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## These Are The 10 Fastest-Emerging Global Cities

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Cities in lower-income countries are rapidly catching up with the world's top business capitals, according to a new report.

Chicago-based consulting firm A.T. Kearney is predicting the next generation of global cities, based on the speed with which they are catching up to world capitals. The "[Emerging Cities Outlook](#)," released Monday, analyzed 34 cities in low- and middle-income countries, measuring development in business activity, innovation and ability to attract people to live there.

"As physical distances become less relevant and global competition intensifies, cities in low- and middle-income countries will increasingly jockey for position with one another and with cities in higher-income countries," Andres Mendoza Pena, a coauthor of the report, said in a [press statement](#).

The Emerging Cities Outlook is part of a wider report on the world's most globally-connected cities, measuring them by business activity, human capital, information exchange, cultural experience and political engagement. New York, London and Paris took the top spots.

Bloomberg notes that the top-tier cities have remained fairly static since the index started in 2008, making [Beijing's entry into the top 10](#) this year an indicator of the Chinese capital's remarkable rise. "As a whole cities are improving, so they all need to run to keep up," Mendoza Pena told the news agency.

**Take a look below for the report's top 10 emerging global cities, and find out which metropolis is the fastest-rising star.**

- 10. Kuala Lumpur





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Kuala Lumpur is positioned to most quickly catch up to the world's leading cities in terms of ease of doing business.

*A view of Malaysia's landmark Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur on March 27, 2010. (SAEED KHAN/AFP/Getty Images)*

- 9. Nairobi



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The Emerging Cities Outlook notes that fast-rising Nairobi is an important center of regional politics.

*A night view of Nairobi on March 15, 2012. (TONY KARUMBA/AFP/Getty Images)*

- 8. Mumbai



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The report says that outward-looking Mumbai is way ahead of other Asian cities in terms of business activity.

*Locals play in the sea at Chowpatty Beach in Mumbai, India on Nov. 23, 2012. (Gareth Copley/Getty Images)*

- 7. Bogota



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Bogota is progressing rapidly toward leading cities in human capital because of improvements in security and stability, respect for the environment and health care, the report says.

*A rainbow with city of Bogota, Colombia, in the background, July 27, 2013. (GUILLERMO LEGARIA/AFP/Getty Images)*

- 6. Rio de Janeiro



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Another Latin American city to make the top 10 emerging global cities was Brazil's Rio de Janeiro.

*View of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with Christ the Redeemer and Sugar Loaf in the background, Nov. 12, 2013. (Buda Mendes/Getty Images)*

- 5. New Delhi





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The report notes that Indian cities seem to be benefiting greatly from the country's booming global services industry.  
*A view of the Red Fort and Jama Mosque in New Delhi, India, Dec. 8, 2011. (AP Photo/Manish Swarup)*

- 4. Sao Paulo



Sao Paulo is already a strong global business player, and at its current rate of development it will rapidly catch up with the top cities



around the world, the report says.

*A view of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 16, 2013. (Friedemann Vogel/Getty Images)*

- 3. Addis Ababa



While the Ethiopian capital ranks fairly low on the report's innovation index, its rapid development since 2008 is propelling Addis Ababa forward as a global city, the authors say.

*The Merkato marketplace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 11, 2011. (AP Photo Elias Asmare)*

- 2. Manila





The Emerging Cities Outlook notes that while Manila is not yet a leading city for global business, sharp improvements in human capital indicators, like improved health care, make the Filipino capital a rising star.

*A view of the Makati City financial district in Manila, Philippines, May 8, 2013. (Dondi Tawatao/Getty Images)*

- 1. Jakarta



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Jakarta is laying the groundwork to become a leading global city, according to the report, which cites improvements in security, environmental protection and income equality.

*A view of old buildings at Kali Besar Timur, Kota Tua in Jakarta on Dec. 17, 2008. (ADEK BERRY/AFP/Getty Images)*

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