

## D&B Country Insight Update

### Country Risk Rating Alert - October 2018

D&B's Country Risk Indicator provides a comparative, cross-border assessment of the risk of doing business in a country and encapsulates the risk that country-wide factors pose to the predictability of export payments and investment returns over a time horizon of two years.


#### Country Insight Snapshot Reports

Dun & Bradstreet's Country Insight Snapshot Reports provide greater visibility of potential upcoming outlook trend changes for each country. Any changes to the outlook trend can be further explored in the headlines and key developments section of the reports.


This is a powerful tool and – alongside the Country Risk Ratings – provides our customers with even greater visibility of the current and future situations across 132 countries.

Shown below are our Risk Rating Changes recently published in the latest edition of our [International Risk & Payment Review Journal](#).

#### What You Need To Know:




Which Countries have been Upgraded (risk level has improved):	
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<b>Azerbaijan</b>	Dun & Bradstreet upgrades Azerbaijan's country risk rating due to a return to economic growth in H1 2018 of 1.3% y/y.
<b>Jamaica</b>	Dun & Bradstreet upgrades Jamaica's country risk rating due to ongoing economic improvements, underpinned in part by a raft of reforms.
<b>Portugal</b>	Dun & Bradstreet upgrades Portugal's country risk rating due to steady economic growth, allied with a stronger fiscal position.

Which Countries have been Downgraded (risk level has deteriorated):	
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-	No Downgrades
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Outlook Trend Change	
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<b>Austria</b>		Dun & Bradstreet downgrades its rating outlook for Austria from 'improving' to 'stable' as the economy shows signs of a slowdown.
<b>Cambodia</b>		Dun & Bradstreet upgrades its rating outlook for Cambodia as the near-term economic growth outlook improves, political instability subsides and investment surges.
<b>Costa Rica</b>		Dun & Bradstreet downgrades its rating outlook for Costa Rica as the national strike protesting a proposed fiscal reform continues.

 Improving

 Stable

 Deteriorating

#### D&B Country Insight Services

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