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## **Kyrgyz Republic demonstrates Confident Growth rates & Sustainable Development of Investment climate**



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In recent years, the Kyrgyz Republic has emerged as a model for confident economic growth and sustainable development of its investment climate. With a unique combination of strategic policies, abundant natural resources, and



forward-looking reforms, the country is positioning itself as a rising hub for global investors. This upward trajectory reflects a robust commitment to fostering economic resilience and social development while maintaining an attractive investment environment. Kyrgyz Republic's economic growth in recent years has been exceptional. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects a 6.5% GDP growth for 2024, a significant increase from earlier forecasts of 4.4%. The growth momentum is expected to continue, with a forecast of 5% in 2025. This strong performance builds on the average GDP growth rate of 7% in recent years, with the first quarter of 2024 witnessing a remarkable 8.8% growth. This rapid growth reflects the Kyrgyz Republic's success in diversifying its economy and attracting foreign investment in key sectors. Infrastructure, energy, mining, agriculture, and tourism are among the leading areas drawing investor interest.

### **Strategic Initiatives for Sustainable Development**

Central to the Kyrgyz Republic's economic transformation is the National Development Strategy 2018–2040. This comprehensive framework emphasizes inclusive economic

growth, sustainable pasture management, climate adaptation, and agricultural development. The strategy also prioritizes strengthening micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in value chains, a focus actively supported by international organizations such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Agriculture remains a vital sector, offering significant potential for economic growth. Improvements in crop and livestock productivity, reductions in post-harvest losses, value addition, and enhanced market access have been key



drivers. Kyrgyz Republic's mineral resources, particularly gold, are a cornerstone of its economic strength. The mining sector has long played a pivotal role, with the Kumtor Gold Company contributing significantly to national revenue. In 2023, the Kumtor mine alone produced 13.5 tonnes of gold, yielding a net profit of \$302.4 million. The mining sector continues to attract substantial foreign investment, offering opportunities for exploration and development. With strategic reserves such as the Kutmor deposit, Kyrgyzstan is solidifying its position as a major player in the global gold market.

Beyond mining, the Kyrgyz Republic's breathtaking natural landscapes present a burgeoning opportunity for tourism. The country's mountainous terrain, pristine lakes, and cultural heritage make it an attractive destination for ecotourism and adventure travel. Investments in tourism infrastructure, including resorts and transportation, are key to

unlocking this sector's potential. Kyrgyz Republic's significant hydropower potential further strengthens its energy portfolio. Projects like the Kambar-Ata-2 hydroelectric power plant are critical to meeting regional energy needs while promoting sustainable development.

The Kyrgyz Republic government has undertaken substantial reforms to enhance the investment climate. The creation of the National Investment Agency and the National Investment Fund in 2024 underscores the country's commitment to attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). These institutions offer streamlined processes, tax benefits, and custom exemptions to investors, particularly in Free Economic Zones (FEZs). Transparency, modernized legislation, and reduced administrative barriers have further boosted investor confidence. These efforts have culminated in the signing of several major investment agreements in sectors such as energy, textiles, medicine, and hydropower.

### **Digital Transformation**

Kyrgyz Republic is embracing the digital era with enthusiasm, marking significant milestones in digital transformation.

The “Digital Kyrgyzstan 2024–2030” strategy sets an ambitious roadmap for modernizing ICT infrastructure, digitalizing public services, and fostering innovation.



Under this strategy, initiatives such as spatial data infrastructure development, automation



of business processes, and the establishment of digital customs and logistics centers are underway. The IT sector, one of the fastest-growing industries in the Kyrgyz Republic, is poised to drive economic growth by enabling seamless communication, efficient governance, and global connectivity.

Improved connectivity through infrastructure development is bridging spatial fragmentation, fostering regional economic cooperation, and translating into national growth. The government is also prioritizing reforms in basic services, human development, and industrial performance. These measures are essential for creating a conducive business environment and ensuring equitable economic development across the country.

### **A Vision for Sustainable Development**

The Kyrgyz Republic's vision for sustainable development is rooted in resilience, diversification, and international cooperation. The government's commitment to renewable energy, agricultural sustainability, and digital transformation is paving the way for long-term growth. Simultaneously, reforms aimed at attracting private investment, boosting international trade, and enhancing infrastructure are creating a solid foundation for shared prosperity. Partnerships with organizations such as the IMF, IFAD, and the World Bank provide vital financial and technical support. These collaborations not only facilitate access to global markets but also strengthen the Kyrgyz Republic's capacity to implement transformative projects.

Kyrgyz Republic's confident growth rates and sustainable investment climate reflect a country on the rise. By leveraging its abundant resources, strategic location, and forward-





looking policies, the Republic is charting a path toward economic resilience and global integration. For investors with a long-term outlook and a willingness to embrace new opportunities, the Kyrgyz Republic offers a wealth of prospects across diverse sectors. With the government's steadfast commitment to reform and development, the future looks bright for this Central Asian gem.