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### **Cambodia Overview**

- Population of 15.76 million (Y2017 data)
- GDP per capita @ USD1,078
- GDP @US18.05 Billion
- 2018 Annual GDP Growth 7% expected
- GDP Market segments Services @ 38%; Manufacturing @ 29%; Agriculture @ 26% & Others @ 7%
- Unemployment rate @ 0.3%
- Median age 24 years old
- Inflation rate @ 2%
- Cambodia Gold Reserves @ 12.40 Tonnes

CAMBODIA GDP PER CAPITA PPP





## Cambodia Gold Market

- Cambodia gained independence since 1979
- Agriculture rich nation

- Rice and gold were once used as a currency or barter trade during the formative years
- Traditionally, Cambodians use Gold jewellery during festive and wedding ceremonies as status quo
- No bullion bank in Cambodia
- Gold Bullions (4x9s) are imported by domestic bullion trading houses
- Gold used as a hedge against currencies (USD and Riel) volatility
- General acceptance by public to use Gold as an easy and safe investment

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## **Cambodia Gold Mining Opportunities**

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- Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy has been giving out mining exploration licenses in recent years
- Currently no gold producing mine in Cambodia
- Gold deposit widely distributed in Cambodia, largest potential resource of 600k oz deposit @Okvau
- Minimum 2 million oz gold deposit to be considered production economical
- Considerations before mining can take place:
  - Funding for mining equipment
  - Cost of building road infrastructure at remote mine sites
  - Lifecycle of mines
  - Labour Cost
- Mining Financing opportunities if large metals deposit (e.g. Copper) plus Gold deposits can be found

•Current Government policy focus on  $\uparrow$  agricultural & manufacturing productivity and  $\uparrow$  export potential

•Government receptive to foreign investments into Cambodia

•GDP Growth rate to maintain above 6.7% to 7% per annum for coming years

•GDP per capita  $\uparrow$  Spending Power  $\uparrow$  Gold investment  $\uparrow$ 

•Young and skilled labour force will drive growth

•Gold demand will ↑ as economy continues to grow



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