

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): MALAYSIA

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-\$485 Million

Total 2022 stock of FDI from
Malaysia
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

2,400

Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority Malaysian-owned firms in 2021.



Investing in Innovative R&D

\$18.1 billion

Value of research and development (R&D) spending by U.S. affiliates of majority Asian and Pacific-owned firms in 2021.*



Expanding U.S. Exports

\$22.0 million

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority Malaysian-owned firms operating in the United States in 2021.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of April 16, 2024), fDi Markets (data from March 2014 - February 2024)

*Regional data is used when market-specific data has been suppressed or has not met a certain threshold.

Malaysian FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Position (UBO)	\$2,824	\$1,307	\$342	-\$285	-\$485
Flow	\$448	-\$224	\$216	\$5	\$138

U.S. FDI in Malaysia (in USD millions)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Position	\$10,385	\$12,673	\$13,788	\$12,591	\$13,165
Flow	-\$674	\$237	\$968	\$1,009	\$1,214

TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Malaysian FDI projects in the USA

#1 Business Services

#2 Plastics

#3 Medical Devices

#4 Metals

#5 Food & Beverages

#6 Consumer Products

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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