Korea

Factsheet

UBS established a presence in Korea in 1989, becoming one of the first global investment banks in the market. Via its team of investment bankers based in Seoul, UBS offers financing, analysis, advisory, and market access to a full range of domestic and international corporates and investors.

UBS has a significant research base in Korea, with analysts covering almost 80 companies. UBS’s Korea team regularly tops global investor polls conducted by Institutional Investor, Asiamoney and Euromoney.

UBS fast facts

- UBS was ranked No. 1 in debt capital markets in the first half of 2018. ¹
- UBS was ranked No. 2 among foreign banks and No. 4 overall in M&A advisory in the first half of 2018. ¹

Our strengths

- With nearly three decades of experience in the Korean market, UBS has strong investment banking and research teams dedicated to serving local clients.

Our community

- We have supported the Ansan Global Children’s Choir which gives immigrant preschool children linguistic and cultural support.
- UBS works closely with the Lovely Snail non-profit program to provide rehabilitation and development for children with hearing disabilities.
- UBS employees have worked in conjunction with other financial institutions to make kimchi for social welfare facilities and low-income households.

Investing in Korea

Korea has the third-largest GDP in Asia, and the eleventh largest globally.

Population: 51 million
Population growth (2013-2017 average): 0.4%

GDP (nominal): USD 1.53 trillion
Real GDP growth (2013-2017 average): 3%
GDP per capita: USD 30,010

Major exports:
59.1% Machinery & transport equipment
12.5% Manufactured goods
12.3% Chemicals & related products

Major imports:
34% Machinery & transport equipment
23% Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials
10.6% Manufactured goods

(Figures from The Economist Intelligence Unit, as of 2017)

Our awards and achievements

- Best House South Korea (Structured Retail Products, 2017)
- Best IPO, Korea – Celltrion Healthcare IPO (The Asset, 2017)

¹ Yonhap News Infomax league tables (1H 2018)
Committed to Korea for almost 30 years.