

# SELECTUSA

## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): MALAYSIA

### What is SelectUSA?

SelectUSA is the U.S. government program to promote and facilitate business investment in the United States.

### How do we help?

We work with companies and U.S. economic development organizations to provide information, facilitate direct connections, and resolve questions regarding federal regulations. We also provide a promotional platform for U.S. state and local governments.

# -\$596 Million

Total 2023 stock of FDI from  
Malaysia  
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

## 3,200

Number of U.S. workers employed by  
U.S. affiliates of majority  
Malaysian-owned firms in 2022.



Investing in Innovative R&D

## \$18.2 billion

Value of research and development (R&D)  
spending by U.S. affiliates of majority  
Asian and Pacific-owned firms  
in 2022.\*



Expanding U.S. Exports

## \$25.0 million

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority  
Malaysian-owned firms  
operating in the United States in 2022.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of February 12, 2025), fDi Markets (data from January 2015 - December 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)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Position (UBO)	\$1,307	\$342	-\$286	-\$523	-\$596
Flow	-\$224	\$216	\$6	\$142	\$68

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Position	\$12,673	\$13,788	\$11,349	\$12,508	\$10,926
Flow	\$237	\$968	\$776	\$1,149	-\$1,447

### TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Malaysian FDI  
projects in the USA

- #1 Business Services
- #2 Plastics
- #3 Metals
- #4 Medical Devices
- #5 Minerals
- #6 Transportation

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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