



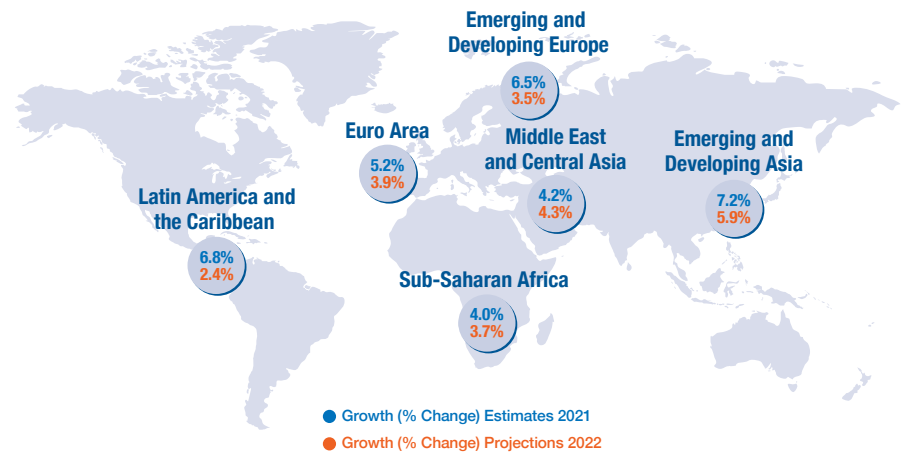
# ECONOMIC & TRADE REVIEW

2021/22

## THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

The pandemic continues to dominate the economic landscape of the world with prevailing uncertainty and challenges. Nevertheless, in 2021, a resilient global economy emerged, beyond the bounds of expectations raised in the bleakest days following the progressive deployment of effective vaccines and continued macroeconomic policy support. Stern monetary and fiscal policy stimulus measures, strengthening sentiment and the cessation of the most austere state-imposed restrictions boosted global financial performance and consumer demand. According to the IMF, global growth for 2021 is estimated at 5.9%. Although all regions are expected to have recovered in 2021, the pace of global recovery moderated with signs of divergence across and within countries.

### World Economy (January 2022)



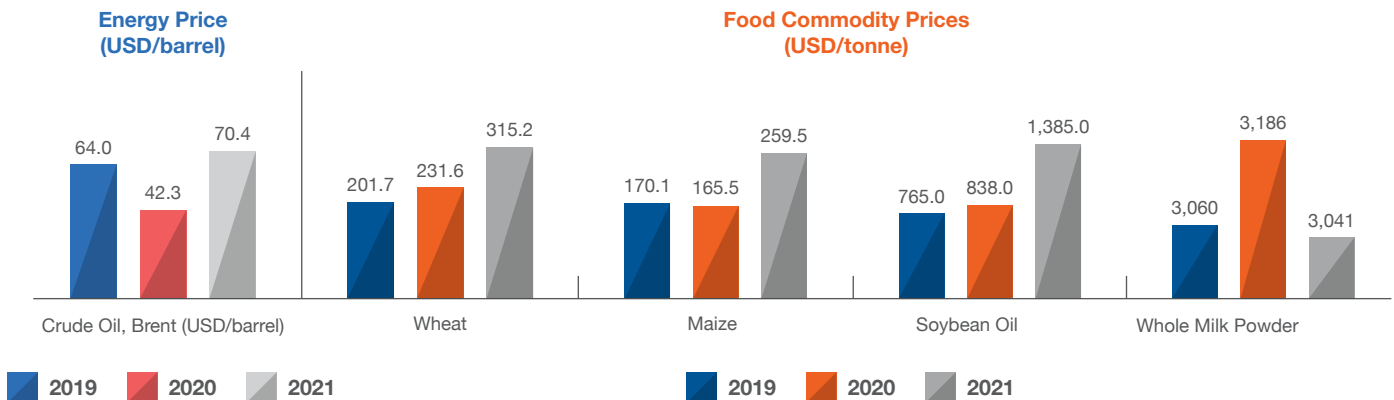
Source: World Economic Update, IMF (January 2022)

With rising energy prices and ongoing supply chain disruptions, the IMF revised down its growth estimate for 2022 from 4.9% (October 2021 estimate) to 4.4% (January 2022 estimate). However, the growth forecast may be subject to further downward revision considering the current Russia-Ukraine crisis. In March 2022, the IMF stated that “ongoing war and associated sanctions will also have severe impact on the global economy”.

## World Commodity and Energy Prices

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), world food prices jumped by 28% in 2021 to their highest level in a decade. Energy prices also increased significantly where the price of crude oil per barrel increased from USD 41.26 in 2020 to USD 69.07 in 2021, leading to a shift in economic growth from energy importing countries to energy exporting countries.

Energy and food prices were already rising even before the conflict due to pandemic-related supply chain bottlenecks and adverse weather conditions. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine is expected to further impact on the global price of many food items



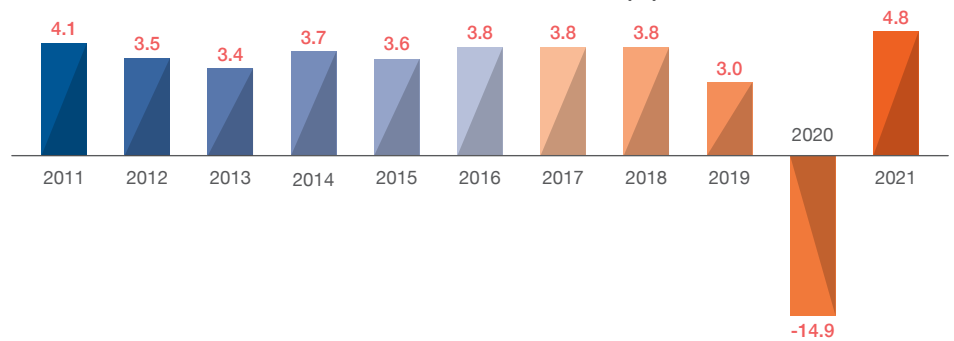
Source: Commodity Prices, World Bank (March 2022).

## THE LOCAL CONTEXT

In 2021, with renewed and improving economic prospects, driven by the loosening of travel restrictions as well as higher business confidence across major sectors associated with successful containment measures and relatively high vaccination rates, the Mauritian economy is estimated to have grown by 4.8%.

Source: Statistics Mauritius

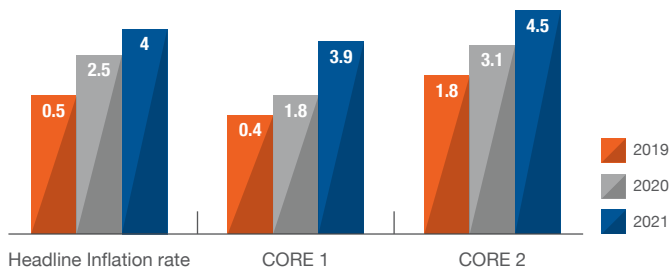
Trend in Real GDP Growth Rate (%)



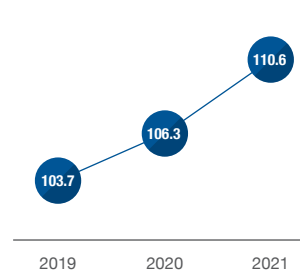
## INFLATION

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) climbed by 4% from 2020 to 2021, driven by increases in energy and food prices, which were the largest contributors to the recent jump in the CPI from 106.7 to 110.6.

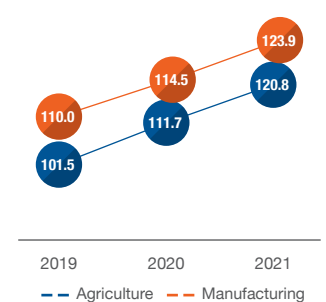
The Producer Price Index (PPI) inched up from 114.5 to 123.9, an 8% rise from 2020 to 2021 for manufacturing and the PPI for agriculture, with a surge from 101.5 to 120.8 (8%).



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Average)

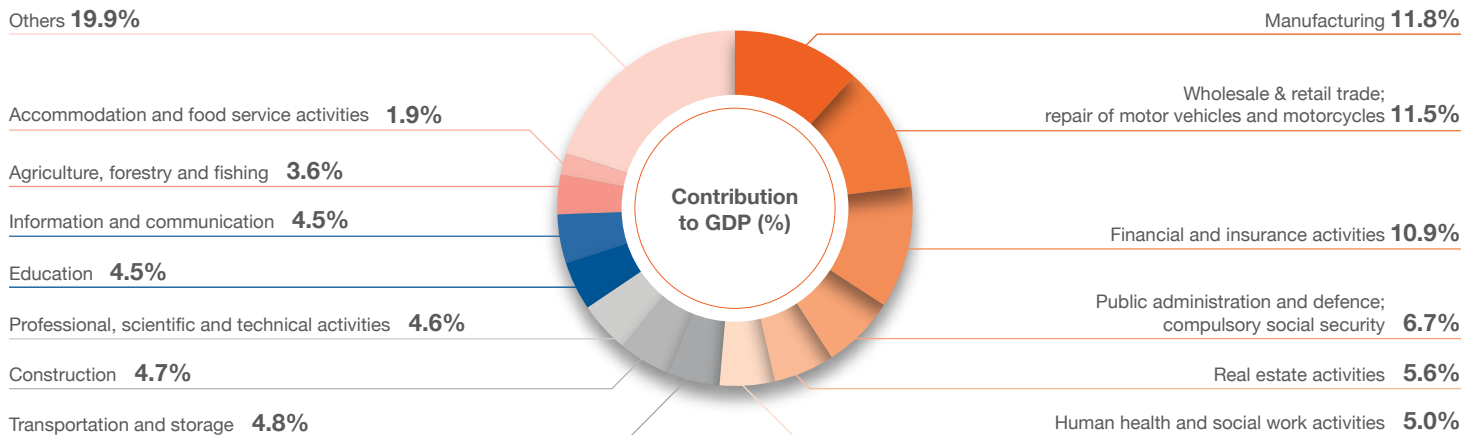


PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (Agriculture and Manufacturing)

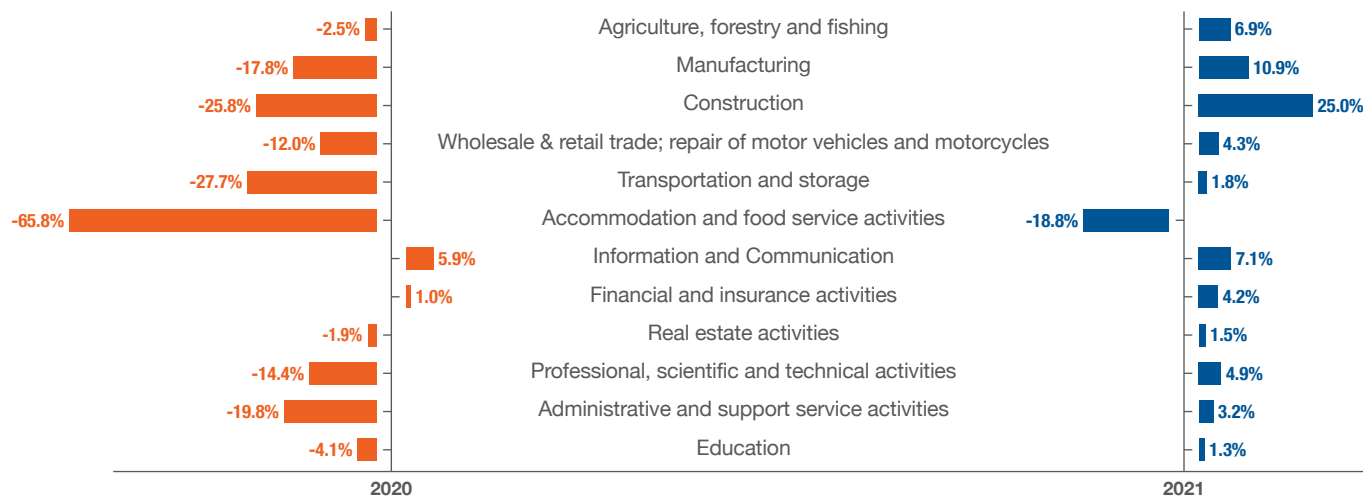


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## Contribution to GDP by Sector (%) - 2021

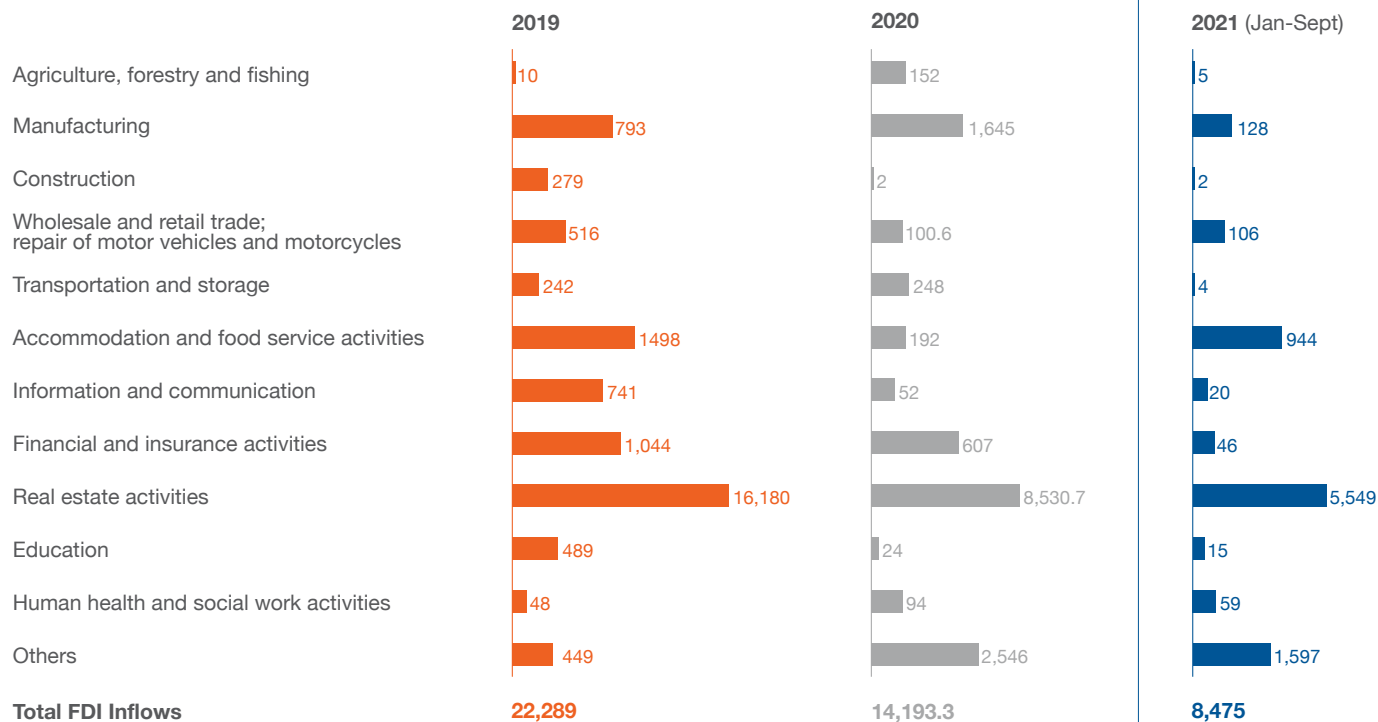


## SECTORAL GROWTH RATE (%)



Source: Statistics Mauritius

## GROSS DIRECT INVESTMENT FLOWS (MUR MILLION)

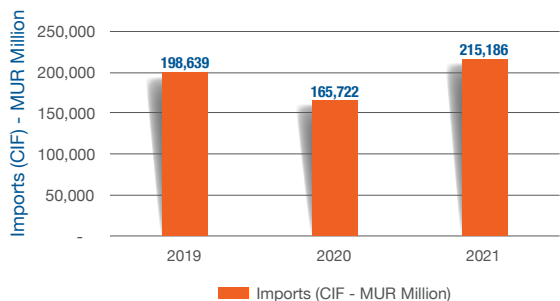


Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin, Bank of Mauritius (January 2022)

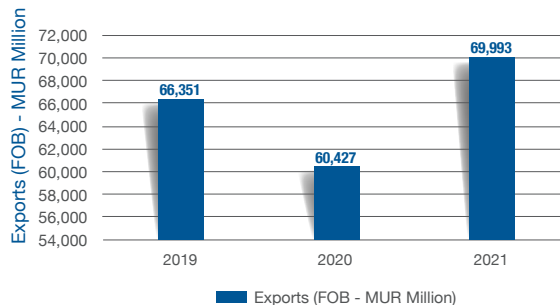
## EXTERNAL TRADE

Trade activities recovered in 2021 where both exports and imports of goods increased by 15.8% and 29.8%, respectively. Data from Statistics Mauritius reveals that the main export market in 2021 is South Africa with 14% of total exports, trailed by the UK and France with 9% each, while the main countries of import are China and India with 18% and 16% of total share of imports respectively. The top 10 exported products represent 53% of our world exports which include processed tuna (14%), cane sugar (10%) and woven men's or boy's trousers (6%) amongst others.

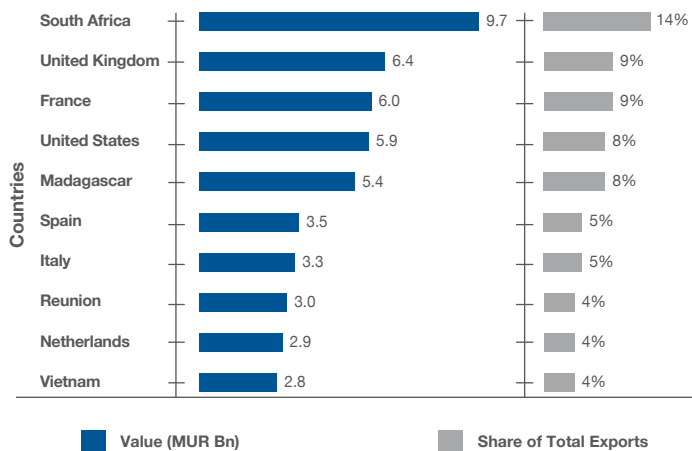
### Trend in Imports of Goods (2019-2021)



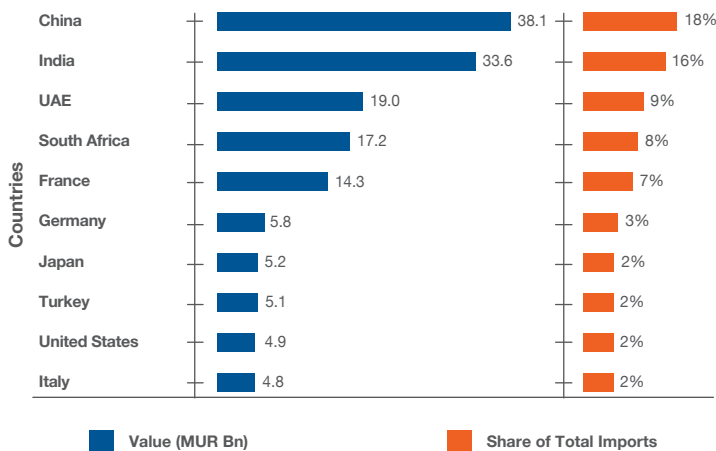
### Trend in Exports of Goods (2019-2021)



### Top 10 Export Markets



### Top 10 Countries of Import



## MAURITIUS TOP 10 PRODUCTS OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS IN 2021

### EXPORTS

Rank	HS Codes (4 digits)	Description	FOB (Mur Million)	Share of Total Exports
1	1604	Processed tuna	9,453	14%
2	1701	Cane sugar	7,028	10%
3	6203	Men's or boys' trousers, woven	4,227	6%
4	6109	T-shirts, knitted	3,598	5%
5	7102	Polished diamonds	2,852	4%
6	6006	Other knitted or crocheted fabrics	2,161	3%
7	0106	Live primates	2,040	3%
8	6104	Women's or girls' trousers, knitted	2,029	3%
9	0303	Frozen fish	1,959	3%
10	9018	Medical devices	1,752	3%

### IMPORTS

Rank	HS Codes (4 digits)	Description	CIF (Mur Million)	Share of Total Imports
1	2710	Petroleum oils	30,293	14%
2	3004	Medicaments	9,228	4%
3	8703	Motor vehicles	8,425	4%
4	0303	Frozen skipjack	7,768	4%
5	8517	Telephone sets	4,569	2%
6	2701	Coal	4,179	2%
7	7102	Diamond, unworked	3,220	1%
8	8471	Computers	3,142	1%
9	5205	Cotton yarn	2,484	1%
10	2402	Cigarettes	2,376	1%

Source: Statistics Mauritius