

Country Insight Update

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

Q2 2021 is the earliest to expect near-normality, but mutations of the coronavirus raise doubt about the capacity of pandemic-zone governments to contain it in the short term.

This complimentary newsletter from D&B's Country Insight Services group has been put together by their team of experts using the most up-to-date information to provide a snapshot of the latest macro market risk situation, and provides an excellent overview for those exposed to cross-border credit or investment risks.

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China

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Russian Federation

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United States of America

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AFRICA

Cote d'Ivoire: The overall rating outlook is upgraded, as are the credit environment and political environment outlooks, as new lines of external financing are secured and presidential elections settled.

Morocco: FX risk improves as FX reserves rebuild following a successful USD bond issue, leading us to upgrade the trend indicator on our credit environment outlook.

MIDDLE EAST

Kuwait: The short-term economic outlook worsens following the election of an oppositional parliament that will constrain necessary fiscal reform.

United Arab Emirates: The market environment outlook improves as the land and maritime borders with Qatar are re-opened following the end of the boycott by the UAE and its partners.

WESTERN EUROPE

France: Payment delays rise, and bankruptcies are set to follow, with the retail and hospitality sectors bearing the brunt of failures over the near term; keep credit terms under close review.

Netherlands: The market environment outlook improves as households continue to convert savings into purchases, despite strict lockdown measures.

EASTERN EUROPE

Azerbaijan: The country risk rating is upgraded following the signing of a ceasefire agreement with Armenia, putting an end to six weeks of fierce fighting and easing political risks.

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ASIA PACIFIC

China: Provincial and sectoral performance varied in 2020, but the country is in the most robust position of any large economy and our minimum trade terms have improved accordingly.

Korea (South): The positives for high-tech electronics, automotive manufacturers and shipyards will help with recovery in 2021 even as the pandemic overshadows external demand dynamics.

AMERICAS

Ecuador: The political risk outlook is overshadowed by the possibility of a victory for the leftist candidate in the presidential election scheduled for February.

United States of America: The short-term economic outlook improves as the Biden administration prepares to push its recently-unveiled USD1.9bn stimulus and relief package.