

Kingdom of Morocco

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*Morocco on the move:
The business environment
and investment opportunities*



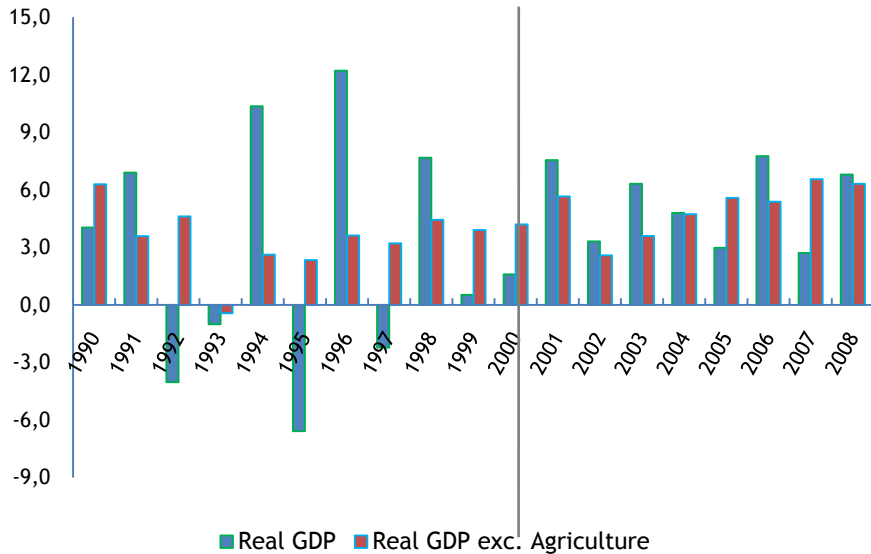
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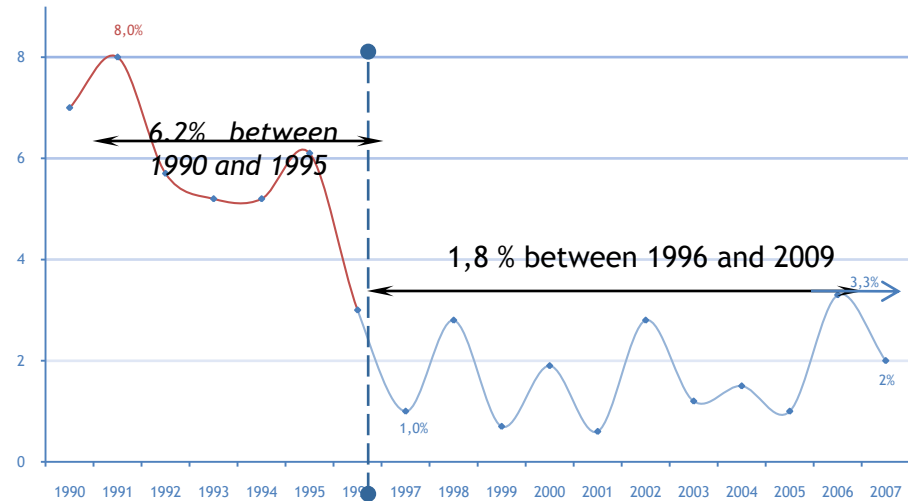


Solid growth based on sound economic fundamentals

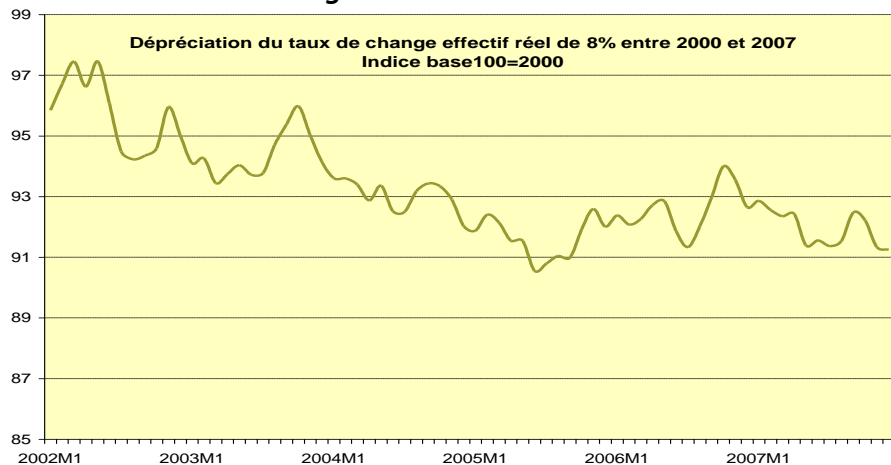
- **Real GDP growth average of 5.4% since 2001 against average of 3.4% over the previous decade**



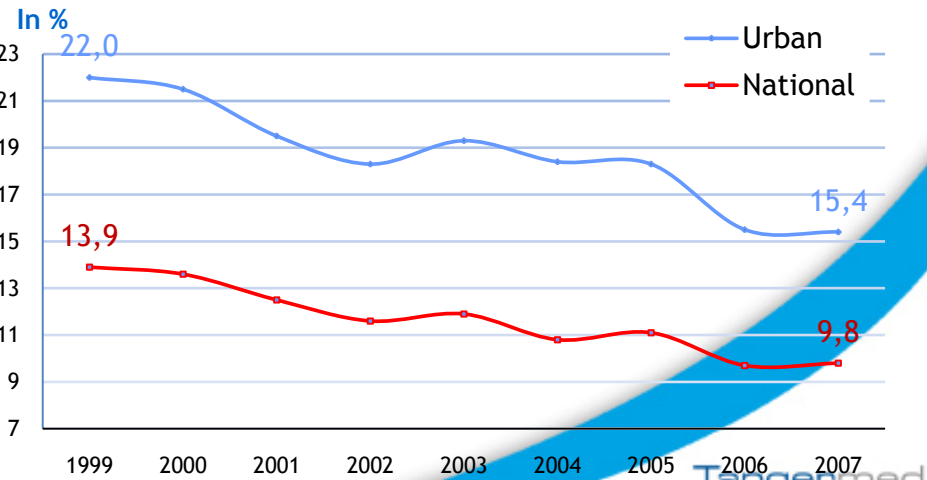
- **No inflation pressure during the last decade**



- **A balanced exchange rate**

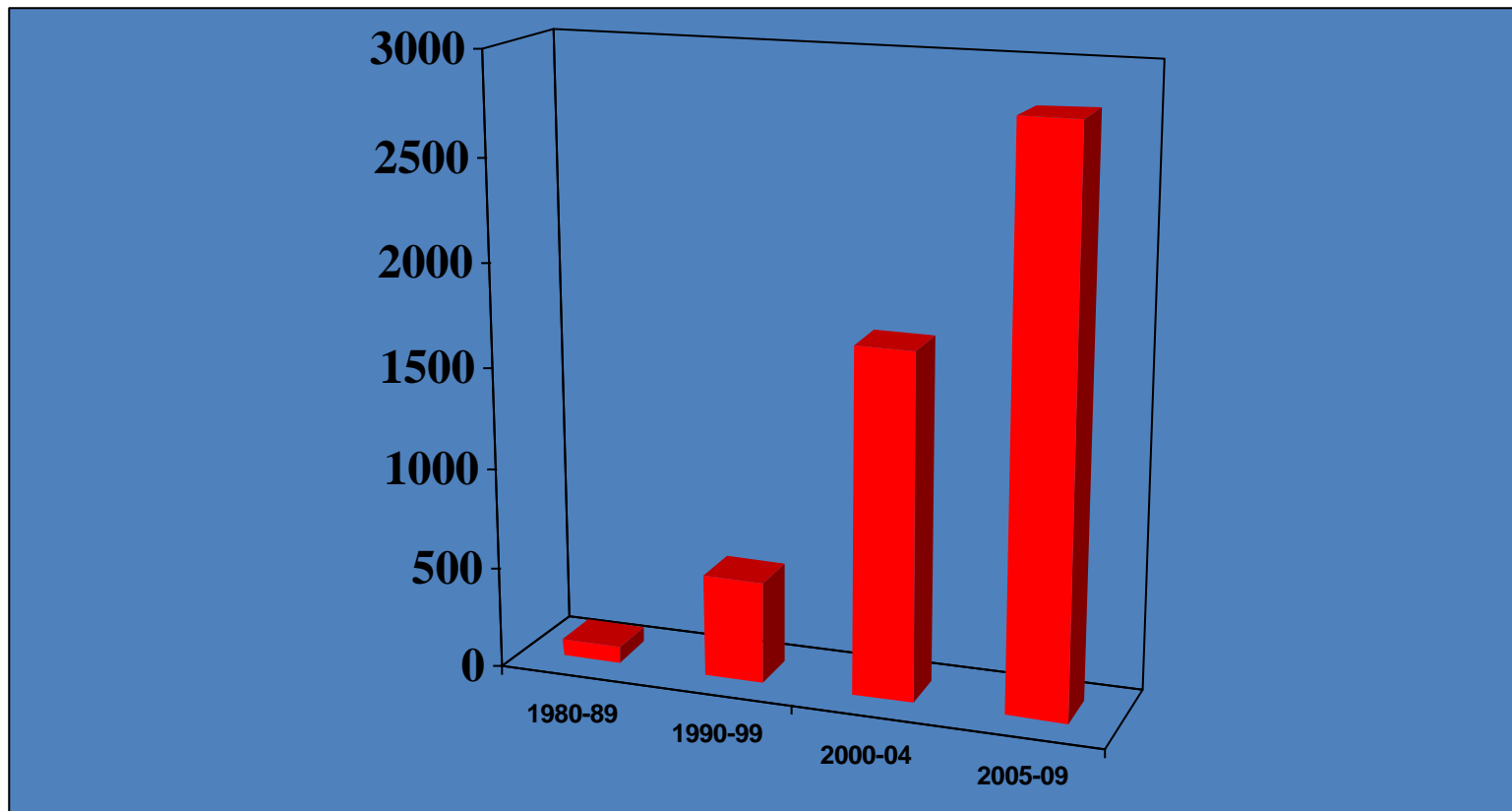


- **Unemployment has begun to decline**



Evolution of foreign investments in Morocco (in Million Euros)

- ❑ Positive evolution of FDI flows towards Morocco
- ❑ Morocco received more than 20 billion euros of FDIs this last decade



Overview of the major development axis (1/2)



Tourism – Vision 2010 : **10 million tourists**

- Traditional pillar based on natural assets (proximity, climate, history, culture etc.)
- **A Strategy** around 6 thrusts (product, image, hosting, airlines, capacities, training)
- “Plan Azur”: New offer around **6 seaside resorts** with almost 200.000 beds



Industry – Integrated Strategy : **Development strategy around** **7 export-driven sectors**

- Decisive and **Voluntary targeting** of growth engines :
 1. Offshoring services
 2. Automotive
 3. Electronics
 4. Aeronautics
 5. Textile
 6. Agro-industry
 7. Transformation of sea products
- **Integrated Industrial Platforms** and flagship projects
- National Training plan, business climate improvement and modernization of SMB
- Aggressive Promoting of **FDIs**



Agriculture – Green Morocco Plan



- « *An all-inclusive agricultural sector* » but *differentiated strategies depending on target producers*
- « Address the underlying problem relating to producers – innovative aggregation models which are socially adapted to each sub-sector
- « At the centre of the equation – investment ». Objective: MAD10bn a year around a targeted offer
- « A pragmatic, transactional approach »: 1,000 to 1,500 practical development projects

Overview of the major development axis (2/2)



Energy & Mining: Challenges and reinforcement

- **Energy:** 3 pillars strategy
 - Secure supply (diversify sources and optimize the electrical mix)
 - Widen access to energy at competitive prices
 - Sustain development with regional and international integration
- **Renewable Energy :** Setting up of a renewable energy strategy through the development of wind and solar parks
- **Mining - phosphate:** New fertilizers-oriented strategy based on 3 pillars (International chemical hub, strategic partnerships and improved inland transport)

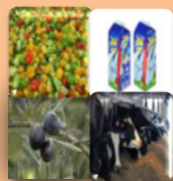


Infrastructures : Reinforcement and major investments (11 billion € in 2008-2012)

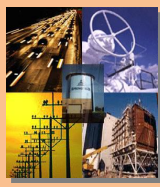
- **Highways:** more than 1000 kms of existing highways, 400 new kms planned in 2008-2012
- **Roads:** about 15'000 kms of rural roads, 2000 kms/year program to reach 80% of population covered by 2010
- **Ports / « Tangiers Med »:** launch of a port in the North of Morocco at international standards with 3 Mio containers capacity today and 8 Mio (total capacity) by 2014
- **Airports:** Expansion of major international airports (Casablanca's Med V Airport, Marrakech, Tangiers, Agadir...)
- **Railways:** High speed line between Tangiers and Casablanca to be started in 2009
- **Utilities:** major investments in water/sewage; private management
- **13 New cities** and Social Housing program (200'000 houses)

A voluntarist integrated strategy targeting 7 “growth engines” sectors in what Morocco has competitive advantages

Industry's development strategy



Other development axis



7 priority sectors targeted

1

Offshoring

- Leadership position in the French & Spanish-speaking **nearshoring** around dedicated **zones**
- Impact : +100,000 jobs

2

Automotive

- Creation of a **stable industry** in the long-run, around **MAS and suppliers**
- Development of **dedicated industrial zones** at the best international standards (logistics, real-estate, services...) particularly in Tangier
- Impact : **+70-80,000 jobs**

3

Aeronautic

- Enlargement channels targeted and move upmarket: subcontracting and industrialization (migration levels 2 and 3)
- Development of an aerospace cluster in an area of 200 hectares around the airport Mohamed V
- Impact: +17,000 jobs

4

Electronics

- Focus on **specialty electronics**, in synergy with the Automotive and Aeronautics sectors
- Grouping in dedicated zones in the North of Morocco
- Impact : +10,000 jobs

5

Textile

- Repositioning on the **fast-fashion** around more balanced cooperation North-South models (co-contracting)
- Better upstream integration
- Impact : +30,000 jobs

6

Agro-industry

- Development of **8-10 high potential fields** (e.g. olive oil) around integrated projects (dedicated Agro poles or Agrotech Hubs)
- Impact : +6,000 jobs

7

Transfo. of sea products

- Industrial and commercial valorization of **pelagic fish**, and development of **frozen foods**
- Creation of regional Fishing Transformation Hub
- Impact : 35,000 jobs

Industry as an important part of the global Morocco's strategy of development

Approach – Flagship projects* covering the whole territory

Dedicated Offshoring zones



- CasaShore
- RabatShore
- FesShore
- TetuanShore...

Med Zones



- Tangiers Automotive City
- Electronic: Mohammedia Cluster/Rabat Technopolis
- Nouacer Aeronautics Pole...

« Agro-Poles / Agro Techs » :



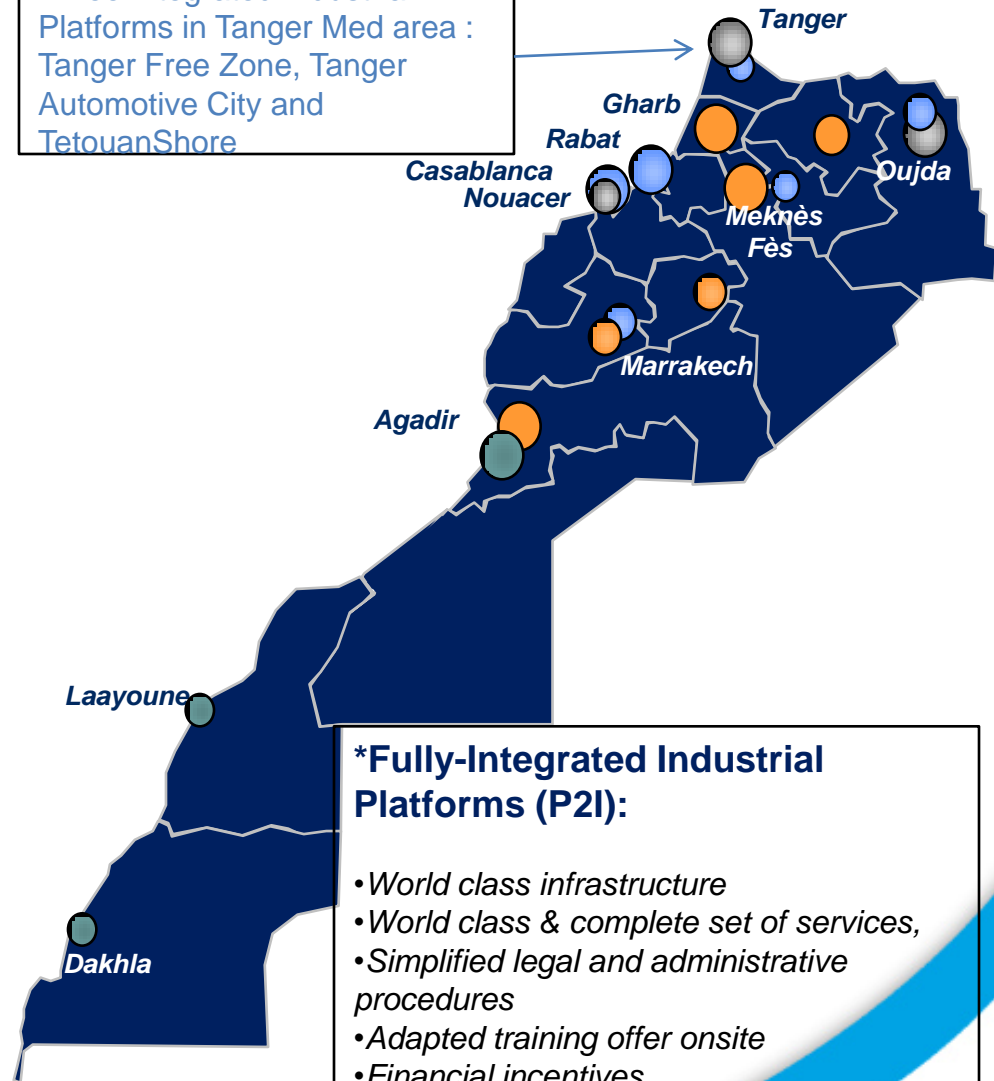
- Agro pole Meknès
- Agro pole Gharb
- Agro pole Tadla
- Agro pole Oriental...

Regional Fishing Transformation Hubs



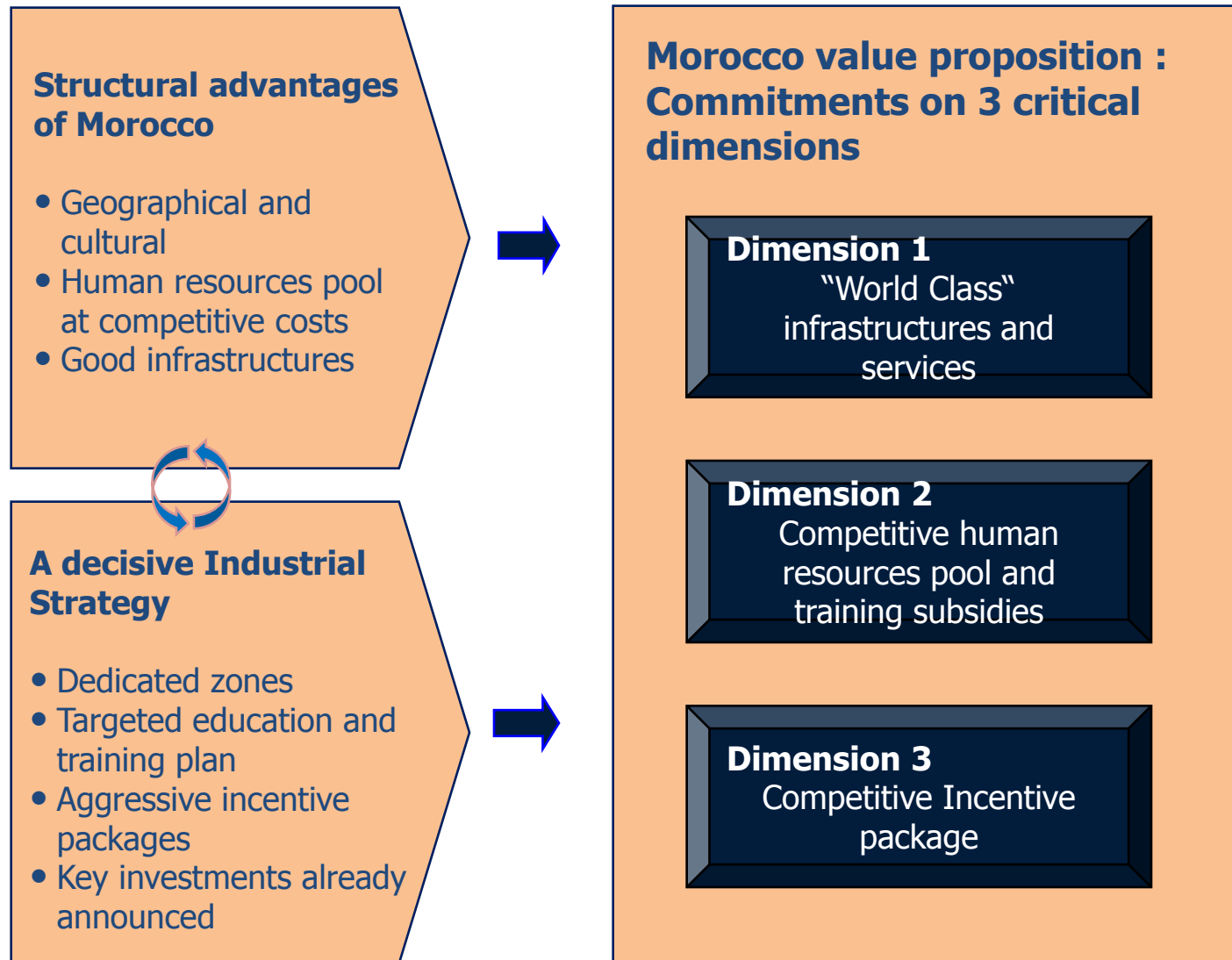
- Agadir
- South Provinces / Dakhla - Laâyoune

Three Integrated Industrial Platforms in Tanger Med area :
Tanger Free Zone, Tanger Automotive City and TetouanShore



INVESTMENT FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

Morocco's global value proposition...



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Dimension 1

“World-class“

Infrastructures and
Services

- **Fully-integrated** Industrial Integrated Platforms, sector/investor/country dedicated or generalist
- **Ready-for-Output** zones for investors – very flexible model
- A tailored **administration system** (Single Point of Contact in the Zone)
- **Infrastructures and services** offer at the international quality and costs standards
- A **world-class logistics** offer around Tangier Med port

Dimension 2

Competitive human
resources pool
and Training Support

- **National training Plan**, focused on industrials' needs
- Exemptions of payroll taxes for 24 month for a salary of 750\$ per month;
- Very attractive **Training incentive scheme**
- **10.000 engineers/year Plan**

Dimensions 3

Attractive
incentives

- Significant reduction of the corporate tax
- Financial support for the establishment in key areas

Main investment incentives

Taxation

Corporate Tax

Normal Rate : 30% Exportation : 0% (0-5 years) ; 17.5% from the 6th year
Specific treatment for Free Trade Zone (ie Tangier Free Zone)

Income Tax

Maximum rate : 38%

VAT

Maximum Rate : 20%

Exemption or reimbursement in case of investment dedicated to exportation

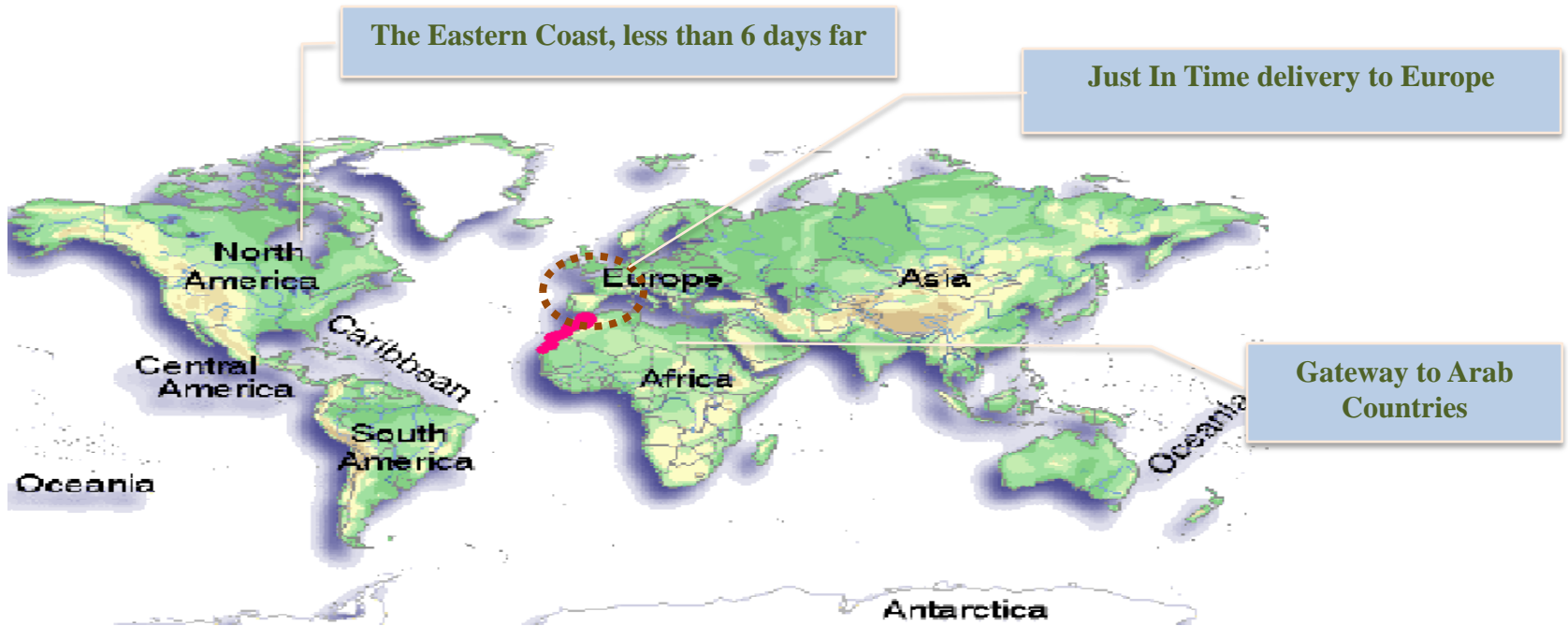
Custom

- Minimum rate for equipment and capital goods : 2.5% ; 0% in case of FTA
- Temporary admission is free of duties for imported raw material in case of re-exportation
- Free industrial warehouse for export companies
- Speeding up of custom clearance

Exchange regulations

- Foreign investors have automatically a convertible bank account
- Foreign investors can repatriate freely their profit, revenue, dividend and capital
- Export companies can keep on foreign currency up to 50% of their export receipt

Duty free access to 1 billion consumers



- EU Agreement (1996)
- EFTA Agreement (1997)

Strengthen the traditional market

- Agadir Agreement (2004)
- Arab League Agreement (1998)

Extend the domestic market

- Turkey Agreement (2004)

Euro Mediterranean integration / accumulation of origin

- USA Agreement (2005)

Regional distinctiveness

- UEMOA Agreement (on process)

Access to African market

**Thank you very
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