

Financing the UN Sustainable Development Goals: The Singapore Model

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Economic Performance –

No. 1 city with the best
investment potential

Top 3 in the world for foreign
trade and investment

Competitiveness And Business
Environment - The World's easiest
place to do business

Top 2 most competitive city in the
world

Best business environment in
Asia Pacific and the world

Asia's most network-ready
country

Business Legislation And
Efficiency – World's No. 2
and Asia's No. 1 for best
intellectual property protection

Asia's least bureaucratic place
to do business

Government - World's No. 7
and Asia's No. 1 for least
corruption in the economy

Most transparent country in
Asia

Labour -

Top of BERI's Labour Force
Evaluation Measure

Top 10 in Asia for most motivated
workforce

Top 10 in Asia for best skilled labour

150th Press Freedom (Reporters
Without borders 2013)

126th Most Unhappy

146th Most Emotionless (World
Happiness Report, 2013)

Fastest Walkers In The World
(BBC Study 2007)

Lowest Fertility in the World out of 224
Countries (2013)

2nd Least Likely to Help a Stranger
Out of 135 Countries (2013)

40th out of 41 Country – Libido

7th Most Expensive City in the World
(Expatisan, 2014)

1 in 12 Workers Earn

Less Than S\$1,000 (US\$714)

1 in 8 Earn Less Than S\$1,500
(US\$1,071)

1 in 4 Earn Less Than S\$2,000
(US\$1,429)

Government Does Not
Spend a Single Cent on
Healthcare, Pensions and
Public Housing ?

(From a Cashflow
Perspective)

2012 Budget Surplus S\$3.9b
(US\$2.8b)
Budget Surplus (IMF
Guidelines) S\$25b (US\$17.9b)

2013 S\$25b (US\$17.9b)

2004 - 2012 S\$185b (US\$132b)
Reserves is Secret - Estimated
S\$900b (US\$643b)

Media Licensing

1 TV

2 Radio

2 Newspapers (5 English, 2 Chinese, 1 Malay, 1 Tamil)

NTUC/CASE Detergents

Integrated Resorts (IRs)

S\$9.2b (US\$7.4b) Syndicated
Loans

S\$5b (US\$4b) Gaming
Revenue a Year

Transparency

Accountability

Statistics

- Labour - Quota

Housing - Affordability

Whistleblower

FTAs

Complex

Competitive

Environment

Political Stability

1 - Party System

81 Out of 87 MPs

No Strikes

Open Labour

Low Productivity

Open Capital

Pension Cut
Overtime Pay
Exchange With
Leave

GLCs

Advantage

Complacent

Profits for Everything

Public Transport

Utilities

Public Housing ?

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Uniquely Singapore, F1 or
F9 ?