The present chapter showcases country profiles by illustrating each country’s PPPs, exchange rates and price levels relative to the world’s average for the period 2011-2017, and relative to the regional average for the period 2011-2019. It also focuses on 2017, highlighting countries’ main economic indicators from the national, regional and global perspectives, as follows:

- **Population** is the official population estimate as received from national statistical offices.
- **XR (LCU/USD)** is the official exchange rate of each country's local currency to the United States dollar (USD) as received from national statistical offices, with the exception of the Sudan whose exchange rate represents the equivalent - not the official - exchange rate, as provided by the Sudanese national statistical office.
- **LCU** is the local currency unit of each country.
- **OMR** is the local currency of Oman, the Omani rial.
- **PPP (LCU/USD)** is the computed PPP for each country relative to the dollar.
- **GDP (in billion USD)** is the real, or PPP-based, GDP in millions of dollars.
- **Per capita GDP (in USD)** is the real, or PPP-based, per capita income in each country in dollars.
- **Per capita AIC (in USD)** is the real, or PPP-based, per capita actual individual consumption in each country, representing material well-being, measured in dollars.
- **Most expensive group** shows the household consumption item group that is the most expensive in each country relative to the world.
- **Least expensive group** shows the household consumption item group that is the least expensive in each country relative to the world.
- **Expensiveness (total economy)** shows the ranking of each country, ascending from 1 as the most expensive in the region or the world, to the least expensive in terms of expensiveness at the level of total economy or GDP.
- **Per capita income** shows the ranking of each country, ascending from 1 as the highest in the region or the world, to the lowest in terms of wealth or per capita income.
- **Individual well-being** shows the ranking of each country, ascending from 1 as the highest in the region or the world, to the lowest in terms of per capita actual individual consumption or material well-being.
- **Share of the regional/global economy** shows the ranking of each country, ascending from 1 as the country with the highest GDP share of regional or global GDP to the one with the lowest share.
- **Expensiveness (household consumption)** shows the ranking of each country, ascending from 1 as the most expensive in the region or the world, to the least expensive at the level of household consumption.
- **Expensiveness (investment)** shows the ranking of each country, ascending from 1 as the most expensive in the region or the world, to the least expensive in terms at the level of investment or gross fixed capital formation.
- **Per capita government spending** shows the ranking of each country according to per capita government spending, ascending from 1 as highest to the lowest in the region or the globe.
- **Per capita investment spending** shows the ranking of each country according to per capita spending on investment, ascending from 1 as highest to the lowest in the region or the globe.
- **SAR** is the local currency of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi riyal.
Bahrain

2017 highlights

National perspective

- **Population**: 1,501,116
- **XR (LCU/USD)**: 0.376
- **PPP (LCU/USD)**: 0.187
- **GDP (in billion USD)**: 71.3
- **Per capita GDP (in USD)**: 47,486
- **Per capita AIC (in USD)**: 22,989
- **Most expensive group**: Food
- **Least expensive group**: Education

Regional perspective

- **Expensiveness (total economy)**: 6th/12
- **Per capita income**: 5th/12
- **Individual well-being**: 5th/12
- **Share out of regional economy**: 11th/12
- **Expensiveness (household consumption)**: 6th/12
- **Expensiveness (investment)**: 6th/12
- **Per capita government spending**: 4th/12
- **Per capita investment spending**: 4th/12

Global perspective

- **Expensiveness (total economy)**: 78th/176
- **Per capita income**: 24th/176
- **Individual well-being**: 38th/176
- **Share out of global economy**: 92nd/176
- **Expensiveness (household consumption)**: 78th/176
- **Expensiveness (investment)**: 138th/176
- **Per capita government spending**: 21st/176
- **Per capita investment spending**: 15th/176

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**PLI (Arab region=100)**

![Graph showing PLI over years]

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**Egypt**

### 2017 highlights

**National perspective**
- Population: 94,798,827
- XR (LCU/USD): 17.847
- PPP (LCU/USD): 3.267
- GDP (in billion USD): 1263.4
- Per capita GDP (in USD): 13,327
- Per capita AIC (in USD): 12,850
- Most expensive group: Food
- Least expensive group: Housing and utilities

**Regional perspective**
- Expensiveness: 12th/12
- Per capita income: 7th/12
- Individual well-being: 7th/12
- Share out of regional economy: 2nd/12
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 12th/12
- Expensiveness (investment): 11th/12
- Per capita government spending: 10th/12
- Per capita investment spending: 11th/12

**Global perspective**
- Expensiveness: 176th/176
- Per capita income: 94th/176
- Individual well-being: 76th/176
- Share out of global economy: 19th/176
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 176th/176
- Expensiveness (investment): 173rd/176
- Per capita government spending: 123rd/176
- Per capita investment spending: 134th/176
2017 highlights

National perspective

- **Population**: 37,139,519
- **XR (LCU/USD)**: 1,256
- **PPP (LCU/USD)**: 560.761
- **GDP (in billion USD)**: 368.3
- **Per capita GDP (in USD)**: 9,917
- **Per capita AIC (in USD)**: 6,495
- **Most expensive group**: Food
- **Least expensive group**: Housing and utilities

Regional perspective

- **Expensiveness**: 7th/12
- **Per capita income**: 8th/12
- **Individual well-being**: 9th/12
- **Share out of regional economy**: 4th/12
- **Expensiveness (household consumption)**: 10th/12
- **Expensiveness (investment)**: 3rd/12
- **Per capita government spending**: 9th/12
- **Per capita investment spending**: 9th/12

Global perspective

- **Expensiveness**: 99th/176
- **Per capita income**: 113th/176
- **Individual well-being**: 116th/176
- **Share out of global economy**: 49th/176
- **Expensiveness (household consumption)**: 112th/176
- **Expensiveness (investment)**: 133rd/176
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2017 highlights

National perspective

- Population: 10,053,000
- XR (LCU/USD): 0.708
- PPP (LCU/USD): 0.3
- GDP (in billion USD): 96.6
- Per capita GDP (in USD): 9,610
- Per capita AIC (in USD): 8,673
- Most expensive group: Food
- Least expensive group: Education

Regional perspective

- Expensiveness: 9th/12
- Per capita income: 9th/12
- Individual well-being: 8th/12
- Share out of regional economy: 10th/12
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 7th/12
- Expensiveness (investment): 4th/12
- Per capita government spending: 7th/12
- Per capita investment spending: 8th/12

Global perspective

- Expensiveness: 109th/176
- Per capita income: 115th/176
- Individual well-being: 103rd/176
- Share out of global economy: 82nd/176

- Expensiveness (household consumption): 101st/176
- Expensiveness (investment): 134th/176
- Per capita government spending: 111th/176
- Per capita investment spending: 111th/176
Kuwait

2017 highlights

National perspective

- Population: 4,082,704
- XR (LCU/USD): 0.303
- PPP (LCU/USD): 0.177
- GDP (in billion USD): 206.3
- Per capita GDP (in USD): 50,524
- Per capita AIC (in USD): 25,331
- Most expensive group: Food
- Least expensive group: Housing and utilities

Regional perspective

- Expensiveness: 3rd/12
- Per capita income: 3rd/12
- Individual well-being: 3rd/12
- Share out of regional economy: 7th/12
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 3rd/12
- Expensiveness (investment): 5th/12
- Per capita government spending: 3rd/12
- Per capita investment spending: 3rd/12

Global perspective

- Expensiveness: 60th/176
- Per capita income: 20th/176
- Individual well-being: 30th/176
- Share out of global economy: 62nd/176
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 64th/176
- Expensiveness (investment): 136th/176
- Per capita government spending: 11th/176
- Per capita investment spending: 9th/176
Morocco

2017 highlights

National perspective

- Population: 34,852,121
- XR (LCU/USD): 9.691
- PPP (LCU/USD): 4.023
- GDP (in billion USD): 264.3
- Per capita GDP (in USD): 7,583
- Per capita AIC (in USD): 4,902
- Most expensive group: Food
- Least expensive group: Housing and utilities

Regional perspective

- Expensiveness: 10th/12
- Per capita income: 10th/12
- Individual well-being: 11th/12
- Share out of regional economy: 5th/12
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 9th/12
- Expensiveness (investment): 10th/12
- Per capita government spending: 11th/12
- Per capita investment spending: 7th/12

Global perspective

- Expensiveness: 112th/176
- Per capita income: 122nd/176
- Individual well-being: 127th/176
- Share out of global economy: 57th/176
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 111th/176
- Expensiveness (investment): 167th/176
- Per capita government spending: 124th/176
- Per capita investment spending: 98th/176

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Oman

2017 highlights

National perspective

- Population: 4,559,963
- XR (LCU/USD): 0.3845
- PPP (LCU/USD): 0.2
- GDP (in billion USD): 135.7
- Per capita GDP (in USD): 29,758
- Per capita AIC (in USD): 14,973
- Most expensive group: Food
- Least expensive group: Education

Regional perspective

- Expensiveness: 5th/12
- Per capita income: 6th/12
- Individual well-being: 6th/12
- Share out of regional economy: 9th/12
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 5th/12
- Expensiveness (investment): 8th/12
- Per capita government spending: 6th/12
- Per capita investment spending: 6th/12

Global perspective

- Expensiveness: 72nd/176
- Per capita income: 49th/176
- Individual well-being: 72nd/176
- Share out of global economy: 74th/176
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 73rd/176
- Expensiveness (investment): 153rd/176
- Per capita government spending: 39th/176
- Per capita investment spending: 30th/176

Note: Since Oman is the base country, its exchange rate and PPP relative to the Omani rial will be equal to one. To enable comparison with another currency, the table shows the Omani exchange rate and PPP in terms of the Saudi riyal.
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Qatar

### 2017 highlights

#### National perspective
- **Population:** 2,724,606
- **XR (LCU/USD):** 3.65
- **PPP (LCU/USD):** 2.346
- **GDP (in billion USD):** 259
- **Per capita GDP (in USD):** 95,063
- **Per capita AIC (in USD):** 25,247
- **Most expensive group:** Food
- **Least expensive group:** Health

#### Regional perspective
- **Expensiveness:** 1st/12
- **Per capita income:** 1st/12
- **Individual well-being:** 4th/12
- **Share out of regional economy:** 6th/12
- **Expensiveness (household consumption):** 1st/12
- **Expensiveness (investment):** 2nd/12
- **Per capita government spending:** 1st/12
- **Per capita investment spending:** 1st/12

#### Global perspective
- **Expensiveness:** 47th/176
- **Per capita income:** 2nd/176
- **Individual well-being:** 31st/176
- **Share out of global economy:** 59th/176
- **Expensiveness (household consumption):** 39th/176
- **Expensiveness (investment):** 126th/176
- **Per capita government spending:** 3rd/176
- **Per capita investment spending:** 1st/176
Saudi Arabia

2017 highlights

National perspective

• Population: 32,612,846
• XR (LCU/USD): 3.75
• PPP (LCU/USD): 1.649
• GDP (in billion USD): 1,565.9

Regional perspective

• Expensiveness: 8th/12
• Per capita income: 4th/12
• Individual well-being: 2nd/12
• Share out of regional economy: 1st/12

Global perspective

• Expensiveness (total economy): 104th/176
• Per capita income: 23rd/176
• Individual well-being: 29th/176
• Share out of global economy: 17th/176

• Per capita GDP (in USD): 48,015
• Per capita AIC (in USD): 25,368
• Most expensive group: Food
• Least expensive group: Housing and utilities

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2017 highlights

National perspective

- Population: 4,454,633
- XR (LCU/USD): 3.6
- PPP (LCU/USD): 2.036
- GDP (in billion USD): 25.6
- Per capita GDP (in USD): 5,756
- Per capita AIC (in USD): 6,226
- Most expensive group: Transport
- Least expensive group: Education

Regional perspective

- Expensiveness: 4th/12
- Per capita income: 11th/12
- Individual well-being: 10th/12
- Share out of regional economy: 12th/12
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 4th/12
- Expensiveness (investment): 1st/12
- Per capita government spending: 8th/12
- Per capita investment spending: 10th/12

Global perspective

- Expensiveness: 63rd/176
- Per capita income: 130th/176
- Individual well-being: 120th/176
- Share out of global economy: 127th/176
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 71st/176
- Expensiveness (investment): 72nd/176
- Per capita government spending: 114th/176
- Per capita investment spending: 127th/176
2017 highlights

National perspective

- Population: 40,782,700
- XR (LCU/USD): 20.13
- PPP (LCU/USD): 4.619
- GDP (in billion USD): 176.6
- Per capita GDP (in USD): 4,331
- Per capita AIC (in USD): 3,717
- Most expensive group: Food
- Least expensive group: Education

Regional perspective

- Expensiveness: 11th/12
- Per capita income: 12th/12
- Individual well-being: 12th/12
- Share out of regional economy: 8th/12
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 11th/12
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- Per capita government spending: 12th/12
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Global perspective

- Expensiveness (total economy): 174th/176
- Per capita income: 140th/176
- Individual well-being: 138th/176
- Share out of global economy: 66th/176
- Expensiveness (household consumption): 175th/176
- Expensiveness (investment): 174th/176
- Per capita government spending: 139th/176
- Per capita investment spending: 158th/176
United Arab Emirates

### 2017 highlights

#### National perspective

- **Population**: 9,304,277
- **XR (LCU/USD)**: 3.673
- **PPP (LCU/USD)**: 2.222
- **GDP (in billion USD)**: 624.3
- **Per capita GDP (in USD)**: 67,100
- **Per capita AIC (in USD)**: 25,794
- **Most expensive group**: Food
- **Least expensive group**: Education

#### Regional perspective

- **Expensiveness (total economy)**: 2nd/12
- **Per capita income**: 2nd/12
- **Individual well-being**: 1st/12
- **Share out of regional economy**: 3rd/12
- **Expensiveness (household consumption)**: 2nd/12
- **Expensiveness (investment)**: 7th/12
- **Per capita government spending**: 5th/12
- **Per capita investment spending**: 2nd/12

#### Global perspective

- **Expensiveness**: 56th/176
- **Per capita income**: 8th/176
- **Individual well-being**: 27th/176
- **Share out of global economy**: 34th/176
- **Expensiveness (household consumption)**: 42nd/176
- **Expensiveness (investment)**: 149th/176
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