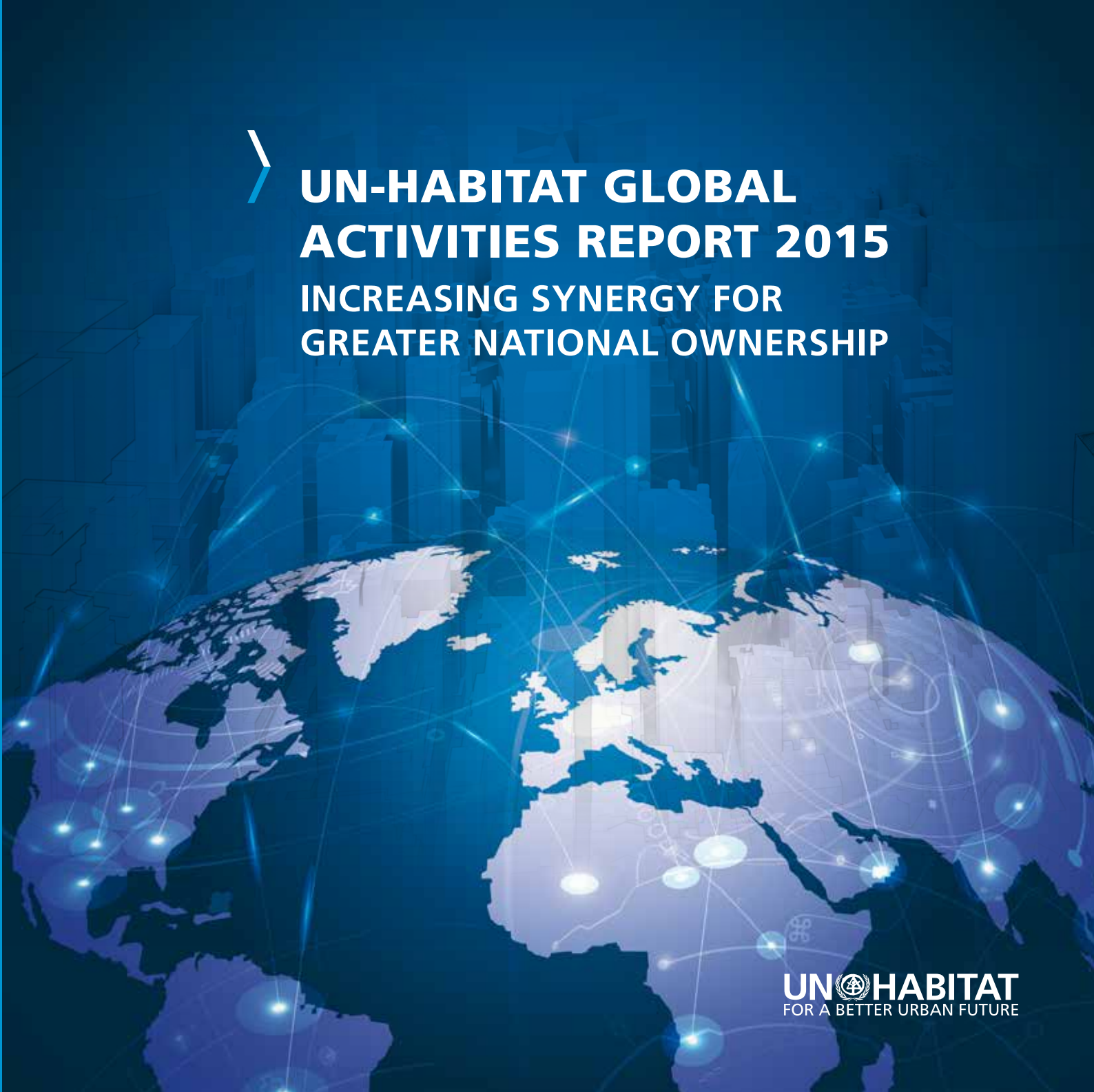


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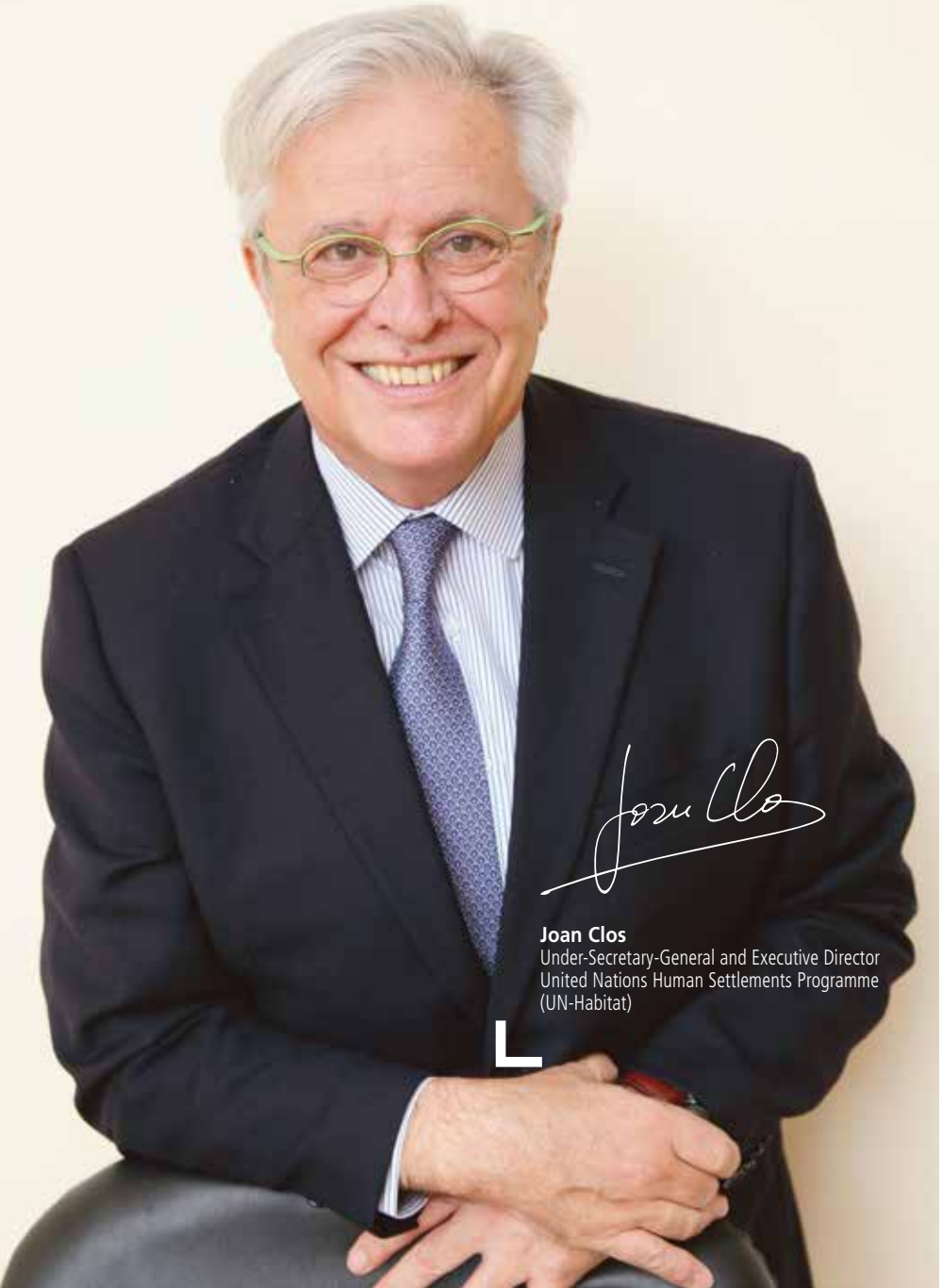
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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific
ADB	African Development Bank
ADB	Asia Development Bank
AFD	Agence Française de Développement
AFD	French Development Agency
AMCHUD	African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development
ASUD	Achieving Sustainable Urban Development
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BMBF	German Federal Ministry for Education and Research
CPI	City Prosperity Index
DfID	Department for International Development
EAC	East African Community
EC	European Commission
ENEL	Foundation
EU	European Union
EU-UDG	European Union Urban Development Group
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FF	The Ford Foundation
FMDV	Global Fund for Cities Development
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEC	Gender Evaluation Criteria
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GEMI	Global Expanded Monitoring Initiative
GiZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GFCD	Global Fund for Cities Development
GLTN	Global Land Tool Network
GWOPA	Global Water Operators Partnership Alliance
HUWSUP	Hargeisa Urban Water Supply Upgrading Project
HVWSHE	Human Values Based in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Education
IASC	Inter Agency Standing Committee
IBRD/WB	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank
IDPs	Internally displaced persons
INU	National Planning Institute
IOM	International Organization for Migration*
ISUDP	Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan
ITDP	Institute of Transport Development and Policy
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KMP	Kenya Municipal Programme
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MTSIP	Medium Term Strategic and Institutional Plan
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NSDFU	National Slum Dwellers Federation
OCHA	Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
PAG	Project Advisory Group
PI	Plan International
PILaR	Participatory and Inclusive Land Readjustment
RAMA	Network of Metropolitan Areas of the Americas
RP	Rapid Planning
RUSPS	Rapid Urban Sector Profiling for Sustainability
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
STDM	Social Tenure Domain Model
SUDP	Sustainable Urban Development Programme
SUSTRAN	Promoting Sustainable Transport Solutions for East African Cities
UCLG	United Cities and local Governments
ULN	Urban Legal Network
UN	United Nations
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme*
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme*
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund*
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund*
UNMEER	United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response
UNOHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services*
UPPR	Urban Partnerships for Poverty Reduction
USAID	United Sates Agency for International Development
WASH	Water and Sanitation
WB	World Bank
WHO	World Health Organization*
WUF	World Urban Forum

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FOREWORD



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Over the past two years, UN-Habitat has engaged in developing global norms and supporting innovative models to assist national governments and local authorities increasing their knowledge on sustainable urbanization as well as improving national and local policies on housing and urban development. This is meant to enhance regional, national and local capacities for the effective implementation of pro-poor human settlements policies much needed for poverty elevation in line with the Habitat Agenda and the Millennium Development Goals.

More concretely, the main focus of UN-Habitat's work at the global, regional, national and local levels has been on promoting policy reforms as well as building institutional and human capacities and supporting the implementation of local and national plans of action for sustainable urbanization. In view of the current rapid urbanization in much of the developing world, the development of efficient legislation and policies, the promotion of adequate infrastructure and basic services as well as effective

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urban planning and design are of utmost importance for the creation of socially inclusive, resilient, economically prosperous and energy-efficient cities that maximize the benefits of agglomeration, minimize the demand for urban mobility and transport, and provide conditions necessary for urban economic growth and job creation.

As sustainable urban development remains one of the most pressing global challenges of the twenty-first century, national governments and their partners must consequently pay greater attention and make joint efforts to build greener, more harmonious, equitable, inclusive and environment-friendly cities.

The Global Activities Report 2015, takes into account the progress made in addressing UN-Habitat's projects portfolio with a view to increasing its impact and facilitating national ownership. An encouraging trend during the current reporting period is that the earmarked portfolio has continued to grow, confirming rising demand for the Agency's technical expertise. This upward trend, consistent with UN-Habitat's strategy to expand its earmarked projects portfolio, has been sustained, from a level of USD 136 million in 2012, to USD 171 million in 2013 – representing a 25 per cent increase, and to USD 172 million by November 2014. These contributions have enabled UN-Habitat to provide strong support of more than USD 162 million in 2014 alone to 16 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, 18 countries in Asia and the Pacific, 9 countries in the Arab States region, and 19 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, in addition to regional programmes and normative global initiatives.

At the same time, the Agency has also continued its collaboration with multilateral and bilateral institutions by progressively adopting the "ONE UN" approach and "delivering as One". In that connection, the Agency recognizes the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and its results matrix as the collective, coherent and integrated programming and monitoring framework for the operations of the United Nations development system at the country level, bringing increased opportunities for joint initiatives, including joint programming, and urges the United Nations development system to fully utilize such opportunities in the interest of enhancing aid efficiency and effectiveness.

This report is structured around six major chapters, following an introduction providing a global overview of urbanisation and its transformative powers. The first five chapters, covering Africa, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the European Union and Eastern Europe, highlight key activities implemented by the Agency over the past two years. The sixth chapter seals with activities carried out by the thematic branches in collaboration with regional offices in the five regions in which UN-Habitat has been present.

It is my hope that this document, which serves mainly the purpose of information sharing, will be easy to read in order to disseminate results and call for more collaboration with interested partners where appropriate and when possible.

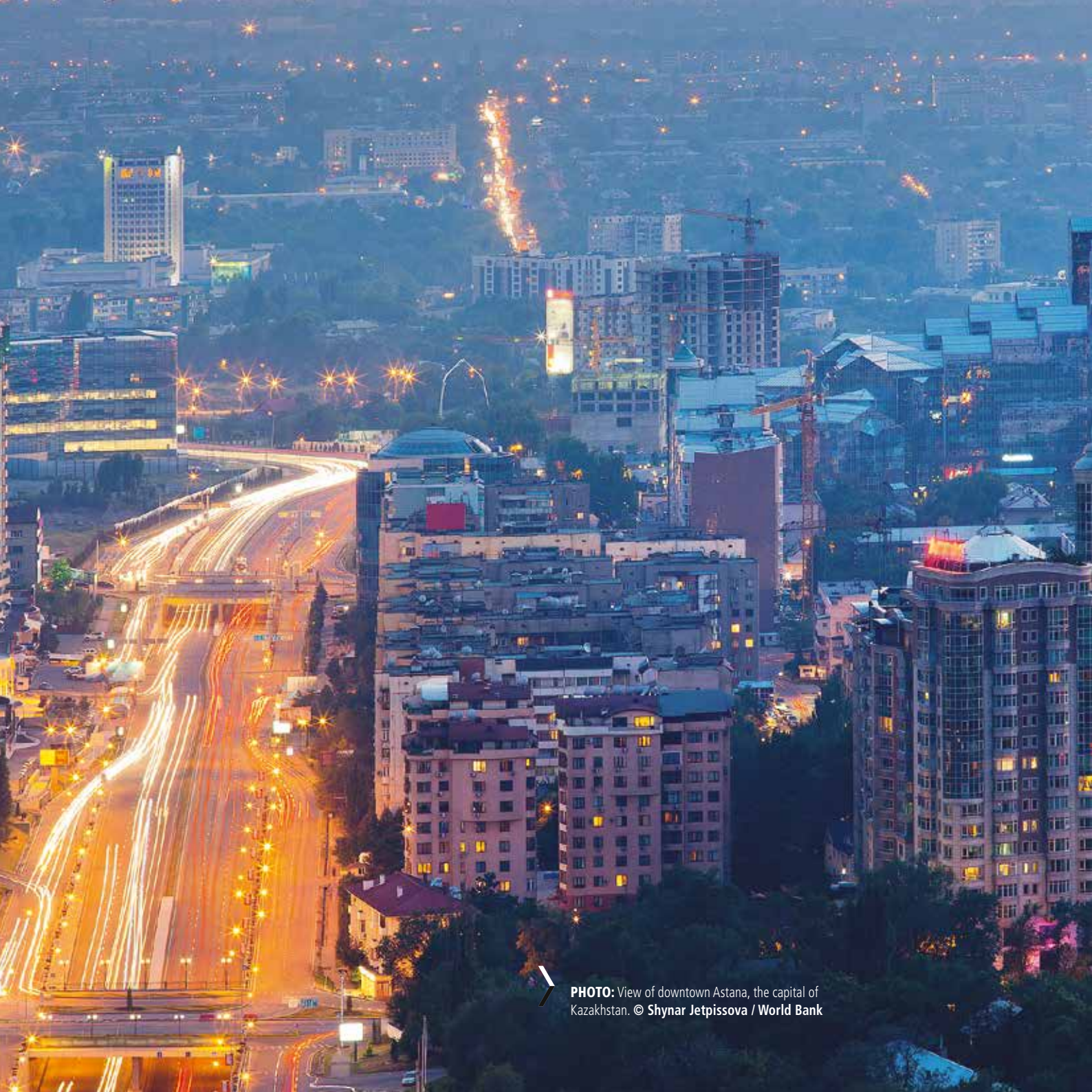


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