



INVEST
MALDIVES



MINISTRY OF
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
AND TRADE

REPUBLIC OF
MALDIVES

Invest in Maldives

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1) Geographical Relevance:

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2) Sustained Economic Growth:

What makes the Maldivian economy stand out is the stable economic growth it has delivered over the last decade proving resilient in the face of global economic shocks.

3) Advanced Communications Infrastructure:

The Maldives is well connected with an advanced telecommunications network and ICT infrastructure, with the total international bandwidth capacity estimated to be around 40Gbps. A Government led investment providing direct connectivity to one of the largest submarine cable network initiatives is expected to be a game changer in the development of the ICT sector, by providing more than 200Tbps of capacity spanning over 16,000 kilometers.

4) Improved Accessibility Driving Economic Diversification:

With four international airports, fourteen domestic airports, and several under construction and planned for implementation, the Maldives has established itself as a hub of connectivity in the region.

5) Tapping into the Demographic Youth Dividend:

The Maldives has a rapidly growing pool of human capital that is young, highly educated, and skilled. The country has also earned the position as having the highest literacy rate in South Asia and Indian Ocean region.

6) The Strategic Location:

The northern-most atoll of the Maldives lies along the Eight Degree Channel – the strategic shipping route between Europe, Middle East, and Asia, with over 500 ships passing through the channel daily. Maldives is well placed to become a key partner in the global trade and energy network.

7) Business-Friendly Regulatory Framework:

The Maldives practices a pro-market, free-enterprise economic policy that promotes a transparent and liberal trading and commercial environment.

We offer:

- Right to 100% foreign ownership.
- Legally backed investment guarantee.
- Provision for overseas arbitration of disputes.
- Long-term lease of land of up to 99 years.
- Freedom to use foreign managerial, technical and unskilled workers.
- No foreign exchange restrictions.
- No restrictions on the repatriations of earnings or profits.

Invest Maldives:

The one stop shop that promotes, facilitates and registers foreign investments in the Maldives

Investment Approval Process

Step 1

Pre-submission compliance check

Applicants are advised to request for a compliance check on proposed business activity to fast-track the approval process of the foreign company registration

Step 2

Submission of the Foreign Investment Application Form

Applicants are required to submit the completed form with supporting documents to fiu@trade.gov.mv

Step 3

Pay the Foreign Investment Administrative Fee to MIRA

Upon approval of the submitted application, applicants are to pay a fee of USD 5,000 to Maldives Inland Revenue Authority

Step 4

Registration of the Company

This step can be carried out through the Business Portal: <https://business.egov.mv>

Step 5

Signing the Foreign Investment Agreement

Registered foreign companies shall enter into a foreign investment agreement with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade