

Global Cities

Which cities will be leading the global economy in 2035?

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- **In 2027, the aggregate GDP of all Asian cities in our forecast will for the first time exceed the combined GDP of all North American and European cities. By 2035, we project it will be 17% higher, with Chinese cities alone generating more output than all cities in either North America or Europe.**
- New York will still be the largest urban economy in the world in 2035, however, with the largest finance & business services sector. It will be followed by Tokyo and Los Angeles, with Shanghai now tied with London for fourth place. Paris will slip in our GDP rankings.
- Jakarta will enter the top league of industrial cities, rising to eighth in our 2035 industrial output ranking. By then it will also boast the world's largest urban population at 38 million—nudging ahead of Tokyo, which nonetheless remains top of our industrial output table. Fellow Japanese cities Osaka-Kyoto and Nagoya will, however, make way for the Chinese cities of Chongqing, Shenzhen and Tianjin, with Houston the fifth largest industrial city in 2035.
- When future GDP growth rates are compared, the story is mostly very different. In particular, 17 of the 20 fastest-growing cities in the world between 2019 and 2035 will be Indian, with Bengaluru (Bangalore), Hyderabad, and Chennai among the strongest performers.
- Outside of India, Phnom Penh is the fastest-growing city in our 2019-35 forecast, with Dar es Salaam the leader among the African cities.
- Stockholm is the fastest-growing major European city, while San Jose (a proxy for Silicon Valley) just holds on to top place in North America. Lima's GDP growth is forecast to be strongest among large Latin American cities.
- While our rankings of the largest and fastest-growing cities to 2035 tend to be very different, it is striking that Shenzhen and Guangzhou score highly according to both rankings.

Table 1

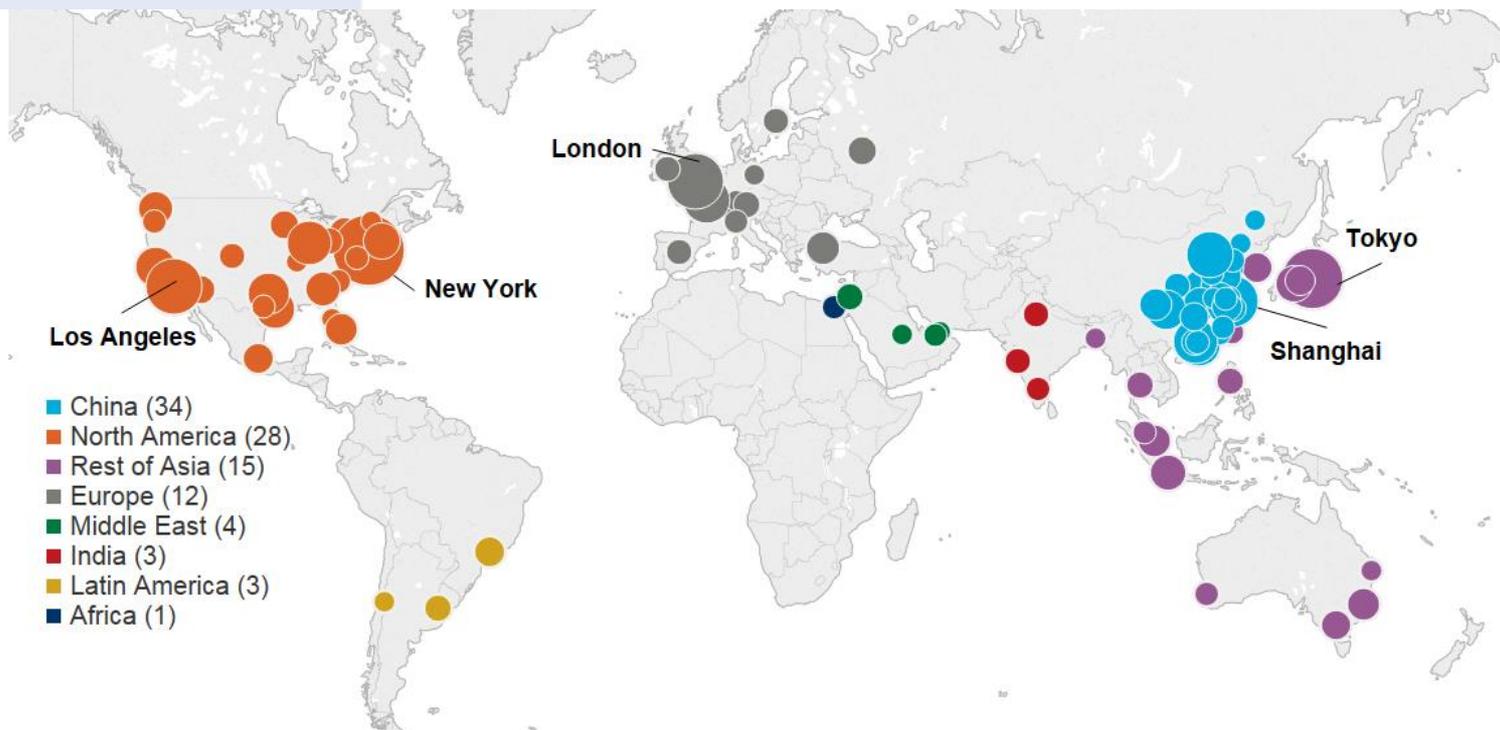
Shanghai joins London as the world's fourth-largest urban economy in 2035.

Top five largest cities by GDP, 2035					
	New York	Tokyo	Los Angeles	London	Shanghai
GDP (\$ trns, constant 2018 prices)	2.51	1.87	1.54	1.35	1.35
GDP (annual average growth, %)	2.0	0.5	2.1	2.1	5.0
Population (mns)	21.5	37.8	14.4	17.2	25.3
GDP per head (\$ ths, constant 2018 prices)	116.5	49.5	107.4	78.5	53.4

Source: Oxford Economics

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Top 100 largest cities in 2035 by GDP



Overview: cities to lead national growth rates

We forecast that, over the period 2019 to 2035, the world's economy will grow by an average of 2.6% a year (as measured by GDP in constant prices and exchange rates), resulting in a cumulative global increase of 54%. But the world's 780 major cities will grow more rapidly: by 2.8% a year, or 60% over the whole period. This means cities will lead the growth of the global economy.

Table 2

There are large differences between our lists of the leading cities by GDP and population.

The world's top 10 cities in 2035			
	GDP (\$ trillion, constant 2018 prices)		Population (million)
New York	2.5	Jakarta	38.0
Tokyo	1.9	Tokyo	37.8
Los Angeles	1.5	Chongqing	32.2
London	1.3	Dhaka	31.2
Shanghai	1.3	Shanghai	25.3
Beijing	1.1	Karachi	24.8
Paris	1.1	Kinshasa	24.7
Chicago	1.0	Lagos	24.2
Guangzhou	0.9	Mexico City	23.5
Shenzhen	0.9	Mumbai	23.1

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