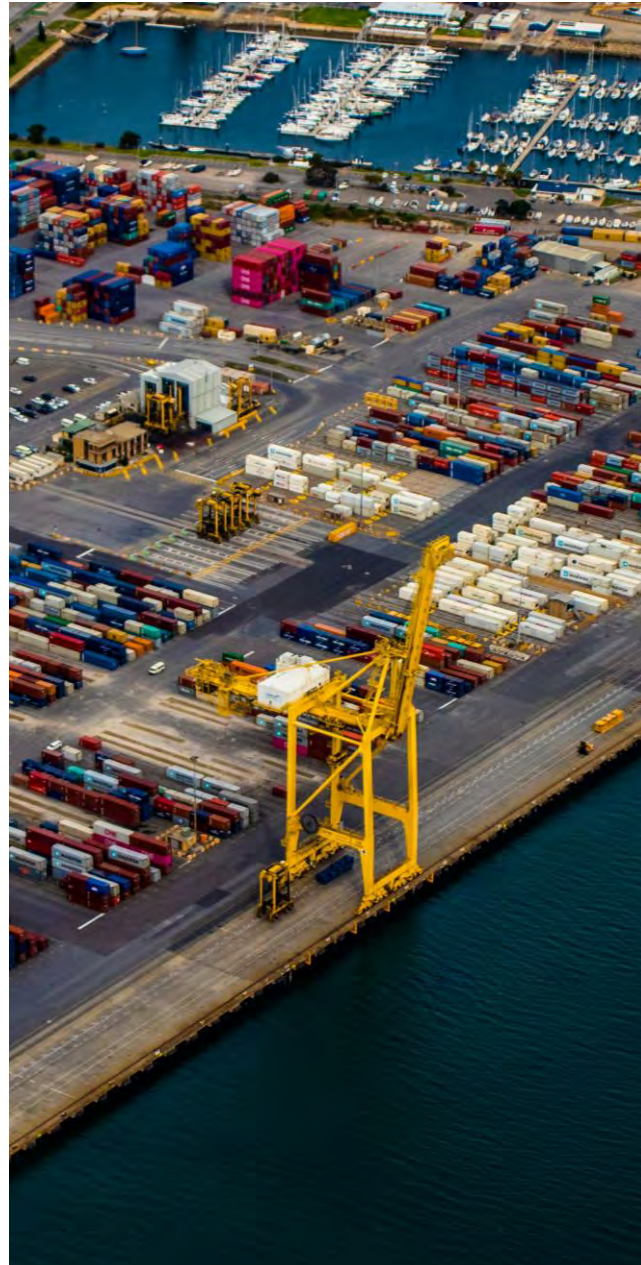
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International airports and 370+ daily flights



24-hour

Customs clearance program



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Invest in the Dominican Republic's emerging regional **logistics hub**

Invest in one of Caribbean's most connected logistics hubs

Home to **12 cargo ports**, **8 international airports**, and **477,000 m² of logistics warehousing** across Free Zones, logistics parks and strategic ports, the Dominican Republic offers 90+ weekly maritime routes and 370+ daily flights, positioning the country as a natural distribution gateway for North America, Latin America, Europe and the Caribbean.

Strong customs and trade facilitation performance with the **24-hour customs clearance program**.

Key anchor firms and business associations

Key successful investors



Nestlé

Key business associations



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Invest in the Dominican Republic's emerging regional **logistics** hub

Key Investment Opportunities



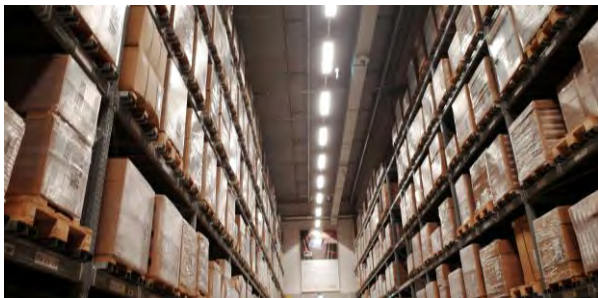
Build regional distribution centres serving the Americas

Use the DR's 90+ maritime routes and 370+ daily flights to create regional hubs supplying the US, Central America and the Caribbean with competitive delivery times and multimodal flexibility. Law 30-24 (2024) enables the development of competitive logistics centres under either the standard tax regime or Free Zone incentives, significantly increasing investor flexibility and operational efficiency.



Develop e-commerce fulfilment and last-mile hubs

Capture fast-growing Caribbean e-commerce activity by building fulfilment centres that integrate customs clearance, returns management and regional distribution.



Set up duty-free warehousing and re-export operations

Free Zones offer 100% exemption on import duties and VAT, enabling companies to store, repackage and re-export goods cost-effectively to regional markets.

Invest in the Dominican Republic's emerging regional **logistics** hub

Key Investment Opportunities



Invest in temperature-controlled logistics facilities

Support expanding exports in pharmaceuticals, medical devices and fresh foods with modern cold storage, reefer capacity and compliance-ready handling services.



Add value through light processing, kitting and assembly

Take advantage of competitive labour and strong Free Zone infrastructure to combine logistics with packaging, labelling, repair, testing or light assembly.



Develop next-generation airport and multimodal logistics parks

Capitalize on growing air cargo through Las Américas and Punta Cana airports by developing high-throughput logistics parks supporting express freight and high-value goods.



600+ MW

Installed from solar, wind, hydro, and biomass



190

Renewable concessions are already in motion



Law 57-07

Provides attractive incentives by public auctions



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Seize growth opportunities in the Dominican Republic's renewable energy

The Dominican Republic is rapidly shifting to renewables, already generating power from solar, wind, hydro and biomass with 6,000+ MW installed—one of the most diversified clean-energy mixes in the Caribbean. More than 190 renewable concessions (provisional, definitive and pending) are already in motion, confirming strong private-sector appetite.

Global and regional leaders such as **AES Dominicana, EGE Haina, Soventix and STOA Infra & Énergie** are actively developing solar, wind and clean-energy projects in the Dominican Republic, reflecting strong investor confidence in the country's renewable potential and stable regulatory environment.

Key successful investors



A solid institutional ecosystem—led by **ASOFER, ADIE, and the National Energy Commission (CNE)** ensures developers benefit from clear regulations, active policy support and a coordinated push toward clean-energy expansion.

Key business associations



Sources: Comisión Nacional de Energía (CNE), Ministerio de Energía y Minas (MEM), AES Dominicana and EGE Haina, Asociación Dominicana de la Industria Eléctrica (ADIE), Asociación Dominicana de Energía Renovable (ASOFER)



Seize opportunities in the Dominican Republic's **renewable energy**

Key Investment Opportunities



Develop utility-scale solar PV parks

Capture exceptional solar irradiation and expand on the country's 1,033 MW installed base, meeting industrial and grid demand through scalable 50–200 MW projects.



Build commercial wind farms in high-yield zones

Use high-wind corridors along the north and southwest coasts—part of the country's 30,000 MW wind potential—to deploy competitive wind projects that diversify the national energy mix.



Develop small hydro and off-grid renewable plants

Unlock more than 2,000 MW of undeveloped hydro potential, ideal for powering rural settlements, tourism enclaves and industrial users with stable, low-cost clean energy.

Seize opportunities in the Dominican Republic's **renewable energy**

Key Investment Opportunities



Invest in biomass and waste-to-energy facilities

Leverage agricultural residues and municipal waste streams supported by Law 225-20, which incentivises WtE and biomass plants with tax exemptions and green-bond financing.



Deploy utility-scale battery storage solutions

As solar and wind expand, demand is rising for battery systems to support grid stability, peak-shaving and hybrid plant development—an emerging, high-value niche.



Pilot green hydrogen and next-generation clean-tech

Position early in advanced energy transition technologies through hydrogen pilots, R&D hubs and partnerships aligned with the government's long-term sustainability agenda.

4.

Incentives and support

How the Dominican Republic is supporting your investments

Benefit from competitive incentives: **access duty-free imports, tax holidays, and blended-finance tools** designed to reduce costs and de-risk your investment.



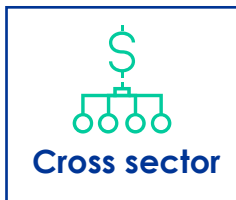
Border Zone incentives & export regimes offering up to **100% exemptions** on income tax, VAT/ITBIS and import duties for agri-industrial and export-focused operations.



Free Zone regime provides full tax exemptions for warehousing, re-export and value-added logistics, supported by **fast-track customs** and AEO certification.



Law 57-07 grants 100% duty & VAT exemptions on equipment and up to **75% tax credits** for renewable generation and self-producers.



Foreign Investment Law and the One-Stop Investment Window (VUI) ensure national treatment, full capital repatriation and a streamlined, investor-friendly permitting process.



The Dominican Republic offers a highly competitive incentive regime with full tax exemptions and streamlined approvals to accelerate investment

How the Dominican Republic is supporting your investments

Leverage institutional support by collaborating on driving investment frameworks and PPP opportunities.

Key Institutions

<u>Ministry of Agriculture</u>	Provides technical assistance, phytosanitary certification and support programmes that enhance productivity and export readiness.
<u>General Directorate of Customs (DGA)</u>	Accelerates trade through 24-hour clearance, AEO certification and digitised customs processes.
<u>CNE (National Energy Commission)</u>	Manages renewable concessions, incentives and the permitting pathway for new solar, wind and hydro projects.
<u>CNZFE (Free Zones Council)</u>	Approves and oversees logistics and distribution operations with full Free Zone incentives and regulatory support.
<u>SIE (Superintendence of Electricity)</u>	Ensures transparent regulation, tariff clarity and grid-integration rules that reduce investor risk



Free of charge services available from ProDominica



Investment facilitation

Personalised guidance throughout the investment process, including support with permits, incentives and site navigation.



Market & sector intelligence

Access to ProDominicana's ProInteligencia platform for sector data, trade flows, incentives, and opportunity mapping.



Business matchmaking

Introductions to local partners, suppliers, Free Zones, clusters and industry associations to accelerate market entry.



Export & import guidance

Support with regulatory procedures, customs requirements and certifications for companies operating internationally.



Promotion of investment opportunities

Tailored insights on priority sectors, project pipelines and government programmes that support investment growth.



Aftercare services

Dedicated assistance to help investors expand, reinvest and resolve operational challenges post-establishment.

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