Why India?
The many reasons why Lebanese business persons should look at India for new business opportunities and information that can help them do so.

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GDP Growth
Constant 2011-12 market prices
Advance estimates

- 5.1
- 6.9
- 7.4
- 8.1-8.5

12-13 13-14 14-15 15-16

Fiscal Deficit
(per cent of GDP)
- Provisional actuals
- Budget estimates

- 5.1
- 4.8
- 4.5
- 4.1

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Industrial Growth
Base: 2004-05 = 100 April-Dec

- 2.9
- 1.1
- -0.1
- 2.1

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Foodgrains Production
(million
2nd advance estimates

- 259.3
- 257.1
- 265.6
- 257.1

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Inflation (Average)
Based on WPI
Based on CPI (IW)
April-Dec

- 8.9
- 10.4
- 9.7
- 6.2

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Foreign Trade
(per cent growth)
Imports  Exports
April-Dec

- 32.3
- 21.3
- 0.3
- 4.7
- 4.0

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Source: Economic Servicity 2014-15
GATEWAY TO INDIA?

In this set of CDs, we present to you basic information on why it makes sense to trade with, and invest in, India. CD 1 – Gateway to India? – presents an overview of the Indian business environment, and lists various resources for obtaining more information, identifying business opportunities and networking. CD 2 – Make in India - gives you snapshots of the various sectors where foreign investment is welcome and viable, and general details of investment procedures and policies. CD 3 – Digital India – showcases the effort to transform India into a digitally empowered society based on a knowledge economy, and the Indian government’s e-governance policy.

PRIME MINISTER MODI SPEAKS

“India is the only country in the world which offers the unique combination of democracy, demography, and demand. I urge investors not to look at India merely as a market, but instead see it as an opportunity. ‘Make in India’ will spur positivity & inspire confidence among manufacturers”.

“The new Government is taking initiatives for skill development to ensure that skilled manpower was available for manufacturing. In the coming years, India will be biggest supplier of workforce to the world.”

“I dream of a Digital India where government is open - and governance transparent; I dream of a Digital India where 1.2 billion connected Indians drive innovation; I dream of a Digital India where knowledge is strength – and empowers the people; I dream of a Digital India where access to information knows no barriers”.

“The 21st century is an era of knowledge. If poverty is to be abolished in this century, it can be abolished only through knowledge”.

‘Make In India’ makes India an Investment Magnet

FDI Equity Inflows increase by: 48%
II Inflows grow by: 717%
India’s rank in UNCTAD World Investment Report 2015 improves to: 9th from 15th
In the Baseline Profitability Index India ranked: No.1 among 110 countries
Liberal policy regime leads to FDI coming through automatic route: more than 90%

Worth trumpeting about
GDP, % increase on a year earlier

Official statistics published on February 9th 2015 revealed that India’s GDP rose by 7.5% in 2014.
INDIA
50 REASONS TO PARTNER
THE WORLD'S LARGEST GROWTH STORY

LARGEST DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS
INDIA HAS OVER 814 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS

FAST PACED GROWTH
INDIA IS THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST ECONOMY IN PPP TERMS
PROFITABLE VENTURE
INDIA IS THE MOST PREFERRED INVESTMENT DESTINATION IN THE WORLD

A DYNAMIC CONSUMER MARKET
INDIA WILL BE THE WORLD'S LARGEST MIDDLE CLASS CONSUMER MARKET BY 2030

IN THE FAST LANE
INDIA HAS EMERGED AS A GLOBAL AUTOMOBILE HUB

YOUNG NATION
INDIA IS A YOUNG NATION OF 1.2 BILLION PEOPLE WITH A MEDIAN AGE OF 25 YEARS

ENGLISH AS A PRIMARY LANGUAGE
INDIA HAS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST POOL OF ENGLISH SPEAKING PROFESSIONALS

EXPANDING SKILLED WORKFORCE
INDIA WILL BE HOME TO 25 PER CENT OF WORLD'S SKILLED WORKFORCE BY 2025
HIGH COMPETENCY
India has the world’s second largest pool of scientists and engineers working across the world.

ENTREPRENEURS PARADISE
India is expected to create 2,500 highly scalable businesses by 2022 with total revenues of US$ 200 billion.

MEDALS OF HONOUR
India is home to 29 Deming Prize winners.

NATURE’S FINE FIBRES
India is the largest producer of jute in the world.

WORLD’S SPICE BOWL
India is the world’s largest producer of spices.

WORLD’S LARGEST MANGO PRODUCER
India accounts for about 50 per cent of the world’s mango production.
TEA IN GREAT DEMAND
India is the world's largest consumer and second largest producer of tea.

COOKIE KING
India is the second largest manufacturer of biscuits in the world.

THE SWEET TASTE
India is the fastest growing market for chocolates.

A SHADE BETTER
India is the only country that grows coffee under a well defined two tier mixed shade canopy.

RAILROAD CONNECTIVITY
India has the largest rail network in Asia and the world's second largest under one management.

BUILDING A NATION
India is expected to attract US$1 trillion investment in infrastructure by 2017.
A WELL ENGINEERED GROWTH STORY
INDIA IS A WORLD PIONEER IN ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN OUTSOURCING

WORLD LEADER IN SOLAR HEATING
WITH 80 DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS, INDIA IS THE WORLD LEADER IN CONCENTRATED SOLAR HEATING

SOLAR STEAM COOKING SYSTEM
THE WORLD'S LARGEST SOLAR STEAM SYSTEM IS INSTALLED AT SAI BABA TEMPLE IN SHIRDI AND SERVES 50,000 MEALS DAILY

LEADER IN GREEN ENERGY
INDIA RANKS SECOND ON THE SOLAR ATTRACTION INDEX, THIRD ON WIND INDEX AND FOURTH ON RENEWABLE INDEX

POWER FROM THIN AIR
INDIA IS THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF WIND TURBINES

IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE
GLOBALLY INDIA RANKS AMONGST THE TOP EXPORTERS OF FORMULATIONS IN VOLUME TERMS
INOCULATING THE WORLD
INDIAN VACCINES ARE EXPORTED TO 150 COUNTRIES

REJUVENATING GROWTH
INDIA IS THE FASTEST GROWING MEDICAL TOURISM DESTINATION

BOOMING TOURISM MARKET
INDIA WILL BE ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING TRAVEL & TOURISM MARKETS BETWEEN 2013-23

THE BIG PICTURE
THE INDIAN FILM INDUSTRY IS THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD

PROMINENT STOCK EXCHANGES
BSE IS THE WORLD’S LARGEST STOCK EXCHANGE WITH OVER 5000 LISTED COMPANIES. NSE IS THE WORLD’S THIRD LARGEST BY TRANSACTIONS

RURAL GROWTH STORIES
INDIA’S TOTAL RURAL INCOME IS ESTIMATED TO REACH US$1.8 TRILLION BY 2020-21
WORLD'S LOWEST COST TELEPHONY
India offers the world's lowest mobile tariffs.

CONNECTING THE DOTS
India's internet industry is set to contribute up to US$100 billion to the country's GDP and generate 22 million jobs by 2015.

A GROWING BASE
India's mobile subscriber base will grow to 1.14 billion subscribers by 2020.

INVENTING THE FUTURE
A US$20 cell phone
A portable fridge
A US$2000 artificial heart
A US$1500 portable ECG machine
India is renowned for frugal engineering.

TAKING SCIENCE BEYOND THE CLOUDS
India is one of the six countries in the world to develop its own satellite launching technology.

BREAKTHROUGH SPACE TECHNOLOGY
10 satellites launched in 1,000 seconds
Chandrayaan-1 mission to the moon
Mars probe on track
EYE IN THE SKY
INDIAN NATIONAL SATELLITE (INSAT) SYSTEM IS THE LARGEST COMMUNICATION SATELLITE SYSTEM IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

GLOBAL R&D HUB
INDIA IS HOME TO MORE THAN 1000 MNC R&D CENTRES. OVER 50 PER CENT OF THE FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES TO OPEN R&D CENTRES IN INDIA BY 2015

BANKING ON BIOCHEMISTRY
THE INDIAN BIOCHEMISTRY INDUSTRY IS EXPECTED TO BECOME A US$ 100 BILLION INDUSTRY BY 2025

BICYCLES IN DEMAND
INDIA IS THE SECOND LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF BICYCLES IN THE WORLD

FARMING WITH EXCELLENCE
INDIA IS THE WORLD’S LARGEST MARKET FOR TRACTORS

STORING THE WORLD’S DATA
INDIA IS THE WORLD’S THIRD LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF OPTICAL MEDIA
MANUFACTURING THE FUTURE
India will be the second largest economy in manufacturing by 2017.

BOOMING LUXURY MARKET
India's luxury market is expected to reach US$ 14 billion by 2016 from an estimated US$ 8.5 billion in 2013.

THE ART OF GLITTER
11 out of 12 of all the world's diamonds are cut and polished in India.

VORTEX FOR GOLD
Indian households own more than US$ 1 trillion worth of gold.

BOOMING TEXTILE INDUSTRY
India is home to the second largest textile industry. It is the second largest exporter of home textiles and furnishing materials in the world.

SETTING A TEXTILE BENCHMARK
India is the first country to introduce national standards for organic textiles.
Economic Survey 2014-15
presented by
Finance Minister
Arun Jaitley

- Double digit growth trajectory; 8-10% GDP in coming years
- CAD to decline to about 1% in 2015-16
- To adhere to fiscal deficit target of 4.1% of GDP; to aim for 3%
- Committed to fiscal consolidation; to enhance revenue generation
- More reforms on anvil; GST, expanding direct benefit transfers to be game-changers.
- Economic growth pegged at 8.1-8.5% in 2015-16

Inflation shows declining trend during April-December

- Foodgrains production for 2014-15 estimated at 257.07 million tonnes; will exceed last 5-yr average by 8.5 MT
- NITI Aayog, 14th Fin Comm to enhance fiscal federalism
- External Sector returning to strength, resilience
- Need balance between 'Make in India' and 'Skilling India'
- Services sector negotiations at WTO crucial for India in removing many market access barriers
- Revitalise PPP model to revive investment
- Manufacturing and services equally important for growth

A SAMPLING OF NEW GOVERNMENT POLICY INITIATIVES
1. Jan Dhan Yojana (People's Wealth Plan)
2. Aadhar (Universal Identity Card)
3. Mobile (expansion of phone e-services)
4. Make in India
5. Digital India
6. Skill India
7. Clean Ganga
8. Smart cities
9. Industrial Corridors
10. E-governance & E-biz
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