



# Fitch Connect

Quick Start Guide – Country Risk and Industry Research

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# Getting Started

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## 1 Navigating the landing page

On the top tool bar of the landing page you can select from the three different business lines. Select **Country Risk & Industry Research** to access the Fitch Solutions content.

Use the **Industries** tab to navigate to the sector pages of 22 industry verticals, where you can find the latest research, access a country dashboard and relevant data tools.

The **Topics** tab contains pre-configured searches to highlight the most relevant research for a trending topic.

Watch in the replay the latest events hosted by our Fitch Solutions Analysts via **Multimedia**. These videos give you more insight into the thinking behind our analysis.

**Data Tools** provides access to Key Projects Database and Interactive Charts. Access to these features is dependent on your subscription.

**LATEST REPORTS**

- 21 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Forecast Reports  
**Sudan Operational Risk Report**
- 21 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Forecast Reports  
**China Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Report**
- 21 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Forecast Reports  
**Sri Lanka Crime and Security Risk Report**

**FITCH SOLUTIONS GLOBAL VIEW**

- 21 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Economic Analysis  
**Lithuanian Economy Set To Experience Strong Growth**
- 21 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Economic Analysis  
**New Lease Of Life For Timor Leste's Bayu-Undan Field**
- 21 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Political Risk Analysis  
**Multiple Headwinds To Weigh On Political Stability In PNG**

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES**

- 21 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Trend Analysis  
**Consumer Outlook 2021: Botswana's Consumer Spending Recovering, But Lockdowns Remain A Risk**
- 20 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Trend Analysis  
**New Covid Variants To Complicate Indonesia's 2021 Vehicle Sales Recovery**
- 20 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Trend Analysis  
**Quick View: Reduced Role For Private Operators In UK Rail Restructuring**
- 20 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Global Commodities Strategy  
**Monthly Commodities Strategy: Metals, Agricultural Prices To Average At Multi Year Highs In 2021-2022, Oil To See More Moderate Recovery**
- 20 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Trend Analysis  
**Second Wave Of Covid-19 Cases In Argentina Poses Risks To Medical Devices Market Outlook**
- 20 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Industry Trend Analysis  
**Consumer Outlook 2021: No Consumer Recovery In Sight For Lebanon**
- 20 May 2021 | Fitch Solutions | Global Macroeconomic Update - May 2021

**COUNTRY RISK PAGES**

Quickly navigate to the Country pages to view global, regional and country risk assessments, analysis and expert commentary.

Select a Country or Territory

**COUNTRY RISK INDEX**

Country Name	CR Index	ST Political Index
Afghanistan	29.9	35.2
Albania	49.7	45.2
Angola	44.2	65.0
Anguilla	57.3	74.2
Antigua And Barbuda	56.0	77.3
Argentina	54.0	54.6
Armenia	51.1	55.2
Austria	80.0	85.2
United Arab Emirates	72.2	86.7

Access specific **Country Risk Pages** via our Country Risk dashboard. Select a country or territory from the drop-down menu or type in from the search bar.

For a breakdown of some key country risk factors, Fitch Solutions' **Country Risk Index** provides a relative benchmarking tool to compare countries in a global or regional context taking into consideration political, economic and operational risks across multiple dimensions.

## 2 Accessing industry pages

Under the Industries tab, you can access one of the 22 verticals.

The screenshot shows the FitchConnect interface with the 'Industries' tab selected. A callout box says 'Select 'Industries' Choose your vertical'. The grid of verticals includes:

- Agribusiness
- All Industry
- Autos
- Banking & Financial Services
- Commodity Prices
- Consumer & Retail
- Consumer Electronics
- Country Risk
- Defence & Security
- Food & Drink
- Freight Transport & Shipping
- Information Technology
- Infrastructure
- Insurance
- Medical Devices
- Metals
- Mining
- Oil & Gas
- Operational Risk
- Petrochemicals

The sector page offers access to our latest **Daily Analysis, Country Reports, Strategic Content** and relevant **Special Reports**. Other relevant tools can be accessed through the quick links at the bottom of the page.

The screenshot shows the 'Market Sectors - Fitch Solutions Autos' page. A callout box says 'Dive into our Daily Analysis, Country Reports and Special Reports'. Below the navigation tabs, there is a table of news items:

Date	Source	Title	Format	Abstract
21 May 2021	Fitch Solutions	Europe Provides Main Challenge To China For EV Sales Lead To 2030	[Icon]	We forecast China to remain the biggest market in sales volume terms across our forecast period to 2030 due to supportive policymaking and the scale of the country's charging infrastructure. Europe will come closest to matching China in volumes due to accelerated policy to increase adoption, particularly in the EU. More loca ...
20 May 2021	Fitch Solutions	Shifting Pull Factors For EV Battery Manufacturers, Renewable Energy In Focus	[Icon]	The primary pull factor for EV battery manufacturers (outside of government support) will shift from labour cost/availability to renewable energy cost, availability and sustainability.
20 May 2021	Fitch Solutions	EV Battery Chemistry Outlook: High-Nickel NMC & LFP Cathode Types To Gain Market Share, NM & ASSBs Eventual Market Disruptors	[Icon]	The EV battery materials mix will be determined by technological advancements in cathode, anode and electrolyte design, with a particular focus on energy density, cost competitiveness and the sustainability of associated supply chains.
18 May 2021	Fitch Solutions	Global Automakers Electrification Race: BEVs, Europe In Focus, OEMs Retain Flexibility	[Icon]	The race among automakers to electrify model line-ups and company announcements on their respective electrification risks and opportunities.
12 May 2021	Fitch Solutions	SSA Truck Segment To Benefit From Logistics Delays And Infrastructure Spending	[Icon]	Delays at border crossings and the expected increase in infrastructure spending in the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) region over 2021. This demand is likely to see increa ...

Below the table, there are three sections: 'Data and Forecasts', 'Risk Reward Index' (with a hand-drawn diagram showing Risk and Reward), and 'AUTOS COUNTRY DASHBOARDS' with a dropdown menu for selecting a country or territory.

A callout box says 'Select one of the 200 countries available under the Country Dashboard to access a detailed overview and key country analysis for your chosen sector'.

### 3 Accessing the country dashboard

The country dashboard collates all the relevant analysis and reports providing a comprehensive view of the selected country and industry combination.

**Change your sector selecting among the 22 verticals available or click on Country Risk to access macro data**

**Sort the content according to your preference or access the Risk and Reward Index for an assessment of the Industry Risk in the country**

**Read our quarterly published industry reports for the most comprehensive analysis of the industry in the country**

The screenshot shows the FitchConnect interface for Ghana. The 'Country Risk' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. A dropdown menu for 'Autos' is open, showing 22 verticals. The 'Overview' tab is selected in the sub-navigation. The main content area displays 'CORE VIEW' with a summary, 'LATEST (BASED)' news items, and an 'OUTLOOK' section with various reports. A 'REPORTS' tab is also visible in the right-hand navigation.

Under **Country Risk**, you can easily access the comprehensive coverage of the country with political and economic analysis.

**Access our Country Risk section for the latest Macro Analysis and Forecasts covering Developed, Emerging and Frontier Markets**

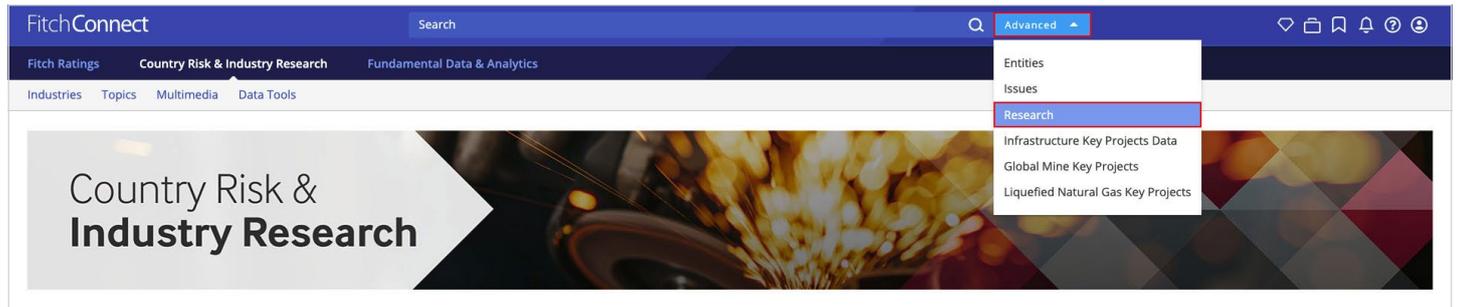
**Read our Quarterly Country reports for a full analysis**

The screenshot shows the 'LATEST ANALYSIS' section of the Ghana Country Risk dashboard. It features two charts: 'GDP Forecast' (a stacked bar chart showing components like net exports, private and government final consumption, and fixed capital formation from 2019 to 2025) and 'Short Term Political Risk Index' (a bar chart showing scores for Short-Term Political Risk Index, Policy-Making Process, Social Stability, Security / External Threats, and Policy Continuity). The right-hand side shows 'ANALYSTS CHOICE' and 'REPORTS' sections with various articles and reports.

## 4 Setting up alerts for industry or country research

Create a custom alert to keep up to date with our latest research and receive links to reports directly in your mailbox.

To set up an alert, go to the **Advanced Search** option on top of the toolbar and select **Research**.



You will land on the Advanced Search Page. Click on **Select Data Items** to open up the filters tab. Open **Fitch Solutions Industries** and tick the industry of choice. For country-level analysis, use the Country Risk filter. Narrow down your search by **Geography** and by any **Fitch Solutions Research Type**.

Research ▼
🔍 Enter text

▼ Select Data Items

Sector & Industry
Geography
Research Type
Portfolios
Topic

- ▶ Fitch Ratings Research
- ▼ Fitch Solutions Research
  - Select All
  - Analysts' Choice
    - ▶ Articles
  - Fitch Solutions Multimedia
  - ▼ Fitch Solutions Reports
    - Select All
    - Bank Industry Risk Report
    - Country Forecast Reports
    - Emerging Markets Monitor
    - Industry Forecast Reports

▼ Filter

Order	Boolean	Type	Item
1	=	INDUSTRY	Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare
2	AND ▼	GEOGRAPHY	Europe , CEFTA , EU , Eurozone , PIIGS
3	AND ▼	RESEARCH TYPE	Fitch Solutions Reports

After selecting relevant filters, click on the bell symbol in the top right-hand side corner and save the alert.

### Create Alert for

Pharmaceuticals Europe Fitch Solutions

**Name the alert and set the frequency under Delivery Options. The time setting is GMT**

**Trigger Category**

Research - Fitch Ratings 1

Research - Fitch Solutions

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**Notification Settings**

Delivery Options

**Content**

**SEARCH QUERY**

Order	Boolean	Type	Item
1	=	INDUSTRY	Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare
2	AND	GEOGRAPHY	Europe, CEFTA, EU, Eurozone, PIIGS
3	AND	RESEARCH TYPE	Fitch Solutions Reports

**Set e-mail delivery options**

Frequency	Day	Time
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">                     Real-time ▲                      No Email                      Real-time                      Daily                      Weekly                      Custom                 </div>	<input type="text" value="Monday"/>	<input type="text" value="01:00"/>
as they occur		

## 5 Extract data and visualise it into charts

Explore, extract and visualize historical and forecast macroeconomic and industry data.

Select Country Risk and Industry Research from the home page. Then select **Data Tools** and click on **Interactive Charts** to access our database and forecasts. Click on **Select entities/geographies** to start building your bespoke chart.

Select a country or region under **Geographies** using the filters or typing the name of a country in the text box and click on proceed at the bottom of the page.

**1 Select Entities / Geographies**

Entities **Geographies** Portfolio

Selected 1 entity Clear selection

Please start typing to search for geographies or explore the menu below:

find regions...

▼ Countries, Territories

- World
  - Americas
  - Asia-Pacific
  - Europe
  - Middle-East & Africa
    - Africa
      - Algeria
      - Angola
      - Benin
      - Botswana
      - Burkina Faso
      - Burundi
      - Cameroon

**Select entities / geographies**

Once you have completed your selection click on **Proceed**. For help on selecting entities and geographies, see tool tip below.

**Find Entities:** Select the Entities tab on the left of the page. Entities are discovered using type ahead functionality requiring a minimum of 3 characters. A Relevancy tool is utilized to bring the most likely matches to the top of the suggested entities. Entities are selected by clicking on the entity name. While there is no limit to the number of entities that can be selected, a large number may lead to loss of fidelity within a chart. It is possible to return to this step to remove entities from a visualization or certain inputs can be removed from view later in the process.

**Find Geographies:** Select the Geographies tab on the left of the page. Countries are discovered by navigating the tree or using the type ahead. Clicking on the checkbox will select the country or group of countries indicated. It is possible to select as many countries as required although large numbers may cause loss of fidelity in some chart types.

**Find Portfolio:** Select the Portfolio tab on the left of the page. The dropdown will provide a list of portfolios along with the size of that portfolio. Portfolios are selected by clicking on the portfolio name, this will select every entity within the selected portfolio from which it is possible to add or remove selected entities or geographies.

Note: It is possible to select a combination of entities and geographies for display.

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You can select from a vast range of macro and industry data points expanding the appropriate categories and ticking the relevant fields.

**1 Select Entities / Geographies** **2 Select Data Items** **3 Select Dates** **4 Visualize**

**Select data items**  
Once you have completed your selection click on **Proceed**. For further information on selecting data items, see tool tip below.

**Find Data Items:** Select the Data Items tab on the left of the page. Data items are discovered by navigating the tree or using the type ahead. Clicking on the checkbox will select the data item or group of data items indicated. It is possible to select as many data items as required although large numbers may cause loss of fidelity in some chart types. It is possible to return to this step to remove any unwanted items or to later hide individual indicators from a chart while retaining the information in the data selection.

**Find Custom Views:** Select the Custom View tab on the left of the page. The dropdown will provide a list of custom views you have created along with the number of data items in that custom view. Custom views are selected by clicking on the custom view name. This will select every data point within the selected custom view from which it is possible to add or remove selected data fields.

- Fitch Ratings
- Financials
- Entity Reference
- S&P Issuer Rating
- Moody's Issuer Rating
- Financial Implied Credit Score
- Entity Rankings
- Credit Default Swaps
- Diseases and injuries
- Telecom Operators
- Issue Reference
- Macro-Economic
- Industries

**Back** **Proceed**

A table with the selected data will be automatically generated and you can adjust the date range including up to 10-year forecast and 30-year historical data depending on availability. You can download the table in excel or click on proceed to create a chart.

**1 Select Entities / Geographies** **2 Select Data Items** **3 Select Dates** **4 Visualize**

**Download data as Excel**

**Dates** Options

Choose to select by specific date ranges or by periods.

Date Period

You can choose either a range of dates, or select them manually.

Dynamic Range Range Manual

-31 (1990) - 9 (2030) Annually

**Back** **Proceed**

	A	B
1	Date	Vehicle sales
2	2005	2,468
3	2006	2,936
4	2007	5,182
5	2008	5,761
6	2009	4,652
7	2010	5,522
8	2011	5,882
9	2012	5,887
10	2013	6,512
11	2014	6,628
12	2015	6,593
13	2016	6,934
14	2017	6,666
15	2018	6,791
16	2019	7,072
17	2020	6,273

Proceed to visualise the data by creating bespoke interactive charts from 23 available options under **Chart Type**. Use the **Refine** and **Anotate tools** to customize the chart. Expand the **More** button to download the chart in PNG format or share it with a colleague. The chart will be automatically saved and ready to use when accessing interactive charts again.

**FitchConnect** Search | Advanced

Fitch Ratings | **Country Risk & Industry Research** | Fundamental Data & Analytics

Industries | Topics | Multimedia | Data Tools

Return To Interactive Charts Home

1 Select Entities / Geographies ✓ | 2 Select Data Items ✓ | 3 Select Dates ✓ | **4 Visualize**

**Chart type** Refine Anotate

Bar Chart Split Bars Stacked Bars Bullet Bars Dot Plot

Range Plot Arrow Plot Column Chart Grouped Column Chart Stacked Column Chart

Area Chart **Lines** Pie Chart Donut Chart Multiple Pies

Multiple Donuts Scatter Plot Table Map Waterfall

Double Y Ratings Chart Radar Ranked Table Gauges

**Table** Chart Select Table to make formatting changes to your data selection.

**Cameroon**  
— Vehicle sales

14,000  
12,000  
10,000  
8,000  
6,000  
4,000  
2,000  
0

2005 2010 2015 2020 2025 2030

Source: Renault, Fitch Solutions

More

- Download PNG
- Download Excel
- Change color palette
- Share chart
- Copy chart
- Delete chart

**Hint:** In case the visualization doesn't look like you expected, you should try to transpose the data

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Fitch Solutions fuels better informed credit risk and strategy decisions with reliable data, insightful research and powerful analytics. Get the crucial intelligence and fresh perspectives you need, especially in markets where information is hard to find and difficult to interpret.

Our data and research are produced with accuracy, granularity and depth. Leverage workflow efficiencies, transparent methodologies, and accessible experts who add extra value to our products.

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### Dedicated support at the source

A dedicated team of Fitch client services professionals based in New York, London, Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo provide client support. If necessary, we can put clients with detailed fundamental data questions in direct contact with Fitch Solutions data experts who understand in detail the analysis of bank financial statements, and who will respond on the same day.

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