Invest KOREA offers an ideal system and channel of communication for successful investments, providing information for foreign investors worldwide.
Convenience

Invest KOREA has the skill to understand many different businesses and has a vast array of advisors to help adapt each business to the Korean circumstances. It is an invaluable service committed to helping the foreign investors.

Customization

What sets Invest KOREA and the Office of the Foreign Investment Ombudsman above its peers is the proactive, customized support to foreign businesses, helping them overcome various obstacles in the course of doing business in Korea. They have been instrumental in solving some key issues for U.S. companies in Korea.

Connection

Invest KOREA always helps us identify the right connections for support with their professional consulting services. It also provides us opportunities to have meetings with relevant authorities and business partners to resolve difficulties with comprehensive consulting and services.
Invest KOREA offers 3 benefits through its One-Stop Service:

**Convenience**
- We make it easy and convenient to invest in Korea!
- Consulting
- Support for Administrative Affairs
- Red Carpet Service
- One-Stop Service
- Invest Korea Plaza

**Customization**
- We provide services tailored to meet your investment needs!
- Project Manager System
- Finding Investors
- Managing Investment Projects
- Support for Investment Projects
- Post-Investment Service

**Connection**
- We help you get connected and build a business network!
- Investor Relations Events
- Promotion of Korea’s Investment Environment
- Policy Research for Investment Promotion
- Foreign Investment Week
- Support for Investment Promotion Activities of Local Governments
- Support for Commercialization of Foreign Investment Promotion Projects
- Global Alliance Project Series
- Job Fair for Foreign-Invested Companies
- Corporate Social Responsibility
Overseas Organizations
Invest KOREA has 42 overseas Korea Business Centers in major industrial and financial hubs worldwide. These offices serve as a bridge between potential investors and KOTRA headquarters, promoting Korea’s investment environment abroad and providing information. They host investor-relations (IR) events and support investment promotion-related taskforces. The managers dispatched to the offices identify possible investment projects and communicate with headquarters to carry out projects.

Korea’s Investment Promotion System
Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy (Policymaking)
Foreign Investment Committee (Policy coordination)
Local governments ➔ KOTRA / IK (Policy implementation) ➔ Relevant agencies
Korea Business Centers ➔ Headquarters

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Invest KOREA (IK), Korea’s national investment promotion agency, was established as part of the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) to support the entry and establishment of foreign businesses in Korea. We provide comprehensive services for foreign businesses, including consultations, assistance with investment notification and corporate establishment, support for business activities in Korea and grievance resolution. Invest KOREA also holds various investment promotion activities abroad.

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**Services**

**Support for Investment Projects**

At the request of potential investors, Invest KOREA provides a variety of services, including investment feasibility studies, support finding investment partners and projects and customized market research.

**Consulting**

Invest KOREA provides consultations regarding investment procedures, laws, taxes and accounting. Our experts also provide assistance with day-to-day matters related to healthcare, education and accommodations.

**Online Consulting**

The Invest KOREA homepage (www.investkorea.org) provides specific and up-to-date information on investing in Korea.

**Project Manager System**

Invest KOREA designates project managers for investment projects to offer customized support. Project managers provide information at every step of the investment process, execute administrative services as a proxy and develop and run taskforces to resolve client grievances. They also arrange meetings with government agencies, organizations and investment partners during a prospective client’s visit to Korea.

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Support for Administrative Affairs

As of 2013, 18 officials from 13 organizations (10 government agencies, 2 local governments, 1 other relevant organization) have been seconded to Invest KOREA, providing one-stop administrative services related to foreign investment.

- Investment notification/arrival: Issuance of certificate of foreign investment and registration certificate of a foreign-invested company
- Establishment of foreign-invested company: Support for corporate registration, visa issuance and other services

* From January through September of 2013, 1,070 FDI-related issues were addressed by Invest KOREA, including those related to the confirmation of completion of in-kind investment, application for business registration, immigration-related services and registration of incorporation.

* From January through September 2013, 1,448 day-to-day services were provided to foreign investors, including consultations and one-day secretarial services.

Post-Investment Service  www.i-ombudsman.or.kr

The Office of the Foreign Investment Ombudsman and the Investment Aftercare Division help foreign-invested companies overcome obstacles in the course of doing business in Korea. Experts called Home Doctors are designated to provide one-on-one services for clients and rapidly identify and resolve problems.

* 5,314 grievances of foreign-invested companies have been resolved through the Home Doctor service from 1999 to September of 2013.
Services

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One-Stop Service

The one-stop service covers all services related to pre-investment consultation, investment execution and post-investment processes.

One-Stop Service Throughout the Investment Process

- **Pre-Investment Consultation**
  - Provision of information on investment environment
  - Consultation for investors
  - Consultation on incentives, laws, employment, land acquisition
  - On-site visits (at home and abroad)
  - Issuance of certificate of foreign investment
  - Issuance of registration certificate of foreign-invested company

- **Administrative Support**
  - Consultation on incentives, laws, employment, land acquisition
  - Establishment of foreign-invested company
  - Support for corporate registration
  - Various approvals
  - Visa issuance

- **Post-Investment Service**
  - Consultation on residential environment
  - Consultation on investment procedures/requirements, finding investors
  - Various approvals
  - Issuance of registration certificate of foreign-invested company
  - Support for issues related to visas, banking, medical care, education
  - Improvement of investment environment

Red Carpet Service for Foreign Investors

Potential foreign investors in Korea are provided with the following for a convenient stay.

- **Immigration-related services**
- **Transportation**
- **Arrangement of consultations and on-site visits (by designated PM)**
- **Designation of PM / Interpretation**
Main Activities
We connect you with a network of companies and agencies in Korea, and the information you need to succeed.

Finding Investors and Managing Investment Projects
Invest KOREA provides potential investors with information on Korea’s investment environment and opportunities. The investment promotion managers at our overseas branches and our project managers assist with investment projects with the support of government agencies and local governments until an investment is made.

Investor Relations (IR) Events
Invest KOREA hosts large-scale IR events including investment forums for a specific country or industry and dispatches taskforce teams to attract investment from target companies.

Promoting Korea’s Investment Environment
Invest KOREA promotes Korea’s appeal as an investment destination in a variety of ways. We distribute promotional brochures, host events at home and abroad and communicate with potential investors through our homepage and social media.

*Honorary Ambassador of Foreign Investment Promotion for Korea
To maximize the effectiveness of our promotional activities, Invest KOREA appoints well-known figures in the United States, Japan, China, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, India and Belgium who have a close network with companies in those countries as Honorary Ambassadors of Foreign Investment Promotion.

*Friends of Invest KOREA
Invest KOREA appoints foreign students in Korea as its supporters in a program called Friends of Invest KOREA. [35 students from 22 countries in 2013]
Main Activities

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Foreign Investment Policy Research

The Investment Information Team hosts investment forums and publishes investment reports. As a part of this team, the Foreign Investment Policy Center makes policy suggestions to the government regarding foreign investment.

Foreign Investment Week [FIW]

As Korea’s largest foreign investment attraction event, the annual FIW provides investors with opportunities to learn about Korea’s business environment, visit project sites and more.

Support for Investment Promotion Activities of Local Governments

Invest KOREA sends employees from local governments, free economic zones and relevant organizations to support investment promotion activities.

Support for Commercialization of Foreign Investment Promotion Projects

Invest KOREA selects effective investment promotion activities conducted by local governments or free economic zones to support their commercialization.*

*Commercialization:
Supporting the establishment of strategies and identification of targets through the analysis of circumstances and profitability of certain promotion activities.
Main Activities

We connect you with a network of companies and agencies in Korea, and the information you need to succeed.

Global Alliance Project Series (GAPS)

GAPS is a program that supports joint ventures, technology transfer and joint research and development projects between domestic and foreign companies.

Job Fair for Foreign-Invested Companies

Invest KOREA hosts an annual job fair for foreign-invested companies to help them find outstanding employees.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Invest KOREA takes its corporate social responsibility seriously, also engaging in joint volunteer activities with foreign-invested companies.
Between the opening of the Invest Korea Plaza in 2006 and September of 2013, 129 foreign-invested companies have benefited from its services and 111 have moved on from the facility and invested a total of USD 2.9 billion in Korea.

**Invest Korea Plaza (IKP)**

We help create an environment for success by providing convenient facilities and administrative services.

The IKP is Korea’s first business incubator for foreign investors. It is equipped with furnished offices and conference facilities, and experts here provide business consultations, administrative support and more.

Through the Investment Consulting Center (ICC), Invest KOREA has significantly expanded its range of services.

- The ICC provides support for the following in English and Japanese: Establishment of foreign-invested company, business registration, taxation consulting, visa issuance, purchase of health insurance, credit card issuance, etc.
- Officials from the National Tax Service, Korea Customs Service and Korea Immigration Service provide immediate assistance.

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**Invest KOREA’s Global Network**

**Korea Business Centers (42)**

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