

Foreign Investment / Myanmar Economy

Mandalay – 23 July 2017 Thura Ko Ko - YGA Capital

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## Thura Ko Ko



- UK Education (1980 1996)
- Investment Bank (1996 2007)
- Private Equity (2007 2010)
- YGA Capital Ltd. (2010 Present)
- Foreign Investments
  - Telecom towers
  - Consumer drinks
  - Microfinance

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### **2017 Global Environment**

- President Trump "America First"
  - Political Uncertainty / Economic Stability
- European Union / UK
  - Political Uncertainty / Economic Uncertainty
- New Strength
  - China, Russia, India
- ASEAN Strengths
  - Vietnam / Philippines / Indonesia

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# "Myanmar" on Google News

- 1. UN Envoy Complains of State Surveillance in Myanmar
- 2. US to Myanmar Cut North Korea ties
- 3. India Courts Myanmar
- 4. Humanitarian Update on Monsoon Floods
- 5. Myanmar Sees Insurgents Behind Rohingya Killings
- 6. AIDS related Deaths Decrease Significantly
- 7. Myanmar Propaganda Army takes media on reporting trip
- 8. Backsliding in Myanmar (on Human Rights)
- 9. Total Considers Power Plant in Myanmar

# Economic Challenges for <u>2016</u> (CEO @ Mandalay)

- Policy Uncertainty
- Currency
- ✓ Inflation
- Trade Deficit More Import than Export
- Budget Deficit More Spending than Income Receipt
- China / India vs. ASEAN Economic Community

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# Approved Foreign Investment (Then / Now) Transport Communication 0% Oil & Gas 5% Power 94% 2011-12 Other Services Livestock 1% Investment (Then / Now) Oil & Gas 13% Power 14% Transport Communication 18% Power 14% Transport Communication 18% Power 14% Transport Communication 18% Other Services Livestock 1% Transport Communication 18% Power 14% Transport Communication 18% Other Services Livestock 1% Transport Communication 18% Power 14% Transport Communication 18% Power 14%

# **Positive Developments for the Economy**

- Stable political transition
- Peace process progressing
- Stable economy (Has not collapsed)
- Greater emphasis on rule of law / Taxation
- Health / Education spending increased
- Road transportation

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# **Continued Challenges For The Economy**

- Key policy initiatives still unclear or not yet in place
- Access to energy (Revisit hydro?)
- Access to capital (Particularly, micro- & SME)
- Physical access (Logistics)
- Human capital (At all levels)
- "Public Private Partnership" is not here yet

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