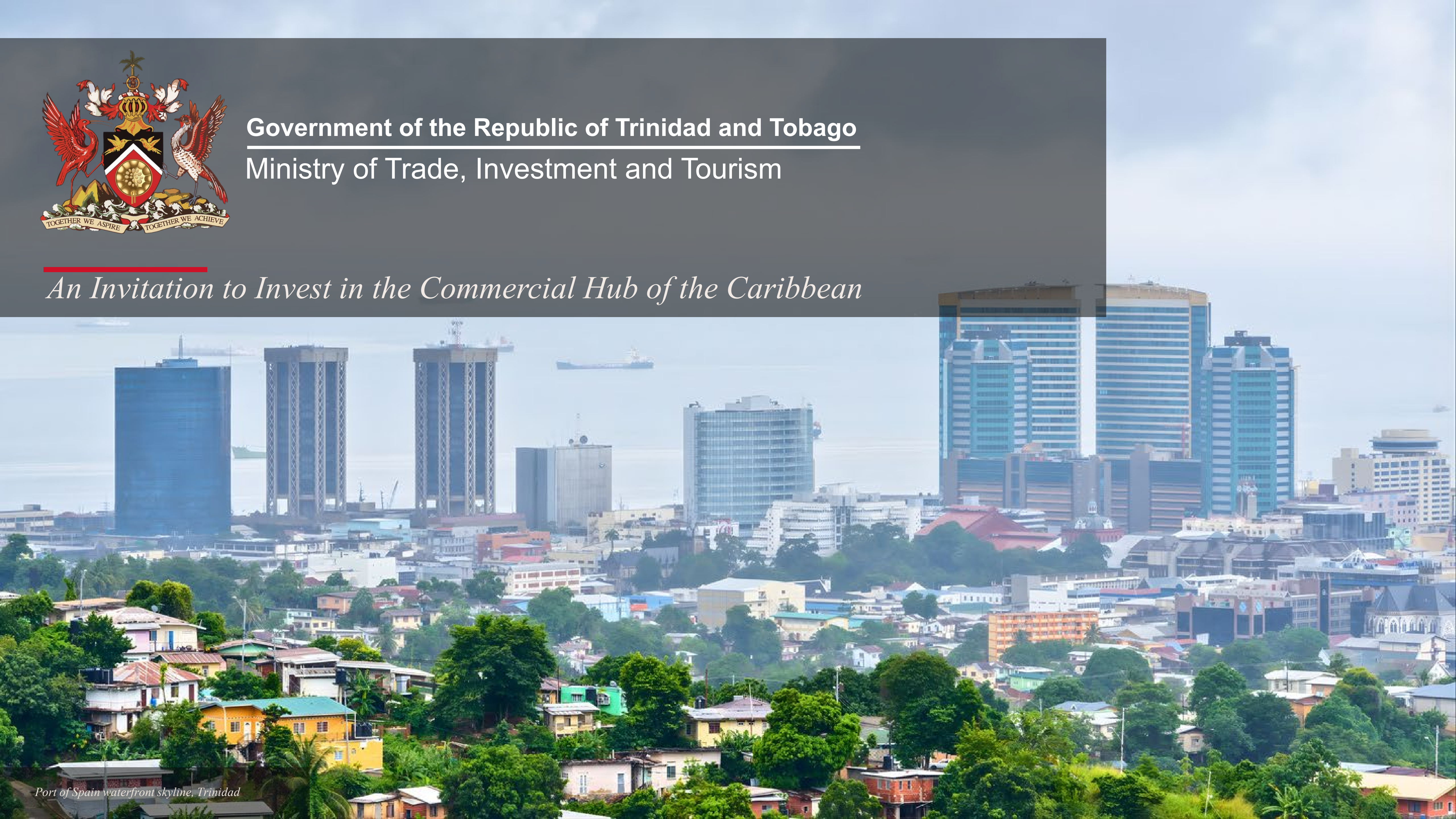
Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

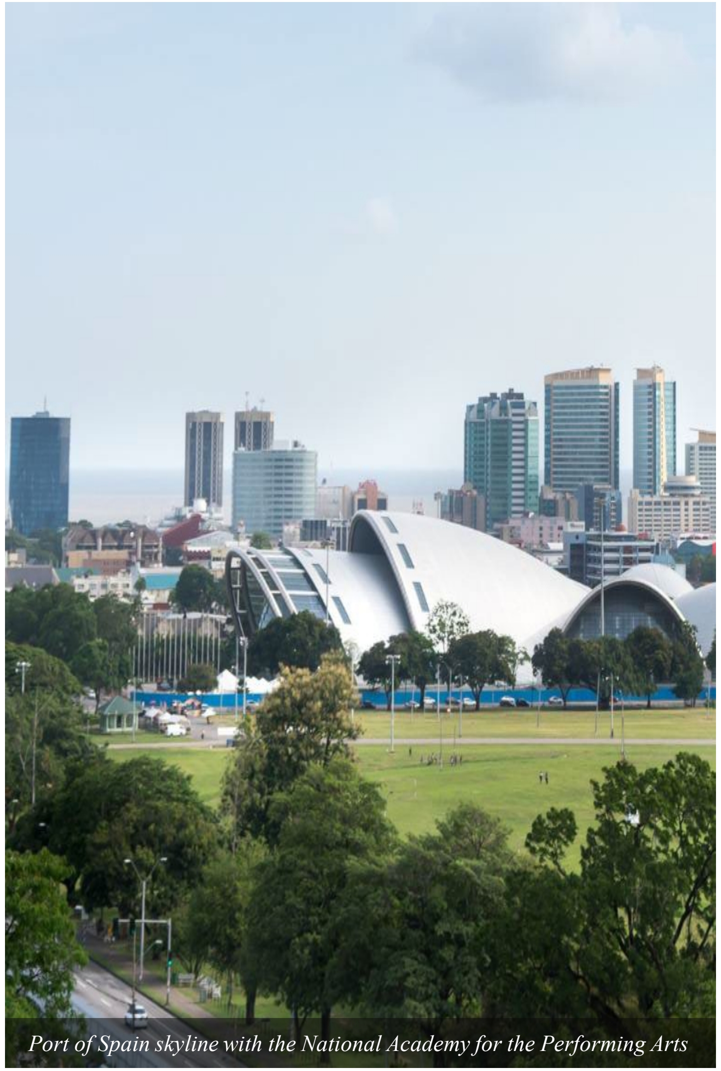
Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism

An Invitation to Invest in the Commercial Hub of the Caribbean

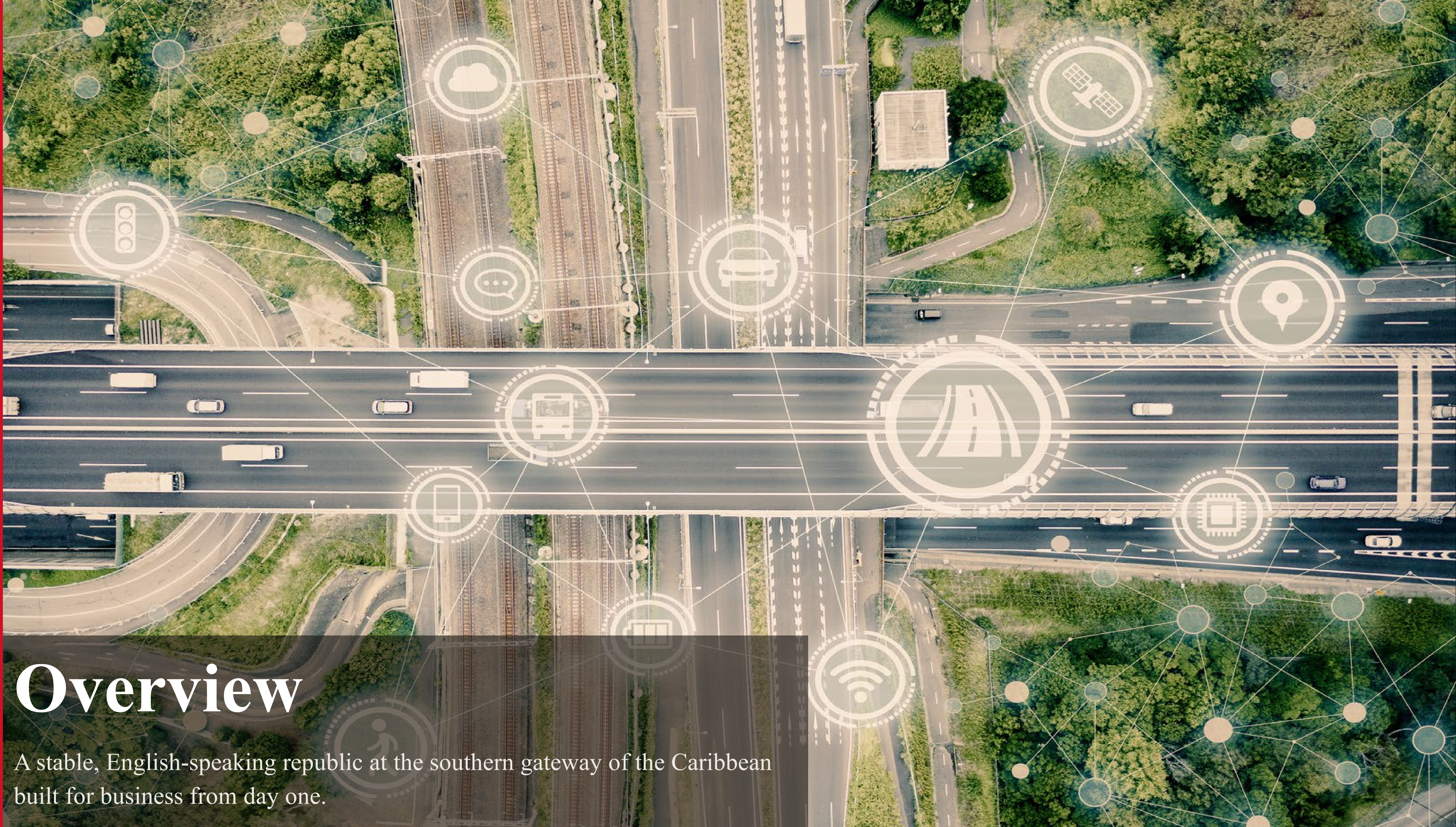


Port of Spain waterfront skyline, Trinidad

Your Roadmap to Investing in Trinidad and Tobago



Port of Spain skyline with the National Academy for the Performing Arts



Overview

A stable, English-speaking republic at the southern gateway of the Caribbean built for business from day one.

ONE NATION, TWO ADVANTAGES

Trinidad and Tobago

Port of Spain waterfront, Trinidad

Pigeon Point, Tobago

TRINIDAD — THE COMMERCIAL HUB

A robust, welcoming investment destination with economic stability, an investor-friendly policy climate and an efficient financial system. Home to the headquarters of numerous global and regional entities, and a vibrant business and entertainment scene.

TOBAGO — THE ECOLOGICAL ESCAPE

One of the Caribbean's most sought-after ecological destinations — unspoiled, contrasting Trinidad's fast pace and ideally suited to creative tourism and resort development.

THE BOTTOM LINE

A Government Built to Say Yes to Investors

- ✓ A dedicated Investments team at the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism (MTTI) provides market data, real estate identification, business plan review and site-visit facilitation.
- ✓ Aftercare services resolve issues and build local business linkages long after your first dollar is invested.
- ✓ The result: a government structured around one goal, getting your investment operational, quickly and confidently.

Whitehall, Port of Spain

Why Invest

Six structural advantages that lower risk, lower cost, and shorten the distance between decision and delivery.

Industrial Facility, Trinidad

THE INVESTMENT CASE

Why Investors Choose Trinidad and Tobago

1

Economic Stability

A welcoming, investor-friendly climate with prime regional positioning and healthy economic indicators.

2

Low Energy Cost

US$ 0.053 per kWh, among the lowest in the world

3

World-Class Infrastructure

One of the lowest energy costs on earth, near-total fibre coverage and two international airports.

4

Skilled, Affordable Talent

A 98.8% literate, English-speaking workforce at highly competitive wage levels.

5

Bold Fiscal Incentives

Tax holidays, capital allowances and a 15% corporation tax rate inside Special Economic Zones.

6

Low Operating Risk & Strategic Gateway

Sitting just south of the Atlantic hurricane belt, with fewer disruptions than neighbouring islands.

EASE OF MARKET ACCESS

A Launch Pad to 1 Billion Consumers

1 billion+

People reachable through Trinidad and Tobago's trade architecture

629 million

Covered under active bilateral and multilateral trade agreements

379 million

Covered by unilateral trade programmes

7.4 million

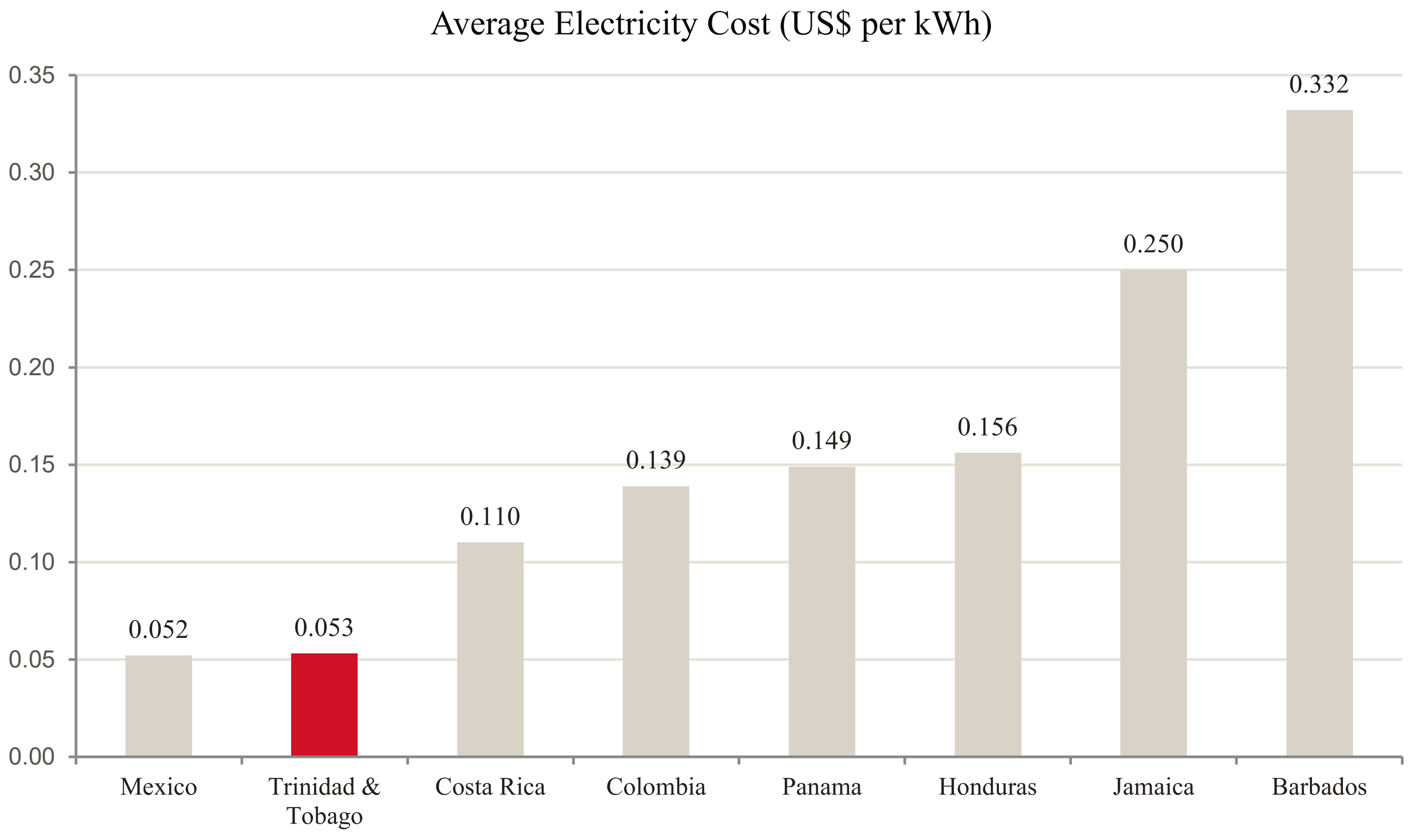
Inside the CARICOM Customs Union alone

KEY TRADE AGREEMENTS

- ✓ CARICOM Common Market, plus preferential access within CARICOM to Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia and Costa Rica
- ✓ CaribCAN (Caribbean–Canada), the UK–T&T Economic Partnership Agreement and the EU Cariforum Trade Agreement
- ✓ Preferential tariff access to the United States under CEBRA, with trade agreements in negotiation with Chile and Curacao
- ✓ 17 double taxation treaties and 12 bilateral investment treaties, protecting your capital across borders

WHY INVEST — ENERGY COST

One of the Lowest Energy Costs in the World

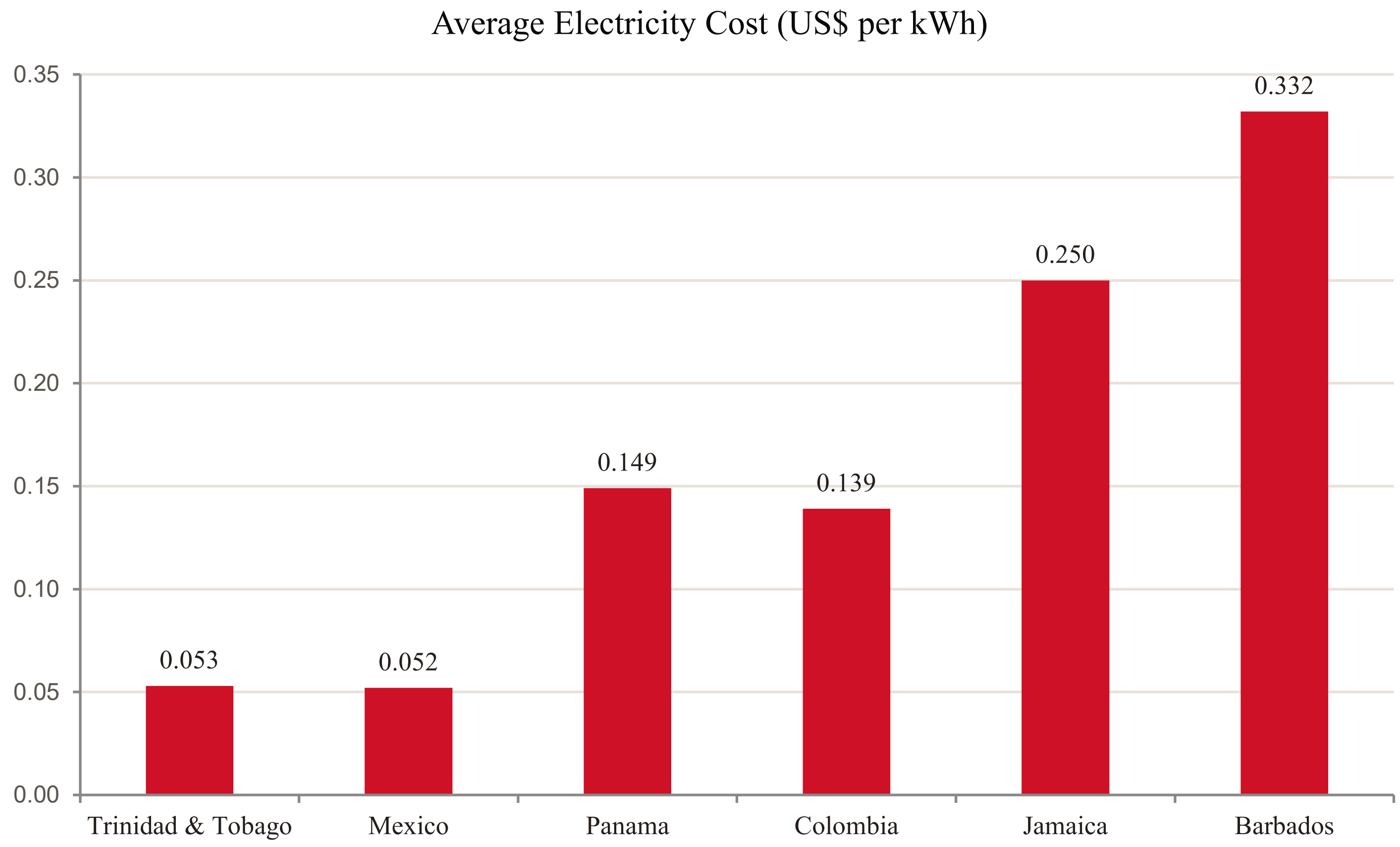


Energy sector storage facility, Trinidad

WHY IT'S SO LOW

- ✓ One of the world's most experienced hydrocarbon producers, in the gas industry since the late 1800s
- ✓ Abundant domestic natural gas fuels low-cost electricity generation across both islands
- ✓ A robust, reliable national grid with minimal transmission loss
- ✓ Direct savings for energy-intensive manufacturing, ICT, data centres and BPO operations

The Lowest-Cost Operating Base in the Region



A COMPETITIVE COST BASE

- ✓ Ranked 1st for cost effectiveness in Central America and the Caribbean
- ✓ Water costs among the lowest in the region, at US$0.56 per cubic metre
- ✓ Comparable BPO agent wages from US$600–750 per month
- ✓ A minimum wage average of US$3.00 per hour

Infrastructure Built for Uninterrupted Business

- ✓ One of the lowest energy costs in the world, backed by a robust electrical grid across both islands
- ✓ Fibre optics reach almost 100% of populated areas, fed by six undersea cables for redundant, resilient connectivity
- ✓ An air and sea bridge, including a water taxi service, links the two islands seamlessly
- ✓ Over 20 industrial parks and one Science and Technology Park support business and innovation
- ✓ A top 2 road network in the English-speaking Caribbean, and port capacity ranked in the top 3

WHY INVEST — TALENT

A Skilled, English-Speaking Workforce, Ready to Scale

98.8%

National literacy rate

199+

Secondary schools nationwide

26,000+

Students enrolled across universities

12

Accredited tertiary institutions, led by UWI and UTT

University of the West Indies, Trinidad Campus

English fluent skilled labour force, close geographic proximity make Trinidad and Tobago a natural talent base for outsourcing, technology and professional services.

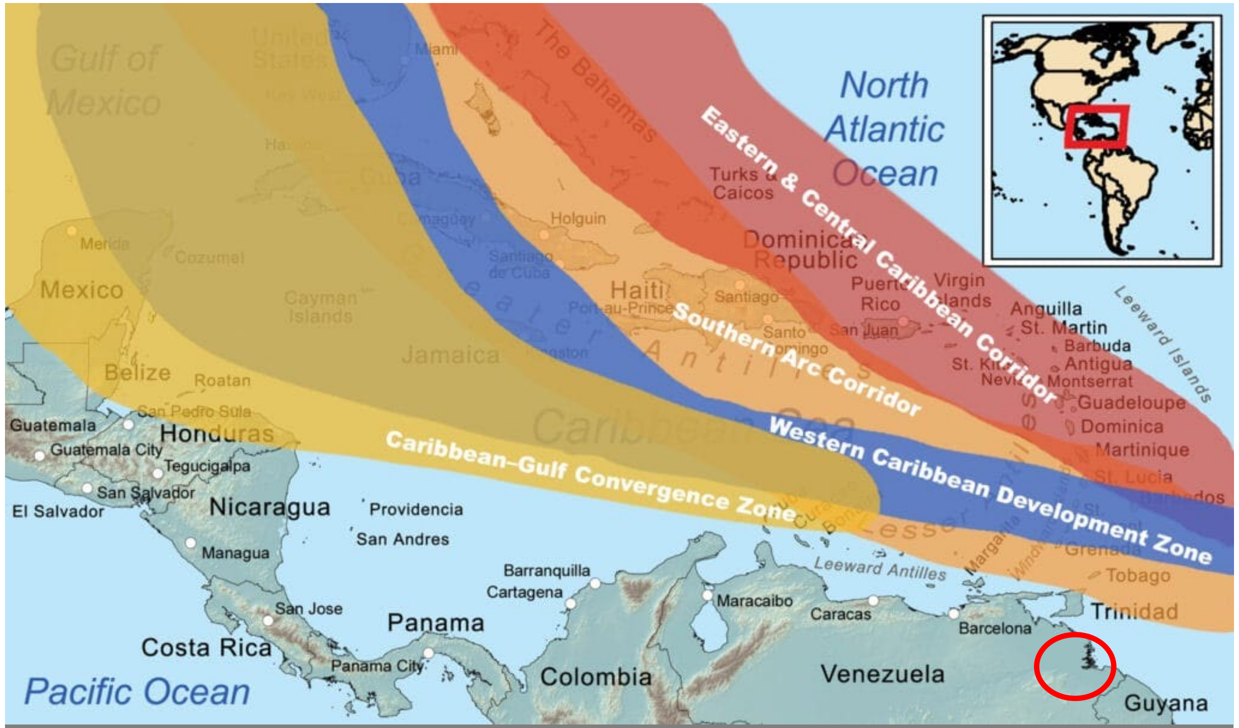
Built Outside the Hurricane Belt

✓ Trinidad and Tobago sits within the southern fringes of the Atlantic Hurricane Belt, most named storms originating in the Eastern Atlantic Basin pass north of the islands

✓ This lower exposure to tropical storm events means fewer operational disruptions and greater cost savings for resident businesses than on neighbouring islands

✓ Combined with a stable constitutional republic and a long-standing, predictable exchange rate, the result is one of the lowest-risk operating environments in the Caribbean

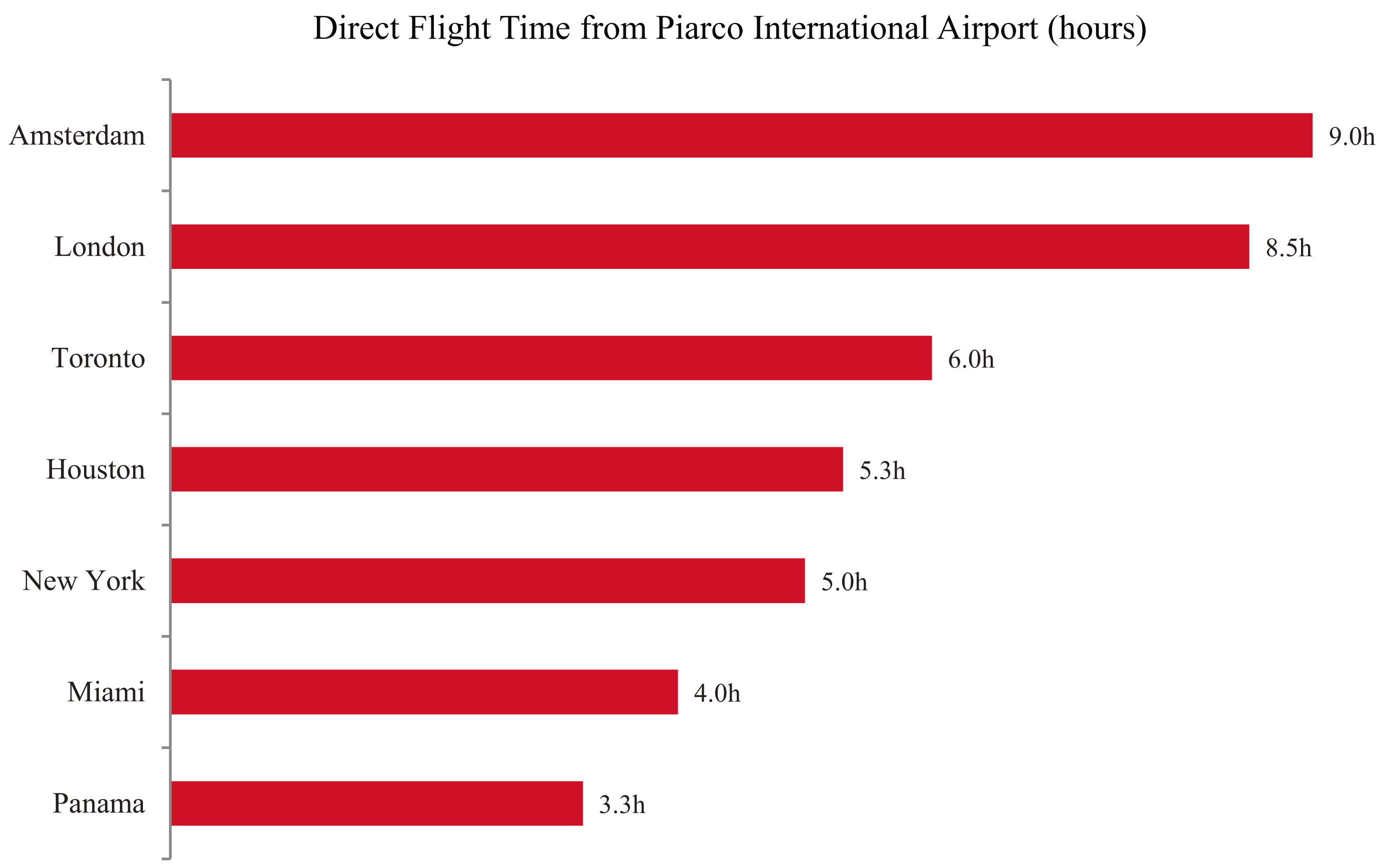
✓ A trusted location for the regional marine and yachting industry, with both islands experiencing direct landfall of only 1 hurricane each in modern recorded history since 1933 & 1963.



Trinidad and Tobago, outside the Atlantic hurricane belt

WHY INVEST — CONNECTIVITY

Hours, Not Days, from Every Major Market



SEAMLESS ENTRY

- ✓ Two international airports: Piarco (Trinidad) and A.N.R. Robinson (Tobago)
- ✓ No visa required for citizens of the USA, Canada, most Commonwealth and EU countries
- ✓ Atlantic Standard Time (UTC–4) — a convenient overlap with North American and European business hours
- ✓ A regular air bridge and fast-ferry sea bridge connect Trinidad and Tobago multiple times daily

NB: Destination flight may not have a daily option

Investment Opportunities

Multiple sectors, one common thread: strategic positioning, competitive costs and government support at every step.

Aerial view of an industrial park, Trinidad

Nearshore Manufacturing

The largest manufacturing sector in the English-speaking Caribbean by share of GDP, with potential for growth across sectors.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Food and beverage manufacturing
- ✓ Petrochemicals
- ✓ Pharmaceutical manufacturing
- ✓ Iron, steel and chemical manufacturing

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ A gateway to North and Latin American markets, minutes from a container port
- ✓ Access via numerous bilateral and multilateral trade agreements
- ✓ A specialised, highly educated workforce at low utility cost

Construction

Construction GDP is projected to expand, driven by major public infrastructure projects and housing demand estimated at over 160,000 applicants on the state Housing Development Corporation waiting list alone.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Housing developments
- ✓ Hotel developments and LEED-certified green buildings
- ✓ Plug-and-play BPO facilities and industrial parks

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ A professional labour force: planners, architects, surveyors, engineers who are sought across the Caribbean
- ✓ Government focus on expanding tourism and infrastructure investments
- ✓ Land available in state-owned industrial estates

Logistics & Distribution

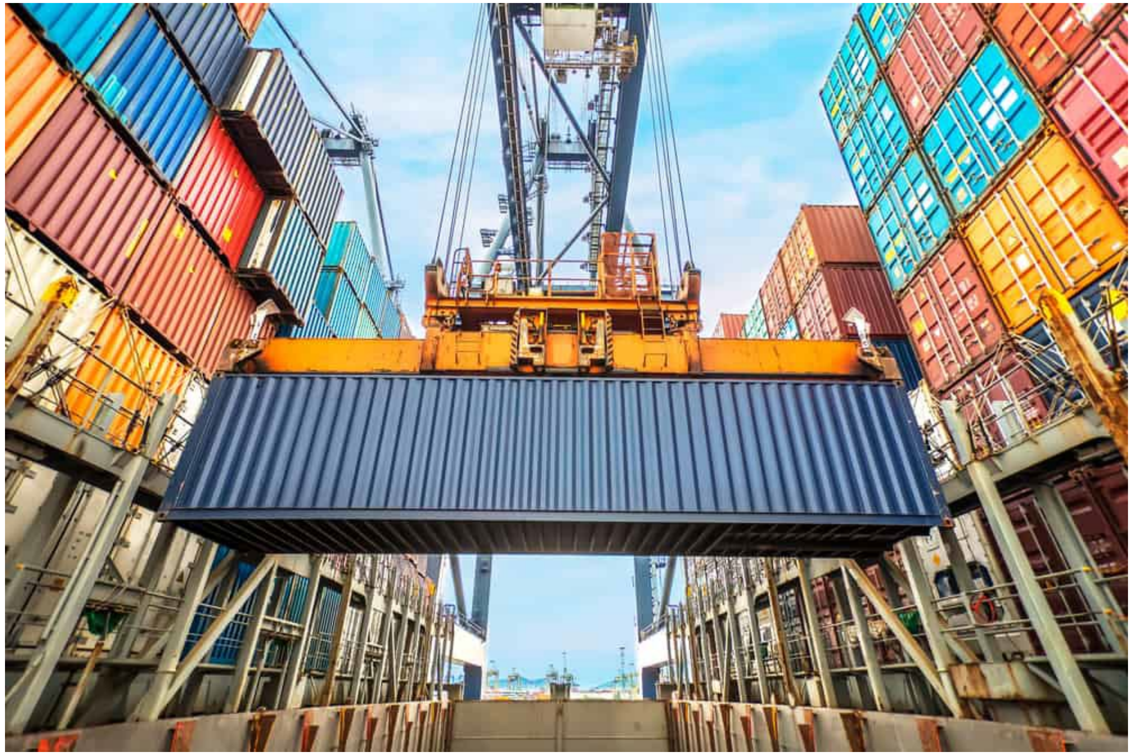
The launch pad for companies targeting the CARICOM market, with direct access to distribution markets across the Americas and EU.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Third-party logistics and bonded warehousing
- ✓ Regional distribution hub operations
- ✓ Onshore and offshore transshipment
- ✓ Bunkering operations

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ Positioned as a regional logistics hub for energy-sector equipment moving between Trinidad, Guyana and Suriname
- ✓ The most developed and connected road network in the Caribbean
- ✓ Industrial parks sited beside an international containerised port



Port container terminal, Trinidad

Commercial Maritime

A large, naturally sheltered deep-water harbour and a thriving offshore energy ecosystem have fuelled demand for ship repair and marine services.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Ship repair and dry docking
- ✓ Transshipment operations
- ✓ Cold stacking
- ✓ Port capacity ranked in the top 3 in the English-speaking Caribbean

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ The lowest hurricane downtime impact in the Caribbean
- ✓ Decades of maritime support infrastructure from the offshore energy sector
- ✓ Maritime and engineering workforce

Port of Spain business district

Business Process Outsourcing

Ranked #5 among the top 10 value BPO destinations in Latin America and the Caribbean, with roughly 3,000 seats already in use and room to grow fast.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Business process outsourcing
- ✓ Knowledge process outsourcing
- ✓ Call centre operations

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ Comparable agent wages of US$600–750 per month
- ✓ English fluency with a neutral accent, and cultural affinity to the western hemisphere
- ✓ Advanced digital infrastructure
- ✓ Atlantic Standard Time (UTC–4), with no daylight-saving shift, keeps agents in step with North American business hours year-round

ICT & Data Centres

An ideal base for data storage, co-location, cloud services and enterprise data centre services to the Caribbean, Latin America and beyond.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Outsourcing services to international firms
- ✓ Software integration between government, business and suppliers
- ✓ Data storage, co-location and cloud services

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ Fibre optics distributed to almost 100% of populated areas
- ✓ Six undersea fibre connections for a robust, redundant network
- ✓ One of the lowest energy costs in the world

Agriculture & Agro-Processing

A niche, high-value sector built on unique indigenous crops, ranked 1st for cost effectiveness in Central America and the Caribbean.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

✓ Horticulture and hydroponics
✓ Aquaculture
✓ Cocoa, famous scorpion pepper and pineapple farming and processing

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

✓ Major export partners include the United States, Jamaica, Guyana, Barbados and Suriname
✓ Rising local and regional demand for fresh, organic produce
✓ A gateway to Latin American, US and Canadian markets

Tourism — Two Islands, Two Distinct Products

Trinidad is the commercial and entertainment hub of the Caribbean; Tobago is one of its most sought-after ecological destinations. Together, they offer a genuinely diverse tourism product with strong domestic and business demand.

60%
of visitors are diaspora, here for leisure or culture

37%
come for business: over 84,000 business travellers a year

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Hotels, beach and golf resorts
- ✓ AirBnB and short-term rental development
- ✓ Marinas and yachting services

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ Tourism tax holidays of up to 7 years, plus construction and accommodation-upgrade rebates
- ✓ A hotel development pipeline already underway, from Port of Spain to Tobago

Magdalena Grand Beach and Golf Resort, Tobago

Coastal waters, Tobago

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES — TOURISM

Beyond the Beach: Four Ways to Invest in Tourism

Sport Tourism

Regional and international sporting events, training camps and adventure tourism across both islands

Eco Tourism

Untouched rainforest, wetlands and marine reserves, largely undeveloped and investment-ready

Business Tourism

MICE travel to Trinidad's conference and events market, backed by strong business demand

Medical Tourism

A growing wellness and medical travel offering, drawing on a skilled healthcare workforce

LAND READY FOR DEVELOPMENT

✓ Hundreds of acres of undeveloped beachfront across both islands, in rural and urban locations alike

✓ Natural reserves offering a genuine eco-tourism product, alongside sites zoned for resort and wellness development

✓ Locations to suit any concept, from remote eco-lodges to urban business hotels

✓ Tourism tax holidays of up to 7 years and accommodation-upgrade rebates apply across all four categories

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES — FILM

Film Production

A premier Caribbean filming destination for over 86 feature films and 455 one-off episodes have already been shot here including, Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown (2017), Naked and Afraid (2017 &2023), Real World/Road Rules Challenge: The Gauntlet 2 (2005)

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE

- ✓ Design, build and operation of a film studio and water studio
- ✓ On-location shoots across 200+ contrasting landscapes
- ✓ Motion picture, television and animation production

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ Attractive primary production incentives for local and international producers
- ✓ A trained, talented crew base for two concurrent US$1–10M productions
- ✓ Full support from Global Trinidad and Tobago, from arrival to wrap

Fort King George, Tobago

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES — FILM

Key Locations & Skilled Crew

From colonial architecture to rainforest and reef, Trinidad and Tobago offers dramatically contrasting backdrops within a short drive of each other. Productions to date span feature films, international television series, documentaries and commercial campaigns.

SIGNATURE FILMING LOCATIONS

- ✓ Colonial architecture and city skylines in Port of Spain
- ✓ Rainforest, waterfalls and the Caroni Bird Sanctuary wetlands
- ✓ White-sand beaches and coral reef in Tobago
- ✓ Historic forts and colonial-era heritage sites

WHY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- ✓ A trained, experienced crew base built over decades of local and international productions
- ✓ FilmTT provides dedicated on-the-ground support from pre-production through wrap
- ✓ Over 200 filming locations within a compact, easily accessible geography

Incentives & Special Economic Zones

Ownership rights, tax holidays and a 15% corporation tax rate, built to make your return on investment work harder.

A Straightforward, Predictable Tax Regime

Corporation Tax	30%	Standard rate on a resident company's worldwide income; non-resident companies are taxed only on Trinidad and Tobago-sourced income.
Business Levy	0.6%	Of gross revenue, payable only where it exceeds the corporation tax liability. Companies earning under US$53,000 a year are exempt.
Green Fund Levy	0.3%	Of gross revenue, payable quarterly by companies and partnerships doing business in Trinidad and Tobago.
Value Added Tax	12.5%	Standard rate on commercial supplies. Basic food, agricultural supplies, crude oil, natural gas and exported goods are zero-rated.

Two Kinds of Zone, Twelve Eligible Activities

SINGLE ZONE ENTERPRISE

Restricted to one business entity engaged in a single permitted activity, the right fit for a focused, standalone operation.

SPECIALISED ZONE

A designated place for specialised activities on the permitted list, with no restriction on the number of operators.

Yearly fee: 1% of annual revenue, payable to the SEZ Authority

ACTIVITIES

- Manufacturing
- Maritime services
- Aviation services
- Fishing and fish processing
- Agriculture and agro-processing
- Information and communications technology
- Creative industries
- Financial services
- Medical tourism services
- Renewable energy
- Logistics and distribution
- Business process outsourcing

INCENTIVES — SEZ BENEFITS

Inside a Zone, the Math Changes

15%

Corporation tax rate, half the standard rate

150%

Enhanced Initial Capital Allowance on machinery and plant

0%

Customs duty on approved building materials, machinery and equipment

0%

VAT on qualifying zone-to-zone and non-resident supplies

ELIGIBILITY AT A GLANCE

- ✓ Micro enterprise: minimum US$10,000 new investment, 1–5 qualified employees on site
- ✓ Small & medium enterprise: minimum US$50,000 investment, 6–50 employees
- ✓ Large enterprise: minimum US$1,000,000 investment, more than 50 employees
- ✓ Single Zone Enterprise: US$1.5M (BPO, ICT, creative industries) or US$3M (manufacturing, maritime, agriculture, financial services, medical tourism, logistics) — more than 50 employees

INCENTIVES — SECTOR-SPECIFIC RELIEF

Extra Relief, Sector by Sector

MANUFACTURING

- ✓ Exemption from customs duties, VAT and income tax on approved products during the tax holiday period
- ✓ An initial capital allowance equal to 90% of expenditure on machinery and plant
- ✓ Import duty concessions on raw materials, machinery, equipment and packaging

TOURISM

- ✓ Up to 7 years' tax exemption on profits from approved tourism projects
- ✓ 150% tax deduction on employee training and retraining costs
- ✓ A 40–50% rebate, up to US$220,000, on hotel and guesthouse upgrades

AGRICULTURE

- ✓ Exemption from customs duties, VAT and withholding tax on approved production costs
- ✓ Duty-free treatment on raw materials, machinery and equipment
- ✓ Rebates on land preparation, agro-processing, machinery and guaranteed crop prices

INCENTIVES — INVESTOR PROTECTION

Your Capital, Protected Across Borders

Trinidad and Tobago has built an extensive treaty network so your returns — and your investment itself are protected under international law.

DOUBLE TAXATION TREATIES

Including Canada, China, France, Germany, India, the UK, the USA, CARICOM, the wider EU, and more.

BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATIES

With Canada, China, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the UK, the USA, and more.

PLUS

- ✓ Treaties with investment provisions through CARICOM, the Cotonou Agreement (EU) and more
- ✓ Membership of MIGA, ICSID and the New York Convention for investment dispute protection

Your Path to Investing

1

Initial Enquiry

Share your sector and scale of interest with our Investments team.

2

Market Intelligence

We deliver sector data, real estate identification and site options.

3

Business Plan Review

Value-chain advisory and business plan review, tailored to your project.

4

Site Visits & Introductions

We coordinate site visits and business-to-business meetings.

5

Operationalisation & Aftercare

Support through set-up, and ongoing issue resolution and local linkages.

Average time from first enquiry to an approved Special Economic Zone licence: three to six months.

Ready to Invest in Trinidad and Tobago?

Our Investments team is ready to share market data, identify real estate, and walk your project from first enquiry through to operation.

MINISTRY OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TOURISM

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