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FDI Potential Index (Rank)¹	1	24	32	6	18	3	31	25	70	4
Global Innovation Index (Rank)²	1	9	37	2	19	4	31	28	50	11
Ease of Doing Business Index (Rank)³	3	12	83	25	31	6	65	49	125	8
Protecting Investors Index (Rank)⁴	5	15	88	88	70	9	53	88	70	5
Per Capita GDP (US\$)⁵	46,859	38,559	3,315	44,660	46,015	43,785	38,996	35,331	8,197	45,428
Services Output (US\$B)⁶	7,807	2,920	786	1,729	1,391	1,371	1,045	672	261	630
Manufacturing Output (US\$B)⁷	1,523	894	889	495	255	319	295	177	57	153
Top 100 Universities⁸	37	4	2	3	2	17	0	0	0	5
FDI Inflows 2007 (US\$M)⁹	232,839	22,549	83,521	50,925	157,970	223,966	40,199	53,385	34,585	108,655

Note: Countries ordered by GDP based on CIA WorldFact Book.

¹Inward FDI Potential Index 2004 to 2006 – UNCTAD; ²World Business/INSEAD 2009, <http://www.insead.edu/facultyresearch/centres/elab/documents/GIIFinal0809.pdf>; ³The World Bank Group-Doing Business 2009, <http://www.doingbusiness.org/economyrankings/>; ⁴Ibid; ⁵World Economic Outlook Database “2008 GDP per Capita, Current Prices” – International Monetary Fund; ⁶“Pocket World in Figures 2007” – The Economist.; ⁷Ibid; ⁸The World’s Top 200 Universities – The Times Higher Education Supplement 2008; ⁹UNCTAD FDI Database 2008.