

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.

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

In July 2006, Warren Buffett bought 80% of Iscar Ltd., which accounts for nearly 10% of Israel's export GDP. Iscar's founder is Stef Wertheimer, who for many years has been a big booster of Israel-Arab economic cooperation and coexistence. "The Arabs are marvelous people; it is good to work with them. Iscar's chief metallurgical manager is an Arab," says Wertheimer.

Israel combines its innovative research and development with its strong entrepreneurial skills to produce one of the largest centers in the world for start-up enterprises, with more than 2,500 start-up companies.

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

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.

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

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

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

Did you know?
According to industry officials, Israel designed the airline industry's most impenetrable flight security. US officials now look to Israel for advice on how to handle airborne security threats.

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



Azrieli Towers in Tel Aviv