



Country Snapshot



Philippines

General Information

Capital:	Manila	Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 141):	64
Population (m):	114	Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180):	115
Local Currency:	Philippine peso	Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):	95
Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$) :	56	Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180):	73
Head of State:	President – Bongbong Marcos	Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):	82

Recent Economic Indicators	2022	2023	2024f	2025f
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	7.6	5.7	6.2	6.6
GDP (Bn\$, current prices)	404	436	476	522
Unemployment Rate (% yearly)	5.4	4.7	5.1	5.1
Inflation (Av)	6	6	3	3

Principal Export Destinations

China 16%, United States 14%, Japan 12%, Hong Kong 12%

Principal Import Destinations

China 34%, Japan 7%, South Korea 6%, United States 6%, S Indonesia 6%

Principal Export Commodities

integrated circuits, office machine parts, insulated wiring, semiconductors

Principal Import Commodities

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, cars, crude petroleum

Key View *

We think that real GDP growth will continue to accelerate gradually over the coming quarters on the back of a pick-up in household spending and we forecast the economy to expand by 6.2% in 2024.

Contrary to government projections for a narrowing of the current account deficit, we forecast it to widen from 2.6% of GDP in 2023 to 2.8% in 2024. Weak external demand will limit the rebound in merchandise exports while the boost to the services account from tourism receipts will likely fade.

The good news is that foreign direct investment inflows will likely pick up in H2 2024 as global monetary conditions ease.

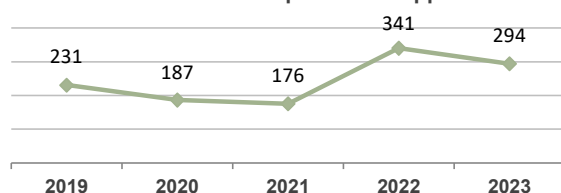
Risks to our growth forecast hinge largely on the outlook for the global economy. If the US were to successfully avoid a recession in 2024, this would help bolster Philippine export performance. In the same vein, a better-than-expected economic performance by the Chinese economy will also have a similar impact on the Philippine external sector.

The biggest uncertainty surrounds the severity of El-Nino weather conditions. Similar events are often accompanied by periods of higher food prices. While we have factored this into our projections, things could still deteriorate further.

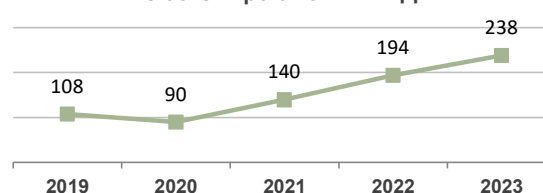
Israel's Goods Trade Relations with Philippines

	M\$	% Change
Export	294	-14%
Import	238	23%
Total trade (export + import)	532	
Trade Balance (export - import)	56	

Israel's Export to Philippines



Israel's Import from Philippines



The Main Sectors of Goods Trade between Israel and Philippines

Export				Import			
Sector	M\$	% Share	% Change	Sector	M\$	% Share	% Change
Machinery, Electrical equipment	129	44%	-9%	Machinery, Electrical equipmen	179	75%	33%
Vessels	54	18%	100%	Machinery, Mechanic equipmen	31	13%	16%
Articles Of Iron	49	17%	80%	Optic Machinery	8	4%	22%
Machinery, Mechanic equipment	22	8%	59%	Fruit And Nuts	5	2%	-30%
Optic Machinery	18	6%	-8%	Footwear	2	1%	-12%

* Jan 2024