

# WHY NEW ZEALAND HAS LOW PRODUCTIVITY

## KEY FIGURES

\$30,179

NEW ZEALAND  
GDP PER CAPITA  
(NZD, 2009)

\$37,181

OECD  
AVERAGE

\$43,518

WHERE NZ COULD BE  
BASED ON BROAD POLICIES

## WHY THE PRODUCTIVITY GAP?

AND HOW IT COULD CLOSE

WEAK INTERNATIONAL  
CONNECTIONS

55%

GREATER PARTICIPATION  
IN GLOBAL  
VALUE CHAINS

UNDERINVESTMENT IN  
KNOWLEDGE,  
INNOVATION  
AND IDEAS

40%

INNOVATIVE,  
ADAPTABLE,  
WELL-RUN FIRMS

OTHER  
INCLUDING  
LOW SKILLS

5%

MORE  
HIGHLY-  
SKILLED  
WORKERS

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