

A World Bank Group Flagship Report



Doing Business 2018

Thailand



WORLD BANK GROUP

Nadia Novik

Analyst
Doing Business, DECIG

November 1, 2017

- I. **Findings of *Doing Business* 2018**
- II. *Doing Business* in East Asia and Pacific
- III. *Doing Business* in Thailand



WORLD BANK GROUP



Who improved the most across 3 or more areas measured by *Doing Business* in 2016/17?

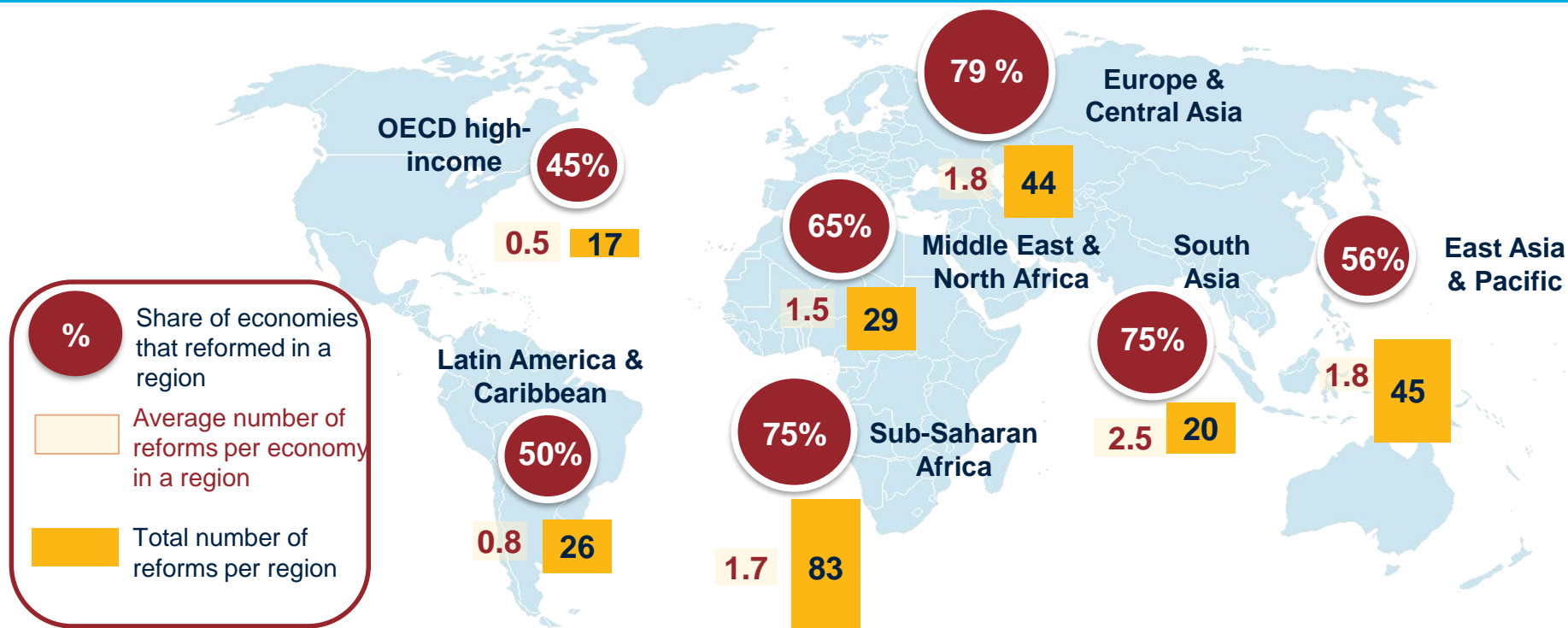
TABLE 3.2 The 10 economies improving the most across three or more areas measured by *Doing Business* in 2016/17

Economy	Ease of doing business rank	Change in DTF score	Reforms making it easier to do business									
			Starting a business	Dealing with construction permits	Getting electricity	Registering property	Getting credit	Protecting minority investors	Paying taxes	Trading across borders	Enforcing contracts	Resolving insolvency
Brunei Darussalam	56	5.77	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Thailand	26	5.65	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Malawi	110	5.42		✓			✓			✓		✓
Kosovo	40	4.94	✓				✓					✓
India	100	4.66	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uzbekistan	74	4.50	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Zambia	85	3.94					✓		✓	✓		
Nigeria	145	3.82	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			
Djibouti	154	3.79	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
El Salvador	73	3.56		✓	✓				✓	✓		

Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: Economies are selected on the basis of the number of reforms and ranked on how much their distance to frontier (DTF) score improved. First, *Doing Business* selects the economies that implemented reforms making it easier to do business in three or more of the 10 areas included in this year's aggregate distance to frontier score. Regulatory changes making it more difficult to do business are subtracted from the number of those making it easier. Second, *Doing Business* ranks these economies on the increase in their distance to frontier score from the previous year. The improvement in their score is calculated not by using the data published in 2017 but by using comparable data that capture data revisions and methodology changes. The choice of the most improved economies is determined by the largest improvements in the distance to frontier score among those with at least three reforms.

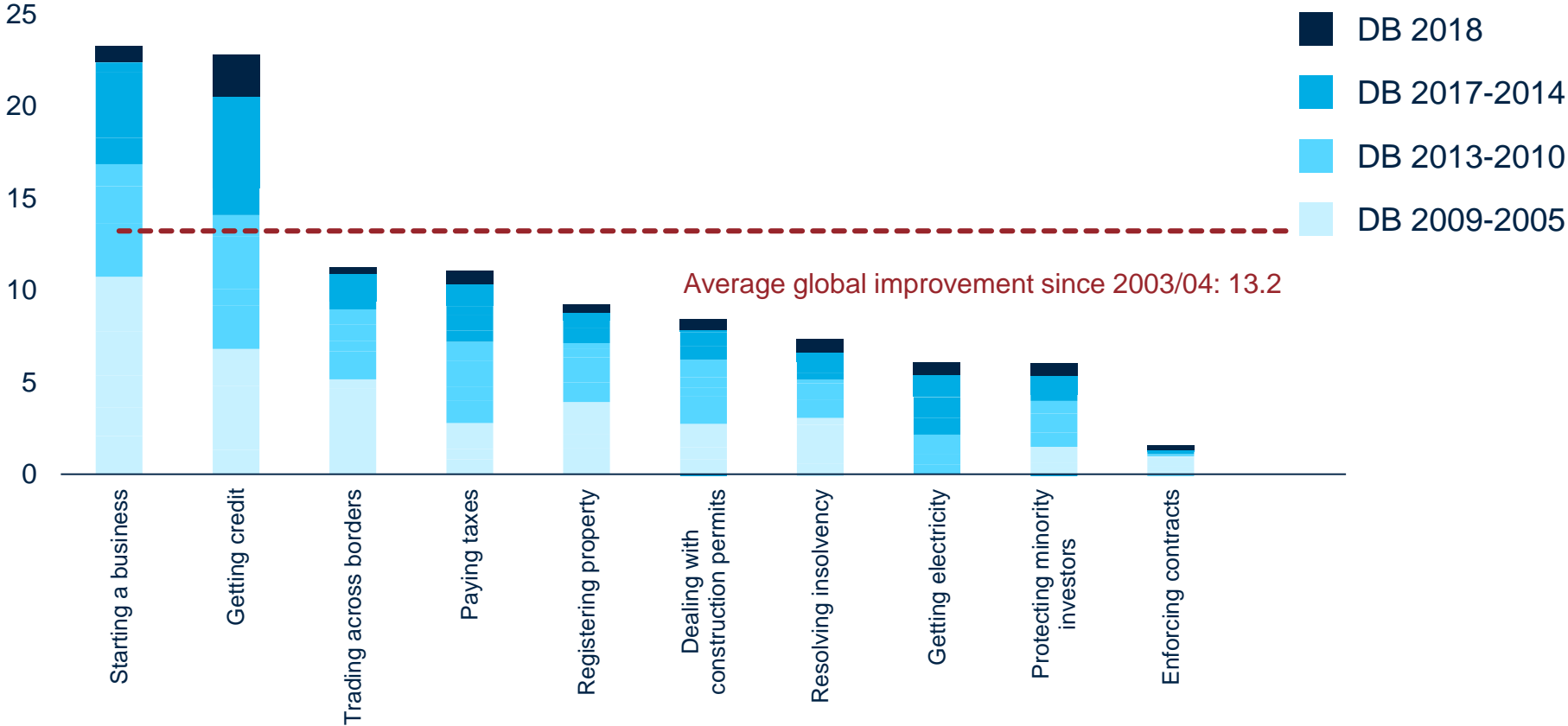
Worldwide, 119 economies implemented 264 reforms in 2016/17



- ✓ 78% of regulatory reforms in 2016/17 were implemented by **developing countries**.
- ✓ While in 2004/05 **only 38%** of the economies in Sub-Saharan Africa implemented business regulatory reforms, in 2016/17 **75%** of the economies did so.
- ✓ *Doing Business* has recorded **3,188 regulatory reforms** making it easier to do business since 2004.

Economies have improved regulatory processes the most in the area of **starting a business**

Average year-on-year improvement in distance to frontier score



Source: Doing Business database.

Note: The measure is normalized to range from 0 to 100, with 100 representing the frontier. Because of changes over the years in methodology and in the economies and indicators included, the improvements are measured year on year using pairs of consecutive years with comparable data.

- I. Findings of *Doing Business 2018*
- II. ***Doing Business in East Asia and Pacific***
- III. *Doing Business in Thailand*



WORLD BANK GROUP



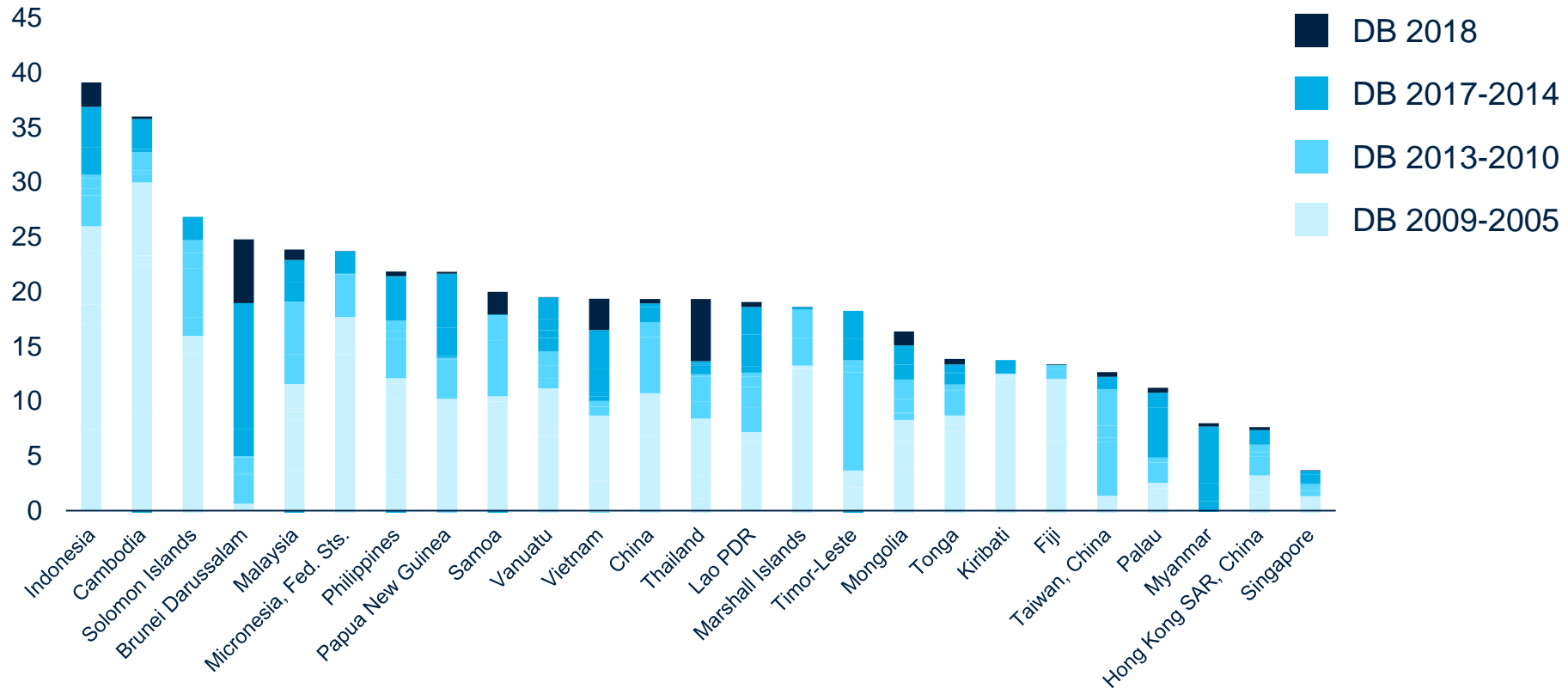
How do economies in East Asia & Pacific perform on the ease of doing business in 2016/2017?

Rank	Economy	DTF score	
2	Singapore	84.57	↑
5	Hong Kong SAR, China	83.44	↑
15	Taiwan, China	80.07	↑
24	Malaysia	78.43	↑
★ 26	Thailand	77.44	↑
★ 56	Brunei Darussalam	70.60	↑
62	Mongolia	69.03	↑
68	Vietnam	67.93	↑
72	Indonesia	66.47	↑
78	China	65.29	↑
87	Samoa	63.89	↑
89	Tonga	63.43	↑
90	Vanuatu	63.08	↑

Rank	Economy	DTF score	
101	Fiji	60.74	↑
109	Papua New Guinea	59.04	↑
113	Philippines	58.74	↑
116	Solomon Islands	58.13	
130	Palau	55.58	↑
135	Cambodia	54.47	↑
141	Lao PDR	53.01	↑
149	Marshall Islands	51.45	↑
155	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	48.99	↑
157	Kiribati	48.74	
171	Myanmar	44.21	↑
178	Timor-Leste	40.62	

East Asia and the Pacific has made **improvements** in business regulation over time

Average year-on-year improvement in distance to frontier score



Source: *Doing Business* database.

Note: The measure is normalized to range from 0 to 100, with 100 representing the frontier. Because of changes over the years in methodology and in the economies and indicators included, the improvements are measured year on year using pairs of consecutive years with comparable data.

Who in East Asia & Pacific reformed in areas measured by *Doing Business* in 2016/17?



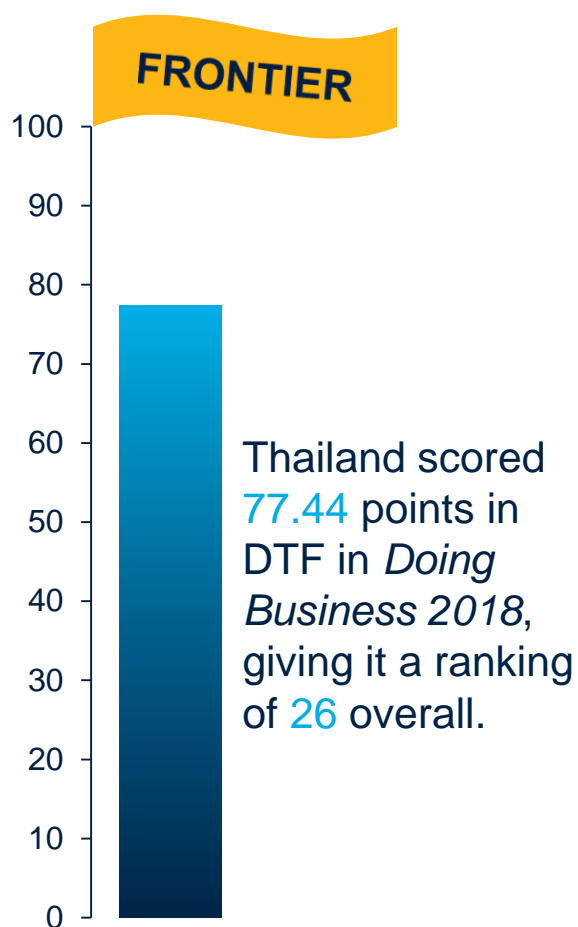
- I. Findings of *Doing Business 2018*
- II. *Doing Business* in East Asia and Pacific
- III. ***Doing Business* in Thailand**



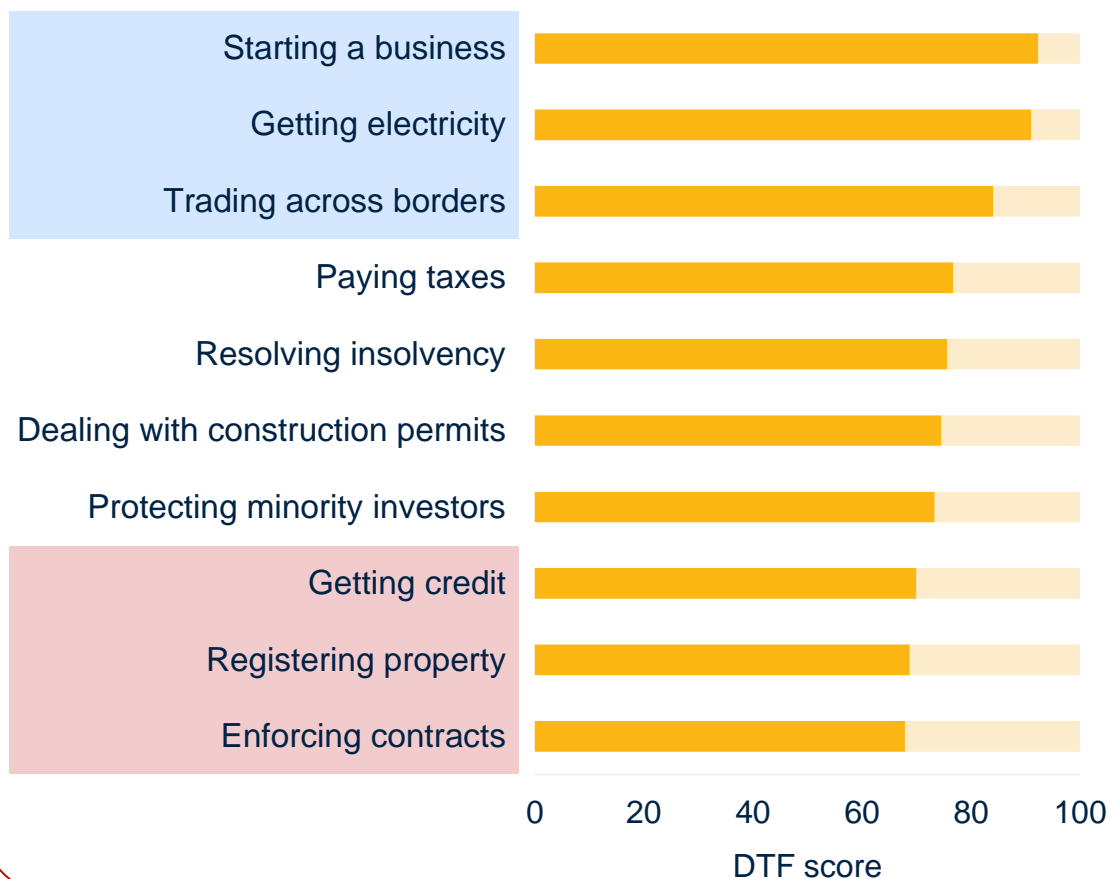
WORLD BANK GROUP



Doing Business in Thailand – score



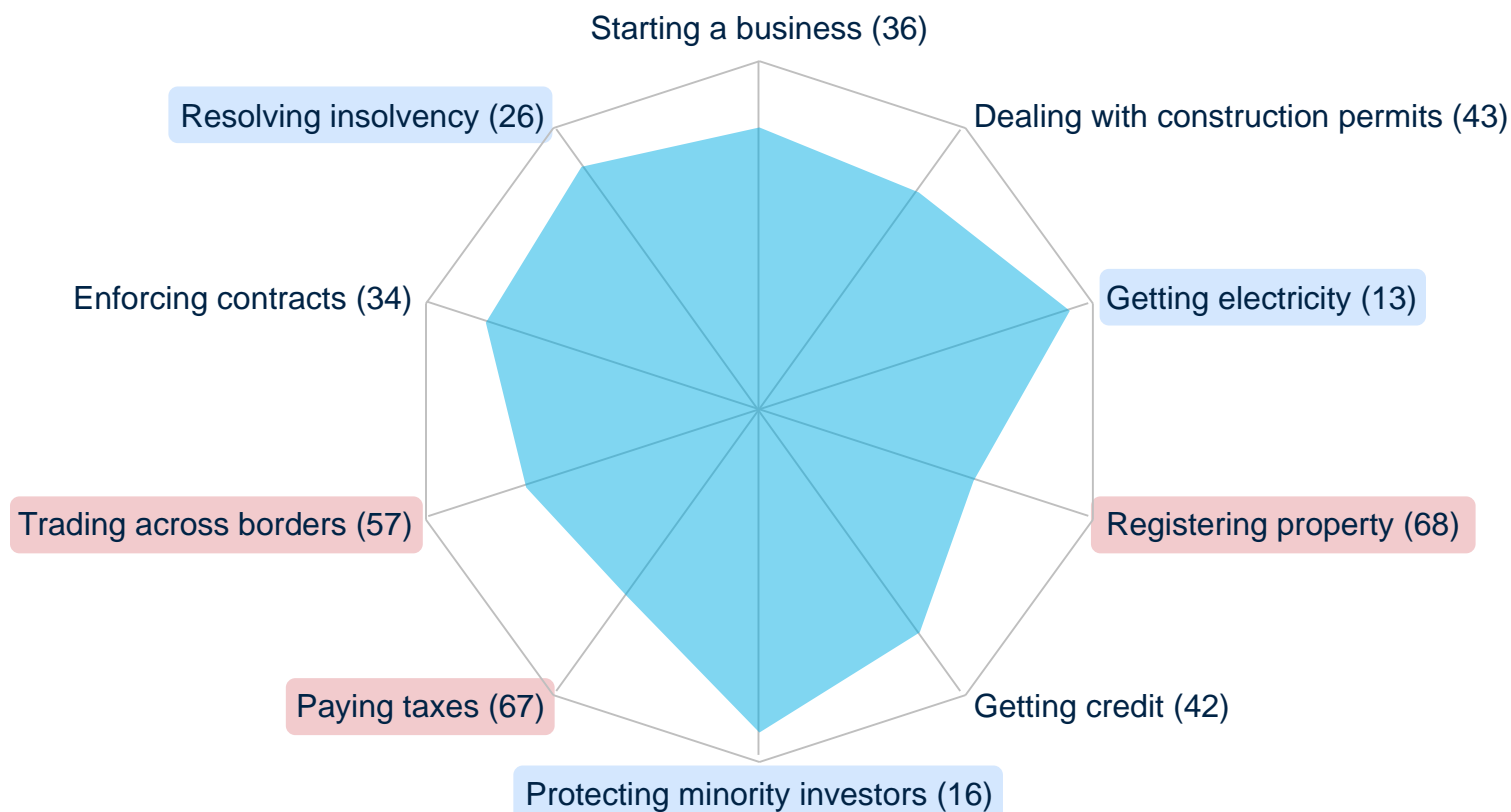
Results on individual indicators



Doing Business in Thailand – ranking

Rankings on *Doing Business* topics – Thailand

(Scale: Rank 190 center, Rank 1 outer edge)

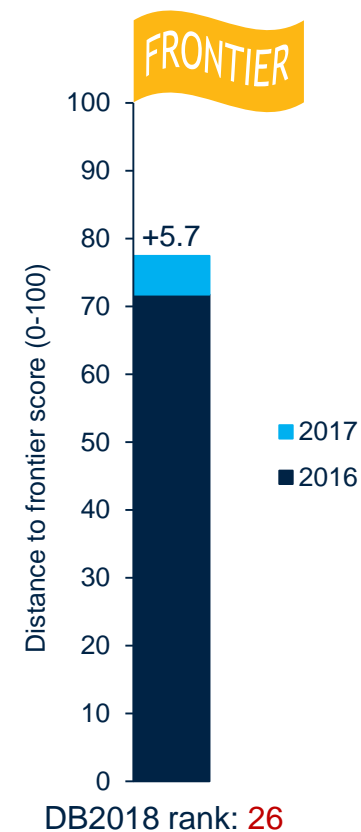


Thailand reformed 8 areas measured by Doing Business in 2016/17

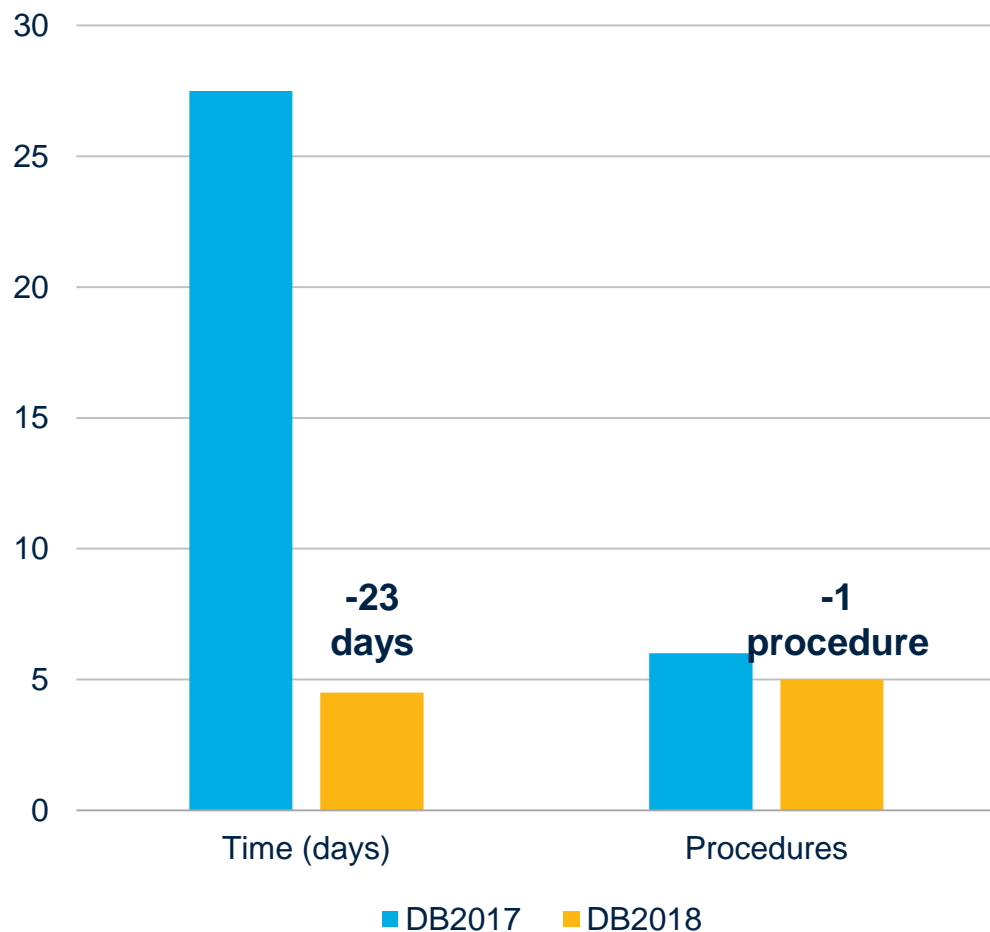


Where did **Thailand reform** to improve its business environment in 2016/17?

	Measure	2015/16	2016/17	How did Thailand do it?
Starting a business	Time	27.5 days	4.5 days	Simplified post-registration procedures
Getting electricity	Reliability of supply and transparency of tariff index	6 out of 8 points	7 out of 8 points	Increased Transparency
Registering property	Quality of land administration index	16 out of 30 points	18 out of 30 points	Improved reliability of land administration system
Getting credit	Strength of legal rights index	3 out of 12 points	7 out of 12 points	Improved regulatory framework
Protecting minority investors	Extent of shareholders governance index	5 out of 10 points	6.3 out of 10 points	Improved regulatory framework
Paying taxes	Time to comply with a corporate income tax audit	28 hours	10.5 hours	Introduced a risk-based auditing system
Enforcing contracts	Quality of judicial processes index	7.5 out of 18 points	8.5 out of 18 points	Introduced electronic system
Resolving insolvency	Strength of insolvency framework index	12 out of 16 points	12.5 out of 16 points	Improved regulatory framework



Thailand made starting a business easier



Was has changed?

No longer required to obtain **corporate seal**

(-2 days; -1 procedure)

No longer required to **approve company's work regulations** with the Labor Department; now they are checked during inspections

(-21 days)

THANK YOU!

www.doingbusiness.org



WORLD BANK GROUP

Doing Business