

Recommendations:

The island of Taiwan is an excellent destination for foreign investment, especially for companies seeking skilled labor and advanced infrastructure at more reasonable costs than Korea, Japan, or Singapore. Geopolitical factors shape some industries, but make little difference to most foreign companies ****Good choice for most businesses****

- (+) Established trade and investment ties to US
- (+) Government incentivizes foreign investment
- (+) Educated, skilled workforce with more lower cost of skilled labor than other advanced Asian economies

- (-) Excessive and inconsistent regulations
- (-) SOE influence in utilities, finance, and real estate
- (-) Tensions with Beijing can create certain challenges for firms with mainland China ownership, but not for most companies

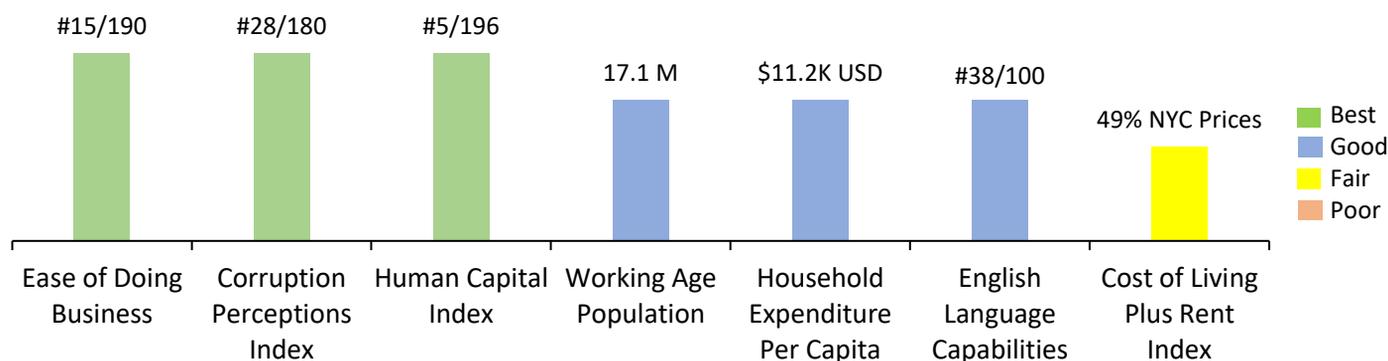
Highlights:

- Ranked #15 globally on Ease of Doing Business rankings and #5 on Human Capital Index
- Highly productive workforce with lower labor, rent, and cost of living than other top Asian regions
- Global hub for high tech manufacturing
- Friendly and easy location to live and work

“The government will **continue to adopt even more open measures**, open up diverse financial products, expand the scope of our wealth management business, and **let Taiwan become an Asian corporate financing center** and high-level asset management center.” -- Tsai Ing-wen , 2020

Regional Facts:

Population:	24 million, 0.18% growth in 2019
GDP:	\$605 billion USD, 4.42% growth in 2019
GNI per capita:	\$27,758 USD, 0.55% Inflation, high-income region
Industries:	Manufacturing (microchips, electronics, textiles, pharmaceuticals), steel, cement, information technology, petroleum refining, agriculture, fishing, advanced research and development
Tourism:	#37 of 140 in WEF's Tourism Competitiveness Report
Investment:	Government encourages and supports foreign investment



Marketing:

Per capita expenditure:	\$11,197 USD
Internet penetration:	86%
Shop online:	80%
Mobile ownership:	119%
Primary messaging:	Line messaging app
Primary website:	Facebook, Youtube

Average Labor:

Annual Labor Productivity	\$92,000
Prof. Salary	\$62,500
Worker Salary	\$37,000

Infrastructure:

Ports	Best
Roads	Best
Airfields	Best
Railroads	Best

Opening a Business:

Relevant Laws:	Statute For Investment By Foreign Nationals (1960), Negative List for Investment by Overseas Chinese and Foreign Nationals (2018), Foreign Talent Retention Act
Time to Incorporate:	Approximately 10 days to incorporate
Fees to Incorporate:	Approximately \$400 USD, not including accounting fees
Paid-in Capital:	No minimum
Remittance Taxes:	No bilateral taxation treaty with the US, but six countries including Singapore have FTAs. Foreign companies managed in Taiwan pay according to local corporate tax laws.
Restrictions:	100% foreign ownership allowed; some sectors restricted for foreigners including certain chemicals, weapons, certain tourism & travel services, and agricultural services
Trends:	Already very easy, but Taipei is taking steps to further incentivize foreign investment

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