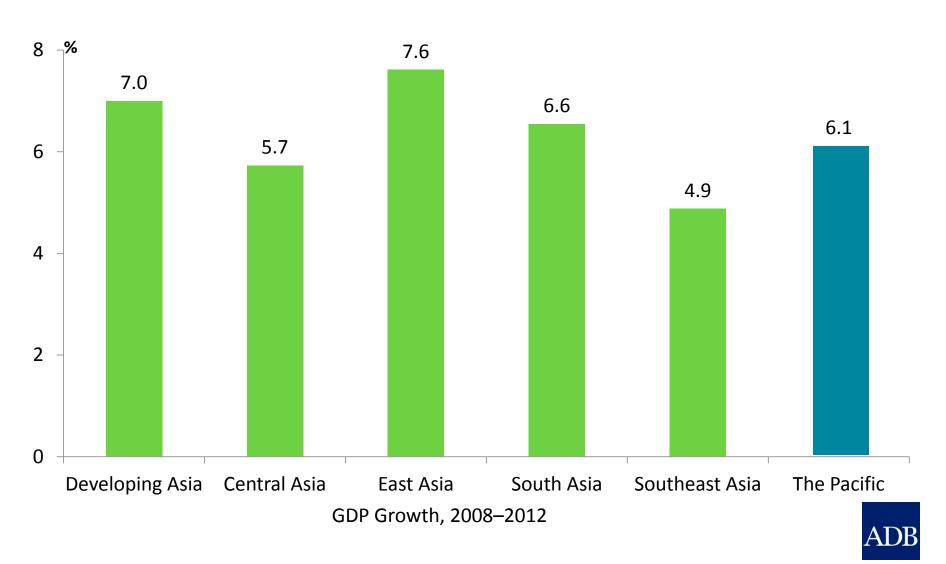
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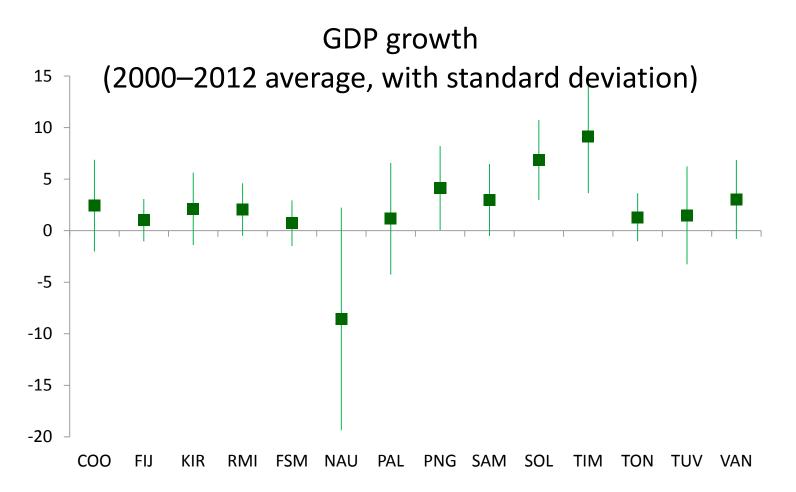
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## **Pacific On Par With Others**



## Variable Performance—Growth





# Leveraging Asia's Growth



## **A Solid Foundation**

**Strong Economic Relationships** 

conducive environment for the private sector

strong public sector management

educated and skilled workforce



## **Transport Supporting Connectivity**

- Within countries
  - Roads
  - Shipping services
- At the borders
  - Customs and trade facilitation
- With the rest of the world
  - Tourism
  - Freight



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## **Conclusions**

Country-led regional cooperation

 Opportunities developed quickly through creating effective operating environments

Focus on doing more and better