



# CASE STUDY ASIA

Country Selection

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# OVERVIEW

Unlocking Growth in the World's Fastest Growing Consumer Market



## ASIA OVERVIEW

In today's global business landscape, Asia stands as the undisputed frontier of opportunities. With its diverse cultures, economies, and untapped potential, expanding your business into Asia can be a game-changing decision. As someone who has helped numerous companies extend their reach into this dynamic continent, I can attest that Asia is not just a region; it's a world of possibilities.

In this short report, we'll explore the common pitfalls of doing business in Asia and how to navigate them successfully. Remember, in the 21st century, growth without Asia is not growth at all.

# THE ASIAN REGION

Asia is a vast and diverse continent, encompassing over 50 countries and approximately 44,579,000 square kilometres. It's a melting pot of cultures, traditions, and languages, with over 2000 spoken languages and a rich history of major religions. 55% of the worlds population live in Asia, 65% of the worlds youth. Asia is the fastest growing consumer region in the world and the fastest growing sports market.

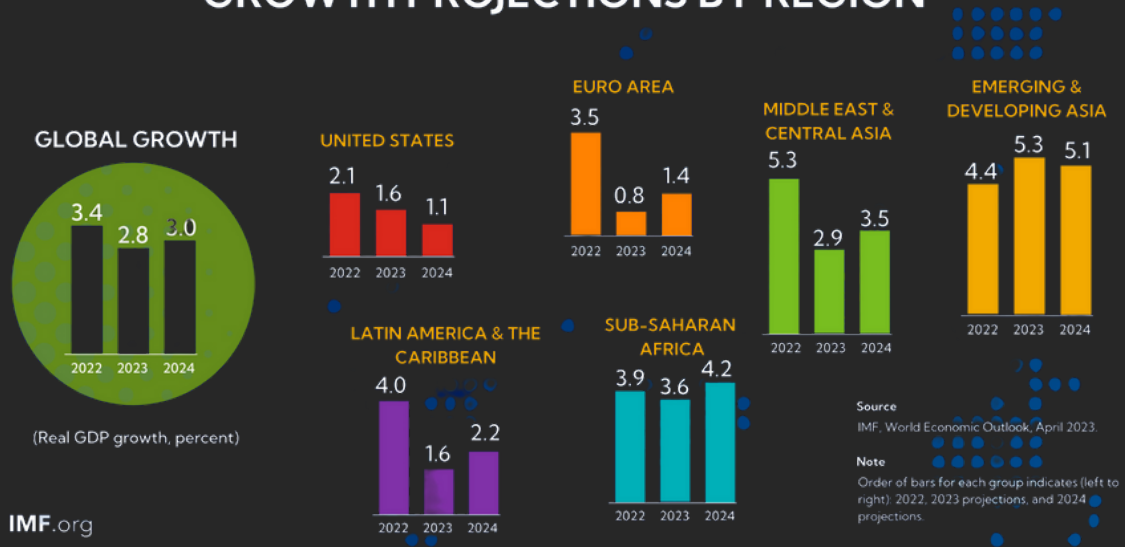
These cultural differences are especially important to consider when it comes to your strategy. Many international organisations have struggled to gain traction in the Asian market, even with success in other regions.



Looking within Asia, it's important to recognise that there are significant differences within Asia, even between Southeast Asia and Far East Asia when it comes to cultural preferences. These extend to religious and political beliefs, language, and social norms. And all of this is critically important to recognise, where international operators have struggled to gain traction in the Asian market, even with success in other regions.

# THE ASIAN REGION

## WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK APRIL 2023 GROWTH PROJECTIONS BY REGION

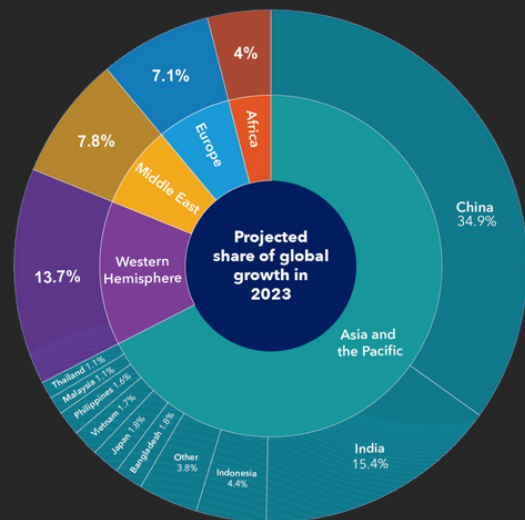


Asia will contribute an expected 70% of global growth.

Southeast Asia undertakes digital transformation faster than anywhere else in the world, almost 3.5x faster.

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Asia, the world's fastest growing consumer, sports, digital markets



# CHALLENGES

The biggest mistake,  
choosing the wrong country!

## Complex Landscape

Many people believe that investing in Asia is straightforward. However, how can it be when the continent is home to so many diverse countries, each with its unique characteristics and opportunities? The diversity is a strength, but it can also lead to missteps in choosing the right market.

## Importance of local insights

Imagine opening your business in Vietnam without realizing that a service-based business like yours would thrive in Singapore or Hong Kong. Such a decision may force you to start over in a different location, wasting valuable time and resources. Avoiding this mistake requires careful research and analysis.

## Case in Point

To avoid financial loss, it's imperative to understand the local market dynamics thoroughly. Different countries in Asia have varying economic landscapes, regulations, and consumer behaviors. For instance, emerging markets like Malaysia and Vietnam offer distinct opportunities compared to more developed markets like Singapore and Hong Kong.

# CULTURE

it's paramount to recognize the significance of understanding local culture and traditions before taking the leap. This aspect is not just advisable; it's an absolute necessity.

Asia is a continent brimming with cultural diversity. Each country, and often regions within a country, has its own set of customs, traditions, and social norms. Failing to appreciate and respect these differences can lead to misunderstandings, offense, and even alienation. It's essential to ensure that your business practices align with the cultural values of the local population



# RELATIONSHIPS

In many Asian cultures, relationships and trust play a central role in business interactions. Developing strong relationships with local partners, clients, and customers is often a prerequisite for success. Understanding the local culture and adhering to social norms demonstrates your commitment to building meaningful relationships, which can be a vital factor in the success of your business

# ADAPTING BRAND

Cultural insights can also guide you in tailoring your products or services to local preferences and needs. What sells well in one country may not necessarily do so in another due to variations in tastes and cultural sensitivities. By adapting your offerings to align with local culture, you can increase your market appeal and resonate more effectively with the local audience



# ALTERNATIVES

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT MARKET

### Research & Market Intel

Just as you've delved into the cultural norms and religious customs, understanding the economic landscape of a place is vital. Dive into the market's temperature – is it emerging or a frontier market? Analyze industry and consumer data and trend insights. Some reports may come at a cost, but the investment is well worth it.

### Identify Strategic Locations

Choosing a business location in Asia should be a well-informed decision. Consider factors such as infrastructure, tax systems, and business-friendliness. For instance, a manufacturing-based business needs infrastructure for product shipping and a tax system that benefits goods producers.

### Risk V Opportunity

You can't afford to be blindsided by risks that could have been foreseen. Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment, considering the political environment's stability and the tax system. At the same time, identify growth opportunities to ensure your business thrives and doesn't plateau a few years down the line.

# VALUE INTEL

When considering venturing into the diverse and complex Asian business landscape, market research and intelligence emerge as your indispensable compass. Understanding the economic landscape of a place isn't merely advisable, it's absolutely vital. Here's why

## NAVIGATING ASIA

### **Temperature:**

Emerging or Frontier Market: Just as you would check the weather forecast before embarking on a journey, understanding whether the market is emerging or a frontier is crucial. An emerging market might offer substantial growth potential, but it may come with greater volatility and uncertainties. On the other hand, a frontier market can present unique opportunities, but it often requires a higher risk tolerance.

### **Industry & Consumer Data:**

Market research provides you with a treasure trove of information. Analyzing industry trends and consumer behavior can give you insights into what products or services are in demand and what consumer preferences are. This knowledge empowers you to tailor your offerings to the local market, ensuring that they meet the needs and desires of your target audience.

### **Return on Investment (ROI):**

It's important to recognize that while some market research reports come at a cost, the investment is well worth it. In fact, it's not an expense; it's an investment in your business's success. The cost of obtaining market intelligence is far less than the expense of setting up a business in the wrong market. By making informed choices based on robust data, you can maximize your ROI.



# SEEKING GUIDANCE

Market research reports can provide you with a wealth of information, but it's essential to complement this knowledge with insights from specialists in the region.

## JUST BENEFITS

it's crucial to conduct in-depth research and gain a profound understanding of the local culture and traditions of the target country. Failure to do so can lead to misunderstandings, hinder business relationships, and potentially result in unfavorable market outcomes. While it may seem like an added expense to consult specialists, it's important to weigh this cost against the potential losses associated with entering the wrong market. The guidance of specialists can help you avoid costly missteps, ensuring that your business is on the path to success from the start.

In conclusion, when considering expansion into Asia, conducting thorough market research and seeking guidance from specialists are non-negotiable steps. The expense of market research and the guidance of specialists is a small investment compared to the financial and operational challenges of setting up a business in the wrong market. Remember, Asia's vast potential is within your reach, but it's the well-informed decisions that will unlock its true value and ensure your business thrives in this fast-growing consumer market.

**WINNING IS EVERYTHING**

# HELPING YOU ACHIEVE

Doing business in Asia offers incredible growth prospects, but success demands thorough research, careful consideration, and strategic decision-making. With the right insights and guidance, you can unlock the vast potential of the world's fastest-growing consumer market.

As someone who has guided numerous companies in extending their reach into Asia, I can attest that Asia is the key to sustained global growth. So, take the time to consider the data, and the rewards will be well worth the effort.



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