

COUNTRY PROFILE

Capital Managua

Area 130,373 km²

Official Language Spanish

Population 6.3 million

Currency Córdoba

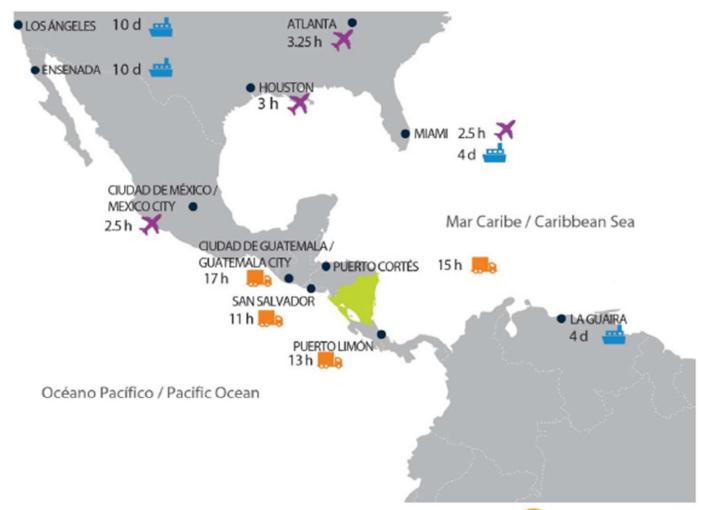
Exchange Rate (2017 Average) C\$30.05 = US\$1.00

Time Zone UTC/GMT - 6 hours





STRATEGIC LOCATION













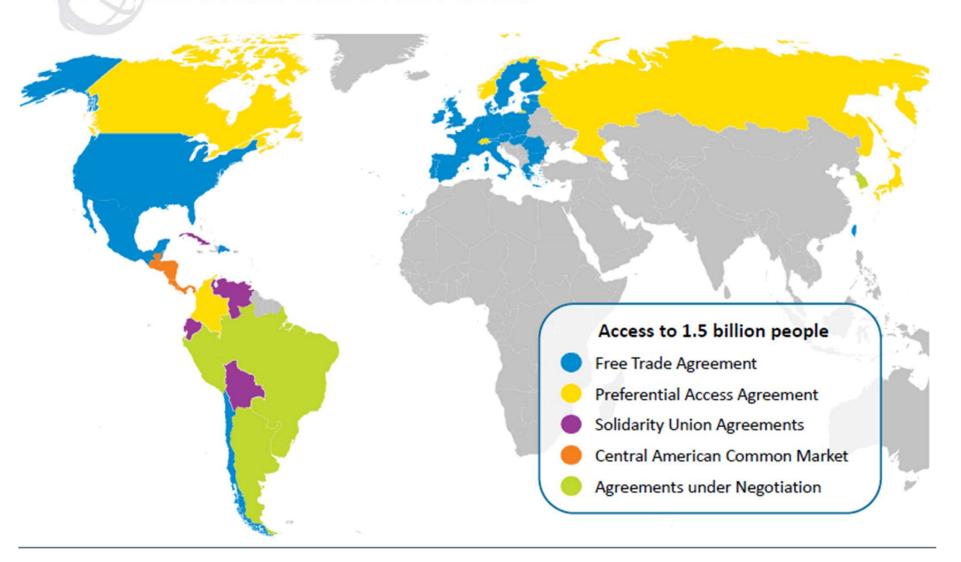








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2016 ECONOMIC FIGURES

Gross Domestic Product US\$13.23 billion (4.7% growth vs 2015)

GDP per capita US\$2,090

Exports US\$4.83 billion

FDI Inflows* US\$1.44 billion

Gross International Reserves US\$2.44 billion (2.5 times the monetary base)

Inflation 3.13%

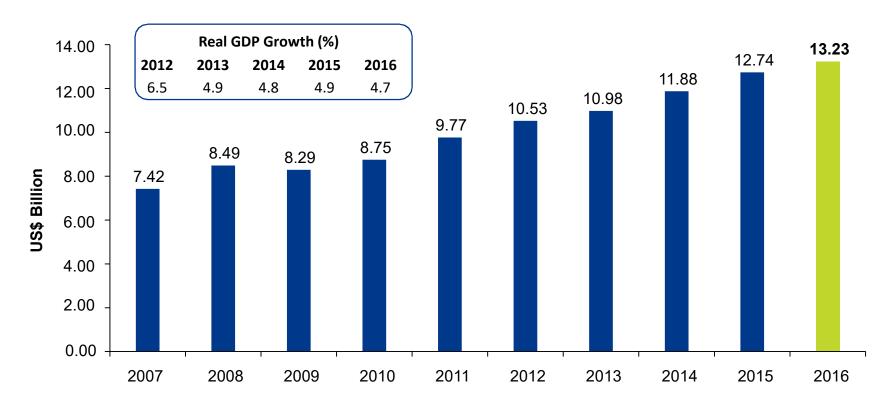
Devaluation of Currency 5% annual vs. US Dollar

Sources: Central Bank of Nicaragua, Ministry of Development, Industry and PRONicaragua. *Estimated data



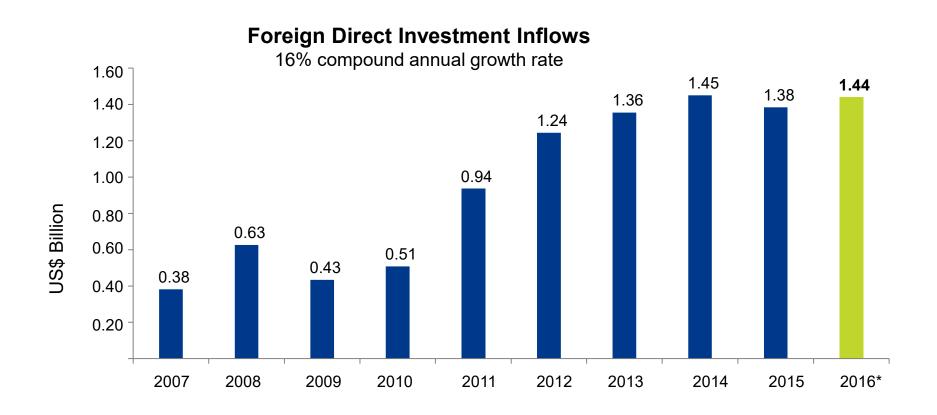
ECONOMIC GROWTH

Gross Domestic Product



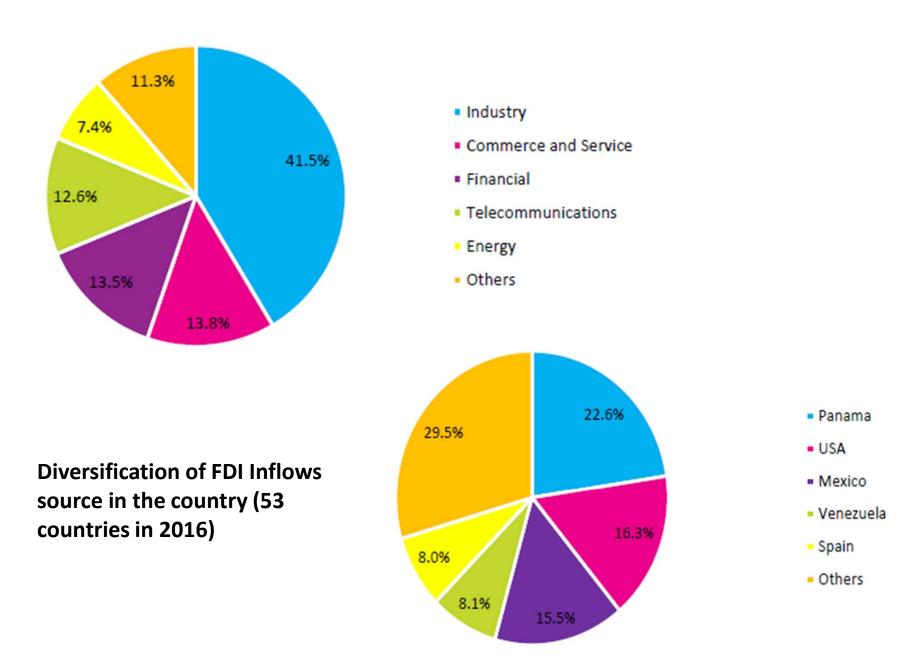
According to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Nicaragua will be **the third fastest growing country** in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2017, after Panama and the Dominican Republic.

EVOLUTION OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT



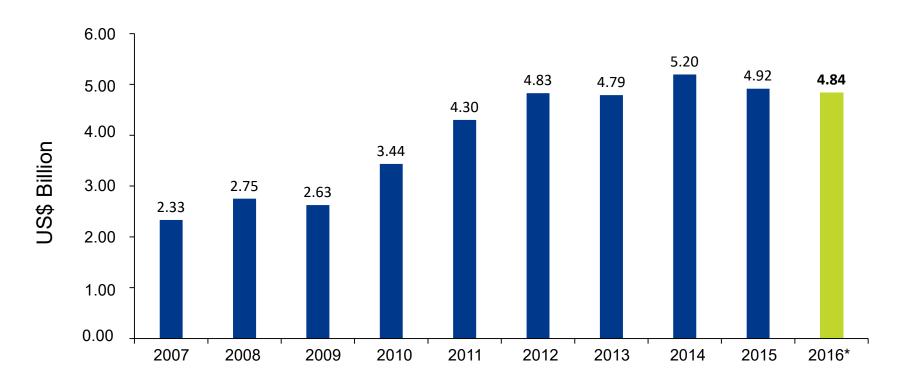
In 2016, it is expected that the sectors that have attracted higher FDI revenues are: industry, financial, trade and services, telecommunications, and energy.

Foreign Direct Investment Inflows by Economic Sector 2016



EVOLUTION OF EXPORTS

Total Exports 8% compound annual growth rate



In 2016, the main export destinations were: the United States, Central America, Mexico, the European Union, and Venezuela.

MAIN EXPORT PRODUCTS

2016 Main Export Products (% of total value)



Textile and Apparel (31.6%)



Cigars and Tobacco (4.1%)



Automotive Harnesses (13.7%)



Dairy Products (3.7%)



Bovine Meat (8.7%)



Sugar (2.2%)



Coffee (8.3%)



Peanuts (1.6%)



Gold (7.4%)



Beans (1.3%)

ECONOMIC STABILITY

Nicaragua maintains positive relations with different multilateral organizations such as the International Monetary fund (IMF), World Bank (WB), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (BCIE), EuropeanInvestment Bank (EIB)



- •On July 2017, **Moody's** updated Nicaragua's credit rating outlook from "stable" to "positive" and maintained the rating on **B2**.
- •On August 2016: Fitch Ratings assigned **B+** to Nicaragua with steady perspective.
- •On February 2016: Standard & Poor's assigned **B+** for credit ratings, local and foreign currency. The perspective of the qualification is long term steady.



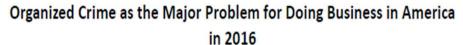


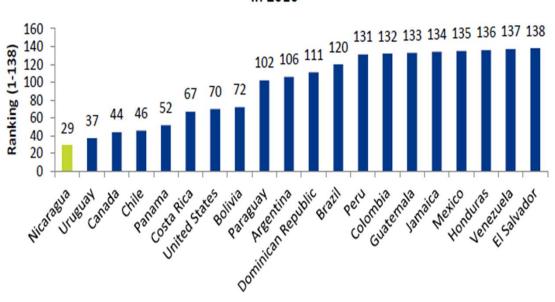


""The macroeconomic policies implemented by the Government of Nicaragua are positive, and should serve as an example for Latin America" Min Zhu, Deputy Managing Director of the IMF

SAFETY INDICATORS

Crime and Theft as Major Problem for Doing Business in America in 2016

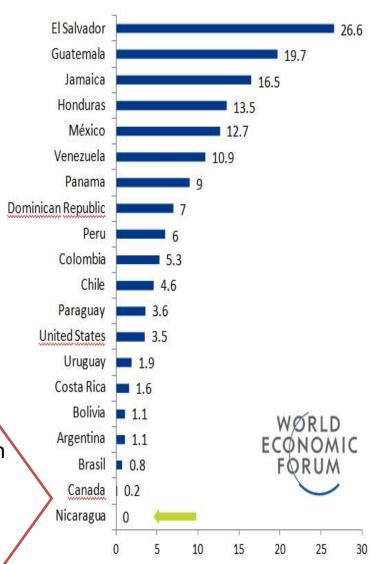




Source: World Economic Forum, 2016

"The National Police of Nicaragua (PNN) is a leader in Central America and in the world, as a police model with a "preventive, proactive and community" approach.

UNDP. 2013. Regional Human Development Report 2013-2014. Public security with a human face: diagnosis and proposals to Latin America



MODEL OF DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS





CABINETS



GOVERNMENT

PRIVATE SECTOR +

UNIONS

Free Zones Minimum Wage Tripartite Agreement

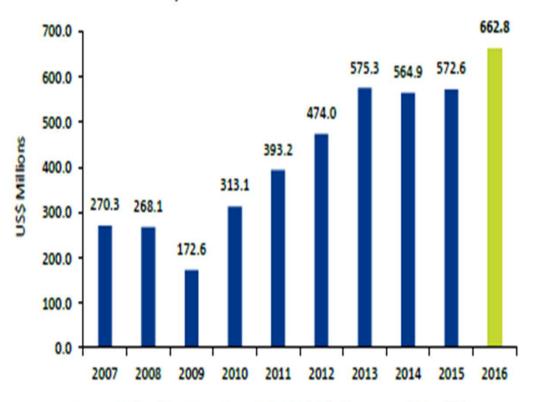


*The average annual exchange rate was used for each year. Includes 49% of social benefits.

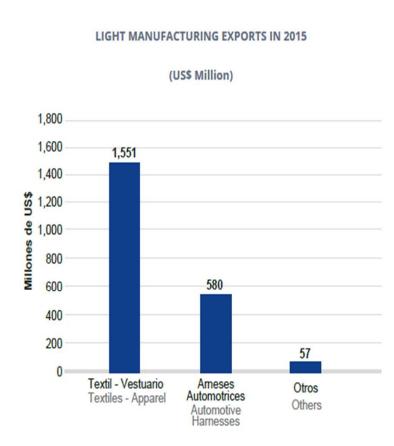


Light Manufacturing

Exports of Automative Harnesses



Source: National Free Zones Commission (CNZF, for its acronym in Spanish)



Source: National Free Trade Zones Commission (CNZF, for its acronym in Spanish), November 2015.

MAIN MANUFACTURED GOODS EXPORTED FROM NICARAGUA

Textiles and Apparel	Dress shirts, t-shirts, denim pants, footwear	
Automotive Parts	Automotive harnesses, connectors	
Others	Medical equipment, assemblies, jewelry, solid residues, plastic bags, others	

INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES INVESTING IN NICARAGUA INCLUDE





























MAIN AGRICULTURAL GOODS EXPORTED IN 2016

Product	Exported value	Share (%)
Beef	420.47	8.79%
Green coffee	402.26	8.41%
Cigars and mini-cigars	178.17	3.73%
Shrimp	143.23	3.00%
Cheese	114.36	2.39%
Cane sugar	113.86	2.38%
Peanuts	80.45	1.68%
Raw tobacco	64.20	1.34%
Lobster	64.13	1.34%
Beans	63.40	1.33%

Source: Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade (MIFIC), 2016.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Nicaragua offers excellent conditions for investment in different agroindustry sub-sectors .

Agro export Products

 Coffee, cocoa, okra, fruits, cassava, tubers, ornamentals, among others

Aquaculture

- Shrimp, lobsters and fish

Dairy and livestock

- Processed milk (dairy products and powder milk) and meat

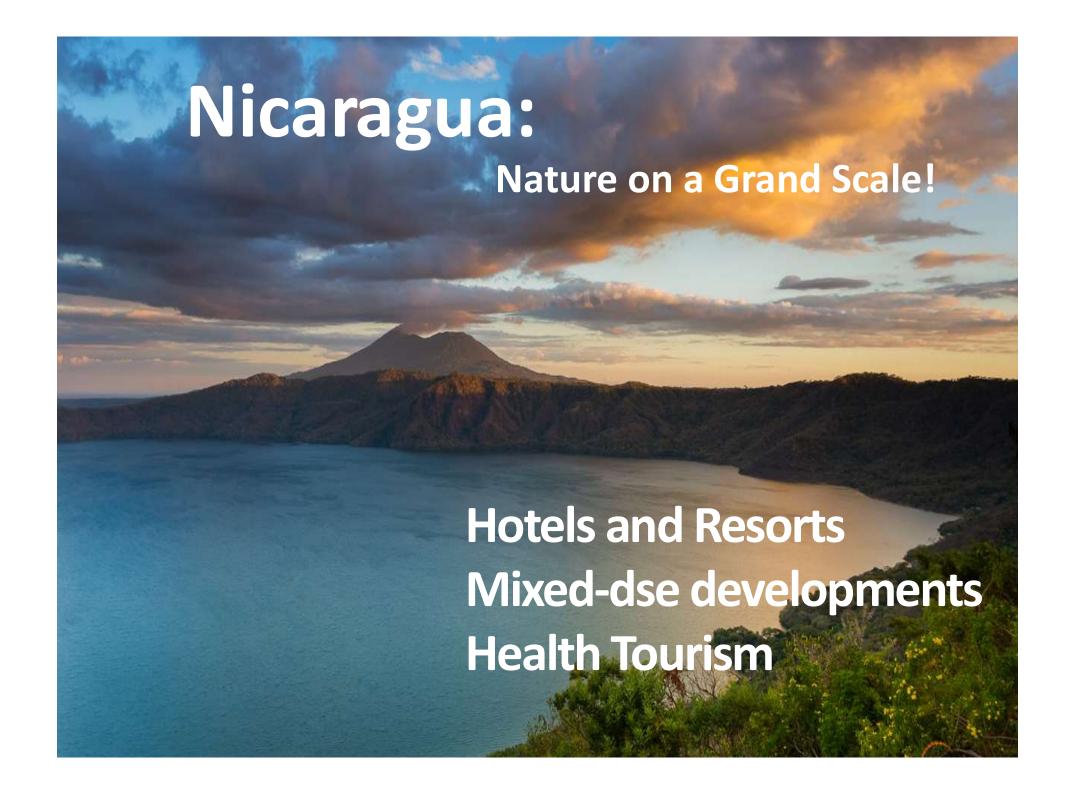
Food industry

- Processed foods (snacks, cookies, sweets and confectionary)
- Grains and milled products

Forestry

- Plantations of valuable timber
- Carbon credits





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