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2018 Legatum Prosperity Index:

Global prosperity rises to highest ever level. Some insights on Cyprus

Global prosperity rises to the highest-ever level, but falling safety and security poses significant challenges for individuals, communities, and nations around the world.

The Legatum Institute is a London-based think tank with a global vision: to see all people lifted out of poverty. The 2018 Legatum Prosperity Index, covering 149 countries, has been recently published. Marios Eliades from GGI member firm M. ELIADES & PARTNERS LLC, Advocates - Tax & Business Consultants, shared some report results for Cyprus with us.

The island country in the Eastern Mediterranean ranked 28 out of 149 countries in this global prosperity index, performing best on personal freedom, safety, and security, and lowest on the natural environment and education pillars.

Cyprus climbed one position from 29 to 28 when compared with 2017 in its overall prosperity score, a general indicator of citizens' welfare and



living conditions, but has fallen four places on the rankings table since the prosperity index began in 2006.

Personal freedom and human rights were shown to be Cyprus' strongest suit, with the country climbing four places this year to reach ranking 24, followed by safety and security where Cyprus is positioned at 25.

Cyprus' lowest ranking in position 60 concerned the natural environment pillar, which measures a country's performance in the quality of its natural environment, environmental pressures, and preservation efforts.

The second lowest ranking was related to education in Cyprus, for which the country ranked in position

46, followed by Cyprus' ranking for governance in position 34, dropping one place from last year.

Cyprus ranked 33 for the business environment, 30 for health, and 26 in the field of economic quality.

Compared to last year, Cyprus' biggest positive change was recorded in the social capital pillar, which measures the strength of personal relationships, social network support, social norms, and civic participation in a country, for which the country climbed 11 places on the ranking table to reach position 28.

Overall, the countries with the

five highest prosperity index scores were Norway, New Zealand, Finland, Switzerland, and Denmark.

Sweden came in position six followed by the United Kingdom.

Regarding the EU, this year's findings show that while the level of prosperity in Western Europe is rising, it is experiencing slow growth, while Eastern European countries are continuing their path of steady rise they have been following for the past decade, according to the Institute's website, www.prosperity.com. Read the full report [here](#).

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IT – what the shareholder needs to know

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“Every success story is a tale of constant adaption, revision and change” a quote by Richard Branson. The technology world is changing at a rapid speed and the size of the organisation will not necessarily determine the success of the organisation but the speed at which it changes.

This is where the shareholder should see themselves as the voice of reason. The average shareholder who is typically not involved in the day-to-day operations of the company, relies on the company's employees, its executives and its board of directors to protect their investment. However, each one of these parties has its own interests, which may differ with those of the shareholder. More importantly, IT may inevitably not be part of the agenda



due to the fact that many executives and board members are themselves uncomfortable with information technology (IT) and the IT revolution that an organisation will face today.

Depending on how involved the shareholder wants to be, a shareholder may want to consider understanding the IT nuances that the organisation

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