

# STATE OF PERNAMBUCO, BRAZIL

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## Investor Fact Sheet

### Overview

Pernambuco is a dynamic and fast-growing Brazilian state located in the Northeast region. With a GDP of R\$ 288.6 billion (US\$ 51 billion) and economic growth of 4.9% in 2024 – above the national average. Pernambuco has positioned itself as a strategic hub for industrial, energy, technology, and agribusiness development.

### Strategic Position

- Recife, the state capital, is the 2nd most influential urban center in Brazil in terms of regional economic impact (IBGE)
- Gateway to a market of over 23 million people across six metropolitan areas within 300km which stands for R\$500 billion/year (US\$ 90 billion/year) GDP
- Strategically located on the Atlantic coast with access to international maritime trade routes and key export markets in Europe, Africa, Middle East, and North America

### Economic Highlights

- Diversified economy led by services (75% of GDP), industry, and agribusiness
- Industry growth driven by automotive, food & beverage, and petroleum refining
- Agribusiness expanding in fruit exports (+32% in 2024) and animal protein (+18%)
- Over R\$ 30 billion (US\$ 5,4 billion) in new private sector investments announced (2023–2024)
- Major investments already underway include Stellantis (US\$2.32 billion by 2030), Iberdrola (US\$892 million by 2028), Petrobras (US\$1.43 billion by 2030), Heineken (US\$214 million by 2028), Coca-Cola (US\$125 million by 2027), Baterias Moura (US\$143 million by 2026), and European Energy (US\$357 million by 2029 for an e-methanol production plant)

### Infrastructure & Logistics

- Suape Port is one of Brazil's top 5 public ports, leader in cabotage and liquid bulk and largest container port in the Northeast of Brazil
- 3GW grid margin for connection of high-energy industries (hydrogen, data centers, etc.) – the largest electric grid margin in the Northeast of Brazil, according to the Brazilian Ministry of Energy

- Road network investments exceeding R\$ 1.5 billion (US\$ 270 million) over the last two years
- Transnordestina Railway under construction linking the interior of the Northeast Region to Suape Port and Industrial Complex
- Recife International Airport, in the capital of Pernambuco, has the highest passenger traffic among all airports in Northern and Northeastern Brazil

### **Innovation & Talent**

- Porto Digital: one of Latin America's largest tech park with over 475 companies and US\$ 1.2Billion annual revenue
- Leader in tech graduates per capita in Brazil (571 per 100,000 inhabitants)
- Leader in medical education and healthcare services in the Northeast
- Home to world-class universities, research institutions, and industry-academic partnerships

### **Business Environment**

- Modernized fiscal and regulatory environment
- Licensing reform: digital system reduced environmental license issuance time from 156 to 32 days
- Public-private coordination model for large-scale concessions and infrastructure projects
- Restored credit rating (Capag B+) and R\$ 2.5 billion (US\$ 450 million) in public spending efficiency gains in 2023 alone

### **Strategic Gateway to Brazil's Future**

Pernambuco has a development cycle already underway and a portfolio of major investment opportunities. The state is the logistical backbone and main gateway to the opportunities of Brazil's Northeast, offering infrastructure that connects today's economy with the businesses of the future.



Find out more



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# SUAPE INDUSTRIAL PORT COMPLEX

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Pernambuco, Brazil

### Overview

Suape is among the five largest public ports in Brazil and stands as the nation's leader in liquid bulk and cabotage transportation. It also ranks as the largest container port in the Northeast and the leading vehicle export hub in the North and Northeast regions.

Strategically located on the Atlantic coast in the state of Pernambuco, Suape is a fully integrated industrial and port complex with unmatched expansion capacity and a robust multimodal logistics platform.

### Strategic Advantages

- Over 17,000 hectares including industrial and logistics area, with 6,700 ha available for new ventures
- Year-round, 24/7 port operations with no tidal restrictions
- Deep-water port: 20m (external channel), 16.2m (internal channel and turning basin)
- Average docking time: 26.6 hours (10x faster than regional competitors)
- Panamax and Post-Panamax ready; operational capacity for oversized cargo (wind blades, industrial modules)

### Infrastructure & Logistics

- International shipping routes to Europe, North America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Notable connections include Rotterdam (9 days), Valencia (10 days), Las Palmas (5 days), the Panama Canal (5 days), New York (7 days), Jebel Ali (20 days) and Singapore (23 days)
- Two container terminals: ICTSI (operational) and APM Terminals/MAERSK (fully electric terminal under construction, 2026)
- Connected to BR-101 and BR-232 highways; future link via 45.6 km Metropolitan Beltway
- Integrated with Transnordestina Railway (under construction – 544 km in PE + 8.7 km internal access)

## Energy

- 3 GW grid connection margin (500kV) – highest in the Northeast according to the Brazilian Ministry of Energy – ideal for energy-intensive industries, such as hydrogen, datacenters and steel mills
- SUAPE is connected to the National Electric Grid, with a power mix of 89% renewables
- Proximity to biomass sources (ethanol)
- Direct access to the natural gas network, operated by Copergás

## Industrial Ecosystem

- Energy & Petrochemicals: Petrobras (Abreu e Lima Refinery), Copergás, Braskem, BASF, Arkema, Oxiteno, Indorama, ALPEK, Iberdrola
- Shipping & Logistics: Maersk, MSC, CMA CGM, COSCO, Hapag-Lloyd, FedEx, DHL
- Food & Beverages: BRF, Ambev, Unilever, Bunge, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Pernod Ricard
- Naval Industry: Atlântico Sul Shipyard (largest dry dock in Brazil), Vard Promar (Fincantieri group)
- Green Energy: European Energy, White Martins/Linde, GoVerde, CTG Brasil

## Expansion Capacity

- 17,000ha total area with 6,700ha available for new developments
- Operational licenses and environmental impact studies (EIA-RIMA) already in place for expansion projects
- Plug-and-play complex: utilities, road access, and environmental compliance already prepared
- Water supply system: installed capacity of 42 million m<sup>3</sup>/year, expandable to 402 million m<sup>3</sup>/year by 2029
- Protected by an 8,000ha green belt, ensuring climate resilience and environmental safeguards

## Highlight Projects Underway

- RNEST – Petrobras Refinery: 130k barrels/day. US\$1,3 billion investment in ongoing works to reach 260k barrels/day by 2028.
- Hub Suape for Energy Transition: new terminal for low carbon fuels; green hydrogen and e-methanol production
- Hub Suape Agro: new grain terminal, export processing zone (ZPE) and logistics corridor
- TechHub: R&D center for low-carbon fuels (SENAI + CTG Brasil)
- New LNG regasification terminal (Joint Venture – Shell/OnCorp)
- New GLP terminal under development (Grupo Edson Queiroz)

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# HUB SUAPE FOR ENERGY TRANSITION

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Suape Industrial Port Complex | Pernambuco, Brazil

### Project Overview

The Hub Suape for Energy Transition is an integrated industrial and logistics platform designed to become Latin America's leading center for the production, certification, and global export of low-carbon fuels. Located in the strategic Suape Port Complex, the project connects industrial capacity, port infrastructure, and renewable energy assets to deliver green hydrogen, e-methanol, and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) to international markets.

### Strategic Location

- Suape Port: Among Brazil's top 5 public ports
- Year-round, 24/7 operations with deep-water terminals
- Direct international routes: Rotterdam (9 days), Valencia (10 days), Las Palmas (5 days), the Panama Canal (5 days), New York (7 days), Jebel Ali (20 days) and Singapore (23 days)
- 3 GW grid connection margin (500kV) – highest in the Northeast according to the Brazilian Ministry of Energy - ideal for energy-intensive industries, such as hydrogen, datacenters and steel mills
- SUAPE has no record of extreme weather events (eg, floods), offering a stable and secure environment. Ongoing infrastructure works (eg. expansion of dam system) will further enhance climate resilience.

### Investment Scope

European Energy e-Methanol Plant	R\$2billion (US\$ 354 million)
Green Fuel Export Terminal	R\$270 million (US\$ 48 million)
Suape Tech Hub for Hydrogen	R\$80 million (US\$ 14million)
Port Modernization Works	R\$161million (US\$29 million)
Submarine Data Cable (Connectivity Backbone)	R\$ 480 million (US\$85 million)
<b>Total Estimated Investment</b>	<b>R\$3 billion (US\$ 530 million)</b>

## Key Features

- Production Capacity: 86,000 tons/year of green hydrogen - 460,000 tons/year of e-methanol (estimated for all e-Methanol projects under development in Suape)
- Anchor Clients: Maersk - fuel supply for fleet (Main off-taker of the European e-Methanol Plant)
- Technology Partners: SENAI, CTG Brasil, White Martins/Linde
- Industrial Integration: Synergies with Pernambuco's sugarcane industry (CO<sub>2</sub> biogenic source)
- State tax incentives for the installation of critical technology infrastructures, such as green data centers

## Certainty & Readiness

- Valid environmental permits
- Plug-and-play industrial zones
- Renewable energy-dominated power mix (89%)

## Sustainability & Governance

- Carbon block-chain traceability platform - under development (CTG Brazil/SENAI)
- Part of the UN-backed Finance for Just and Green Energy Transition Lab (FJGET) - Supported by World Bank, BNDES, CAF, Banco do Brasil
- Aligned with Federal Government Policies: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry Development, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Ports

## Why Invest

- Strategic hub for exporting low-carbon fuels
- First-of-its-kind infrastructure in South America
- Strong government backing and institutional alignment
- High scalability and integration with logistics, power, and industry
- Designed for global energy security, green shipping, and industrial decarbonization supply chains

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