SACE's Doing Export Report 2024 Outlook on Mexico

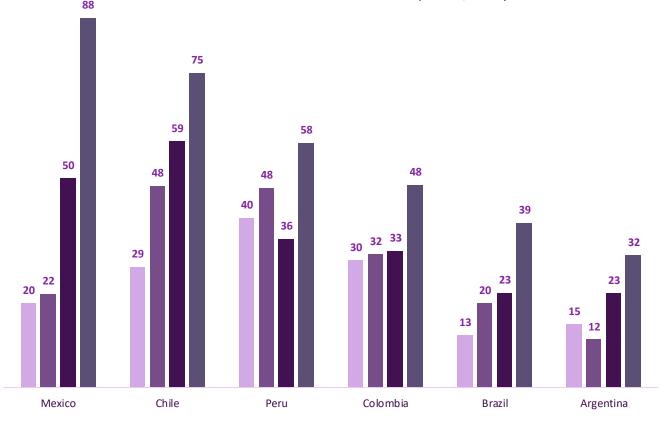
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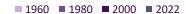


Mexico is the only large open economy in Latin America

- Mexico is the second largest country in the region by population and economic size.
- The country represents an anchor of stability in the area from a political and institutional point of view.
- Despite a not particularly strong GDP growth in recent decades, the country's potential is significant.
- Mexico is increasingly integrated into regional and global value chains.
- The strong ties to the US constitutes both a strong and a weak point.



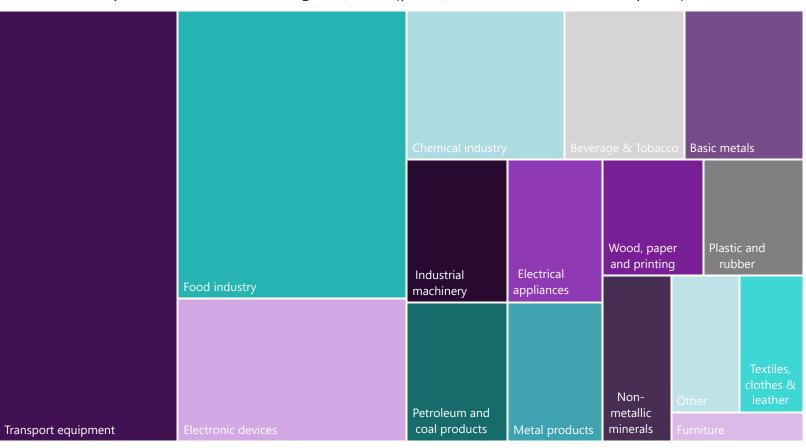






The Mexican economic structure is diversified

Sectoral composition of manufacturing GDP, 2022 (pesos, constant values at 2018 prices)

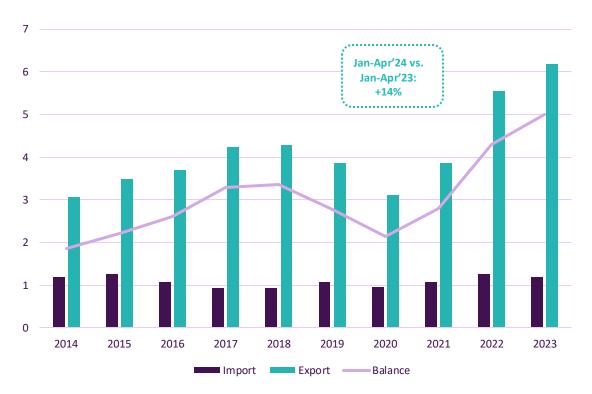


- 22nd economy in the world in terms of complexity of the economic system, behind only China among the emerging economies.
- Manufacturing value added is 21% of GDP, 25% higher than the area average.
- Alongside core sectors (e.g. food & beverage and automotive), others are rapidly growing (e.g. aerospace, medical devices).
- The labour market offers ample availability of young labour with still relatively low cost.



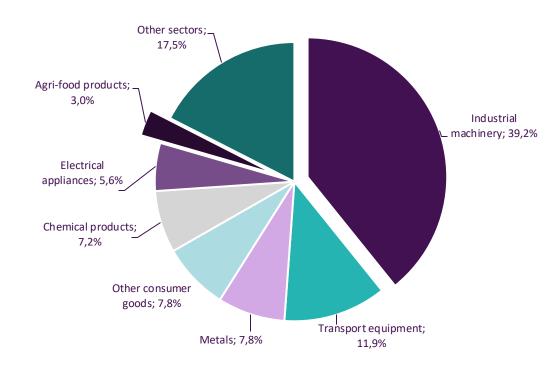
Trade relations between Italy and Mexico are growing





- Mexico is the first destination for Italian goods in the area, accounting for about 30% of all exports towards LATAM.
- Post-pandemic performance has been particularly strong (+26.4% on average between 2021 and 2023).

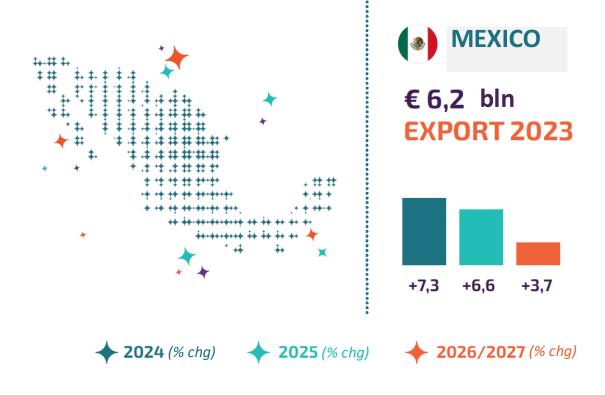
Italian exports toward Mexico by sector, 2023



- In 2021-22 growth has been intense across all sector, 2023 saw a contraction for intermediate goods.
- The core of Italian exports is represented by industrial machinery (+30% on average between 2021 and 2023).



Italy's export performance towards Mexico is expected to remain strong



- Exports towards Mexico are expected to grow faster than the average (+7.3% vs. +3.7%).
- Italian mechanical equipment will find fertile ground thanks to the well diversified manufacturing sector in Mexico and is forecast to grow by 6.2% this year and 6.6% in 2025.
- Transport equipment will remain one of the main export sectors (+5.1% in 2024; +4.7% in 2025) also thanks to Mexico's good placement in electrical vehicles value chains.
- Aerospace a still small but fast-growing sector in Mexico could also drive demand for Italian firms active in the value chain.



Thank you

