

Invest in Israel

Israel is not only the sole democracy in the Middle East; it is the only country in the region with sophisticated, western-style capital, financial and banking systems.

An Israeli pharmaceutical company, Teva, is the world's largest maker of antibiotics.

Israel's GDP is larger than that of all its neighbors combined.

Over 60 venture capital funds have invested more than \$10 billion in Israel since 1993.

*"Israel has a wealth of technology start-ups in various segments, with a high-level of technological innovation and product creativity."
- S. Caine, Director,
Strategic investments
Intel Capital, September 2003*

*"The Israeli economy is simply a reflection of the country's greatest natural resource- which is the brainpower and ingenuity of its citizens."
- Mike Zafirovski, COO
Motorola Inc., November 2003*

More than 120 Israeli companies trade their stock on US stock exchanges trailing only the U.S. and Canada.

The Israeli stock market has outperformed the Dow Jones Industrial Average since 1999. (Despite all the hardship that Israel has endured, the Tel Aviv stock exchange is up over 60%.)

Israel's combination of innovative R&D and entrepreneurial skills has produced one of the world's largest concentration of start-up enterprises (2,500+ in a country the size of New Jersey)

Israel has one of the world's most highly educated populations with 135 scientists and engineers, per 10,000 workers – more than any other developed nation.

Israelis hold more patents per capita than do citizens of any other nation.

Israel designed the most impenetrable airline security. US officials now look to Israel for advice.

*"Outside the U.S., we invest in only one other country. That's Israel."
- J. Nguyen,
Applied Materials Venture,
September 2003*

