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**2017: key emerging political trends
in Myanmar**

Myanmar's Triple Transition



Political transition



Economic reforms



Conflict to peace



1. Macropolitical



- Democratisation process
- Role of the military
- New political movements and parties

2. Macroeconomic

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- Deficit and GDP growth
 - Weak financial sector
 - Obstacles to FDI

3. Peace and security



- Rakhine situation
- Fighting in Shan and Kachin states
- Intercommunal tensions

4. Infrastructure



- Limited, costly transport infrastructure
- Lack of power holding back investment
- Significant donor investment

5. Government decision-making

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- On-going capacity building in civil service
 - Inconsistent consultation
 - Approach to risk

6. Legal framework

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- Myanmar Investment Law
- Myanmar Companies Act
- Sector relevant laws

7. Freedom of expression



- **New freedoms for media and activists**
- **Organised and some cases successful**
- **Government approach**

8. Environment



- Water use and contamination
- Waste and rubbish becoming an issue
- EIA/SIA - essential

9. Corruption



- **Anti-corruption measures by NLD**
- **Low-level still present**

Outlook/Recommendations



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