Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): SOUTH KOREA

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$57.6 Billion
Total 2018 stock of FDI from South Korea to the United States
(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs
57,500
Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority South Korean-owned firms in 2017.

Investing in Innovative R&D
$1.3 billion
Value of research and development (R&D) spending by U.S. affiliates of majority South Korean-owned firms in 2017.

Expanding U.S. Exports
$22.9 billion

South Korean FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

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U.S. FDI in South Korea (in USD millions)

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TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS
By # of announced South Korean FDI projects in the USA

#1 Auto Components
#2 Industrial Equipment
#3 Consumer Electronics
#4 Software & IT Services
#5 Automotive OEM
#6 Electronic Components

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of December 04, 2019), FDI Markets (data from October 2009 - September 2019)

TERMINOLOGY - UBO: Ultimate Beneficial Owner; the entity at the top of an affiliate’s ownership chain.
Position/Stock: Snapshot of cumulative FDI taken at year end. Flow: FDI coming into a country over a period of time.

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