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By: [John Wilson](#) | November 23, 2022

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By: [Yijia Chen, CFA](#) | August 26, 2022

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By: *Emerging Markets Debt* | September 14, 2022

Boston - Every year since 1996, Canada's Fraser Institute has published its Economic Freedom of the World, as a reminder of the important link between a country's economic freedom and its growth potential. The 2022 report, based on data through December 2020, was released on September 8 and is the first to include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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By: *Emerging Markets Debt* | July 15, 2022

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By: Emerging Markets Debt | June 1, 2022

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