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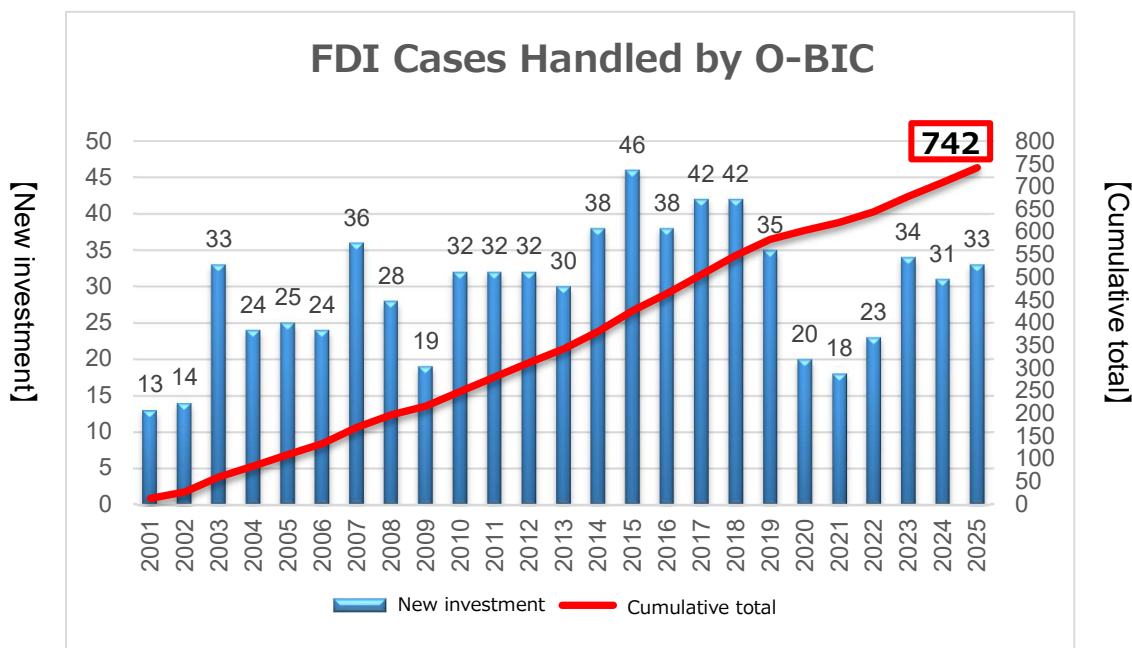
FY2025 Performance of Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC)

33 Companies and Organizations Expanded into Osaka; Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Served as a Catalyst

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In FY2025, O-BIC successfully attracted 33 foreign companies to Osaka Prefecture. While surpassing the 31 cases achieved in FY2024, the number of consultations reached 205. Taking Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan as an opportunity, many overseas companies expressed interest in Osaka as a base for expanding into the Japanese market.

In terms of market entry trends by country and region, entries from Asia accounted for approximately 67% of the total, while entries from Europe and North America also increased. In addition to 11 entries from China (including Hong Kong), 6 from South Korea, and 3 each from the United States and Canada, there has been a surge in new entries from countries such as Sweden, Spain, and Bulgaria.



Investment Trend in FY2025

The number of foreign companies attracted in FY2025 reached 33. While some companies have entered Osaka motivated by Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan there is also a trend of companies establishing offices as a base for opening up the Japanese market. Additionally, the number of consultations reached 205, maintaining a consistently high level compared to 151 in FY2022, 192 in FY2023, and 245 in FY2024.

By country and region, China (including Hong Kong) led with 11 entries, followed by South Korea with 6, and the United States and Canada with 3 each. Entries from the Asia region accounted for approximately 67% of the total in FY2025, up from 58% in the previous year. Also, entries from Europe and North America reached 9, increasing from 6 in FY2024.

Following Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan major projects are currently underway in the city, including the full opening of Grand Green Osaka in 2027 and Osaka Integrated Resort (IR), which is scheduled to open in 2030. Taking full advantage of the impact of these projects, O-BIC actively engaged in promotional activities in places like CES in the United States, Xiamen in China, and Taipei in Taiwan.

Since its establishment, O-BIC has attracted a total of 742 foreign investment cases over a 25-year period through FY2025. By country/region, China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, and the United States continued to rank as the top three, with 302 cases, 135 cases, and 57 cases, respectively.

While the latter half of the year saw the closing of Expo 2025, stricter requirements for obtaining business manager visas, and the impact of the political situation, the enhanced international presence brought about by Expo 2025 helped sustain continued interest among companies in expanding into Osaka.

■ Characteristics of Investments

In FY2025, three sectors—services (13 cases: 39%), wholesale and retail (imports) (12 cases: 36%), and wholesale and retail (exports) (6 cases: 18%)—accounted for 93% of all new business entries.

(1) Expansion of inbound tour, tourism, restaurant, and real estate-related businesses

A number of service businesses targeting foreign visitors have entered the market, including inbound tour operators, guesthouse and experience-based tour operators, and restaurants and live music venue operators. Not only travel and accommodation businesses, but businesses that combine “experience,” “entertainment,” and “food” are becoming increasingly prominent. Even after the closing of Expo 2025, the trend of continuing to capture inbound demand—with an eye toward the opening of Osaka IR and other projects—is holding steady.

(2) Entries of companies dealing with “consumer goods, e-commerce, and manufacturing” from Asia, mainly China and South Korea

Many companies, primarily from China and South Korea, have established a presence in Osaka, engaging in the import and sales and export of a wide range of consumer and industrial goods, including chemical products, textiles, cosmetics, packaging materials, metal parts, sporting goods, food, and Korean food ingredients. In addition, there are also companies that export Japanese products to China and other markets, as well as businesses that collaborate with Japanese manufacturing firms, such as those producing precision-machined parts.

(3) Concentration of IT and AI companies utilizing digital technology

Companies providing knowledge-intensive services in the IT, AI, and education fields have entered the market, including digital marketing utilizing VR/AR, software development and intellectual property licensing, global talent acquisition platforms using AI, and educational consulting. Businesses leveraging digital technology and those with advanced expertise are establishing offices in the area, leading to the growing concentration of IT, AI, and educational consulting firms in Osaka.

■ Major Entrants to the Osaka Market

Silvent Japan: Sweden

Business description: Manufacturer and developer of compressed air blowing products such as air nozzles, air knives, air blow guns, and silencers. Silvent products are used by major manufacturers and well-known brands such as General Motors, Volvo, and Toyota and are used in over 95 countries worldwide. Following the termination of the contract with its Japanese distributor, the company

established a sales office in Osaka, where it has many major clients, with the aim of expanding its reach and improving customer service.

Support by O-BIC: Referrals to experts for corporate registration and introductions to office space

HO SONG ENTERPRISE CO., LTD. JP OFFICE: Taiwan

Business description: Manufacturer of precision machinery parts. The company provides services to top companies in key industries such as semiconductors, aerospace, medical, and industrial equipment. Having two production bases, one in Taiwan and the other in Vietnam, it offers a wide range of services, including turning, milling, wire cutting, polishing, and cleaning and assembly in cleanroom environments. Aiming to enhance services for its Japanese clients, the company has established a base in Osaka.

Support by O-BIC: Referrals to experts for corporate registration and visa applications

Caissa Japan: China (Hong Kong)

Business description: Operation of chess clubs and schools. By planning and organizing chess tournaments and camps, Caissa Japan promotes chess and is expanding its business. The company has hired a chess instructor who is active in Osaka and established a base in the city. It is expanding its activities by organizing events, such as hosting the Kansai Inter-School Chess Tournament.

Support by O-BIC: Referrals to experts for corporate registration and introductions to office space

Raptor AI Co., Ltd.: United Arab Emirates and India

Business description: Planning, development, and operation of a global talent recruitment platform powered by AI. The company builds and provides the compliance infrastructure essential for recruiting specified skilled workers, significantly reducing the time and costs associated with complex procedures. Young people from India, Japan, and the United Arab Emirates, who met at Expo 2025, started a company in Osaka with the goal of “solving Japan’s labor shortage problem using AI and robots.”

Support by O-BIC: Referrals to experts for corporate registration and visa applications, introductions to office space

Tamil Nadu Japan Desk Office: India

Business description: Tamil Nadu Japan Desk was established in Osaka with the aim of strengthening economic and human resource exchanges between Osaka and Tamil Nadu, as well as facilitating investment in Tamil Nadu. The desk provides support for business expansion and investment, business matching, and human resource exchanges between Osaka Prefecture and the Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Support by O-BIC: Introductions to office space

- Overview of O-BIC and its activities in FY2025 -

■ About O-BIC

The Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) was established in 2001 jointly by the Osaka Prefectural Government, the Osaka Municipal Government, and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) as a one-stop support hub to promote foreign direct investment in Osaka. (Secretariat: International Division, OCCI)

■ Overview of O-BIC's Activities in FY2025

- By planning and participating in 53 events both in Japan and overseas, O-BIC promoted the attractiveness of Osaka's investment environment and its own services while also leveraging social media.
- In addition to accompanying Osaka City's top officials on a promotional tour and presenting proposals for collaboration with local organizations in Manchester, UK, O-BIC conducted promotional activities such as setting up Osaka PR booths and giving presentations in Las Vegas and Chicago, USA; Xiamen, China; Taipei, Taiwan; and Busan, South Korea.
- O-BIC hosted the Global Innovation Forum with the aim of attracting overseas startups and supported their entry into Osaka through business matching.
- To strengthen ties with consulates general and consulates in the Kansai region, O-BIC implemented the Kansai International Exchange Project, promoting the abundant business opportunities in Osaka.
- To ensure that Osaka can be utilized as a venue for showcasing products and services from various countries even post-Expo 2025, O-BIC held an Osaka Online Tour to introduce pop-up spaces available for use by overseas companies and organizations.
- O-BIC proactively promoted investment in Osaka and carried out promotional activities in cooperation with the Osaka International Business Promotion Center (IBPC Osaka), JETRO Osaka, the Osaka Business Development Agency, and other Osaka-based organizations.

<Further Reading>

- (1) List of investments handled by O-BIC in FY2025
- (2) Matrix of investments handled by O-BIC in FY2025
- (3) Investment Cases Handled by O-BIC (FY2001–FY2025, 25-Year Total)

O-BIC Activity Results

Fiscal Year	Consults.	Companies Established	Support Program Users*
2001	300	13	-
2002	273	14	-
2003	164	33	-
2004	141	24	-
2005	158	25	-
2006	175	24	-
2007	139	36	-
2008	117	28	11
2009	137	19	12
2010	101	32	18
2011	123	32	15
2012	94	32	13
2013	97	30	14
2014	113	38	25
2015	137	46	23
2016	118	38	24
2017	135	42	23
2018	167	42	23
2019	193	35	16
2020	176	20	9
2021	115	18	13
2022	151	23	11
2023	192	34	11
2024	245	31	11
2025	205	33	14
Total	3966	742	286

*Support Program:
An incentive program offered by O-BIC to encourage investment in Osaka by reducing costs associated with registration and other related procedures (Up to ¥100,000)

企業名		国・地域	業種 (O-BIC分類)	事業内容 (進出目的)
1	アトムメッシュ株式会社	中国	卸売・小売（輸出）	日本製化学製品・繊維製品の中国への輸出版売
2	（非公開）	中国	研究開発	日本で新エネルギー事業拡大を目的として情報収集
3	安友ArTech Consulting合同会社	中国	サービス	VR/ARを駆使したデジタルマーケティングコンサルティング
4	金石工業株式会社	中国	卸売・小売（輸入）	包装材の企画・開発・生産及び輸入販売
5	株式会社川藤商貿	中国	卸売・小売（輸入）	自社紡織品・服飾雑貨の輸入販売と日本製品の輸出
6	株式会社錦澤梧楼太丸工房	中国	卸売・小売（輸入）	金属部品製品の輸入販売及び日本市場開拓
7	日富メタプロ株式会社	中国	卸売・小売（輸入）	金属加工製品・材料・金型・治具の輸出入と顧客サービス
8	銘華株式会社	中国	卸売・小売（輸出）	日本製品の輸出版売
9	YK COMPANY合同会社	中国	サービス	韓国・中国・日本の要素を取り入れた飲食事業
10	（非公開）	中国	卸売・小売（輸出）	化粧品の輸出入販売
11	Caissa Japan 合同会社	中国（香港）	サービス	チェス教室・大会運営を通じて日本でのチェス普及活動
12	株式会社OUTIN FUTURES JAPAN	韓国	卸売・小売（輸入）	韓国本社化粧品の委託販売、EC委託運営等
13	合同会社We FAN GOLD	韓国	卸売・小売（輸入）	野球用品の輸出入販売及びスポーツ選手マネジメント
14	OMOROBOT株式会社	韓国	卸売・小売（輸入）	移動・運搬用などのロボット及びロボット用制御ソフトウェア・機器の研究開発・製造・加工・顧客サービス
15	合同会社KS International	韓国	卸売・小売（輸出）	釣り具の輸出版売
16	株式会社飛上	韓国	サービス	韓国レストラン運営。将来的に韓国料理のレトルト食品の輸入販売も視野に入れる
17	合同会社YJ	韓国	卸売・小売（輸入）	韓国食材の輸入卸売業
18	Absinthe Wormwood合同会社	カナダ	サービス	飲食及びライブハウス運営
19	ニューアヴァロン株式会社	カナダ	サービス	音楽メディアプロダクション 音楽スタジオ及びライブハウスの経営管理
20	Bremner Fruits合同会社	カナダ	卸売・小売（輸入）	カナダのプレミアムフルーツジュースの輸入販売
21	株式会社Aloha Card Shop Japan	米国	卸売・小売（輸入）	トレーディングカードおよびコレクターズアイテムの小売およびサービス事業。商品販売、グレーディング代行、イベント企画運営などを含む
22	美風合同会社	米国	サービス	業務プロセス、組織運営、情報活用及びDX推進に関する設計改善・導入定着支援並びに生産性向上支援に関するコンサルティング
23	Yokai Wanderers合同会社	米国	サービス	ブティック型インバウンドツアーガイド大阪各地での没入型体験を提供するツアーのオーダーメイド
24	合同会社寛達商事	台湾	卸売・小売（輸出）	日本食材の輸出版売
25	HO SONG JP株式会社	台湾	卸売・小売（輸入）	台湾拠点のCNC精密機械加工製造会社 技術サポート・カスタマーサービス及び営業活動
26	ITOBO株式会社	アラブ首長国連邦	卸売・小売（輸出）	繊維の輸入・加工・輸出
27	インド共和国タミルナドゥ州日本事務所	インド	公的機関	日本企業・タミルナドゥ州企業の進出・投資支援 日本の各自治体と州政府の関係強化・人的交流促進
28	（非公開）	インドネシア	サービス	日本語学校及び専門学校への学生紹介 対日不動産投資支援
29	（非公開）	シンガポール	サービス	教育機関向け教育コンサルティング・カリキュラム開発・教材開発・販売
30	シルベントジャパン合同会社	スウェーデン	卸売・小売（輸入）	エアブローガン、エアナイフ、エアノズル、サイレンサーの輸入販売
31	合同会社和光サポート	スペイン	サービス	ゲストハウス運営管理及び観光体験サービス運営管理
32	エバライン合同会社	ブルガリア	サービス	ソフトウェア開発販売・知的財産ライセンス供与
33	Raptor AI 株式会社	アラブ首長国連邦 インド	サービス	AIとグローバル人材ネットワークを活用し、企画、開発、運用、人材採用、マーケティングをエンドツーエンドで実施し、12週間で日本のビジネスを海外顧客向けに拡大展開

Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC)
Matrix of Investment Cases in FY2025
 (April, 2025 – March, 2026)

Cases of New Entry: 33

Note: Figures in brackets indicate the previous year's results.

Country/Region		Industry	Manu- facturing	R&D	Wholesale and Retail (Export)	Wholesale and Retail (Import)	Finance and Insurance	Trans- portation	Informatio n and Comms.	Service	Public Agencies/ Orgs.	TOTAL
Asia	China (incl.HK)	(1)	1	3 (2)	4 (5)					3 (1)		11 (9)
	Korea	(1)		1 (2)	4 (2)					1		6 (5)
	Taiwan			1	1							2
	India										1	1
	Indonesia									1		1
	Singapore									1 (2)		1 (2)
	Myanmar									(1)		(1)
	HK/Singapore									(1)		(1)
	Asia/Total	(2)	1	5 (4)	9 (7)					6 (5)	1	22 (18)
North America	Canada				1					2		3
	USA				1					2 (3)		3 (3)
	N.A./Total				2					4 (3)		6 (3)
Middle East	UAE			1						(1)		1 (1)
	UAE/India									1		1
	Turkey			(1)								(1)
	M.E./Total			1 (1)						1 (1)		2 (2)
Europe	Sweden				1							1
	Spain									1		1
	Bulgaria									1		1
	UK									(1)		(1)
	Switzerland									(1)		(1)
	Hungary										(1)	(1)
	Europe/Total				1					2 (2)	(1)	3 (3)
Oceania	Australia									(2)		(2)
	Newziland									(1)		(1)
	Oceania/Total									(3)		(3)
Africa	Cote d'Ivoire									(1)		(1)
	Burundi				(1)							(1)
	Africa/Total				(1)					(1)		(2)
Total		(2)	1	6 (5)	12 (8)					13 (15)	1 (1)	33 (31)

Investment Cases Handled by O-BIC FY2001-FY2025

(April 2001 - March 2026)

Country Region	Industry	Manu- facturing	R&D	Wholesale and Retail (Export)	Wholesale and Retail (Import)	Finance and Insurance	Trans- portation	Information and Comms.	Service	Public Agencies/ Orgs.	Others	Total
Asia												
China		8	7	58	89	3	16	12	57	17		267
Korea		3	1	19	56	2	2	9	39	4		135
Taiwan			2	4	22	1		3	8			40
Hong Kong		4		10	12			3	6			35
Singapore		2			6		2	2	10			22
India					5			6	4	1		16
Thai				1	1				5			7
Vietnam					1			1	4	1		7
Indonesia				1	1	1	1		1			5
Myanmar					1			1	2			4
Mongolia				1	1					2		4
HK/Singapore									2			2
Malaysia							1		1			2
Cambodia								1				1
Sri Lanka					1							1
Pakistan										1		1
Philippines				1								1
Asia/Total		17	10	95	196	7	22	38	139	26		550
Oceania												
Australia		1			3			3	6			13
New Zealand					1			1	1			3
Oceania/Total		1			4			4	7			16
North America												
USA		2	2	3	21			4	24	1		57
Canada					4	1		1	6	1		13
North America/Total		2	2	3	25	1		5	30	2		70
South America												
Chile									1			1
South America/Total									1			1
Europe												
UK			1		4	2		3	12		1	23
Germany		2	1		7		1		5			16
France		1	1		5	3		1	2			13
Switzerland					5				2			7
Italy					2			1	1	2		6
Spain					3			1	1			5
Sweden		1			2							3
Denmark					3							3
Netherlands					1				1			2
The Czech Republic					1			1				2
Norway					1			1				2
Belgium					1	1						2
Portugal					2							2
Ireland								1				1
Slovakia										1		1
Hungary										1		1
Finland					1							1
Bulgaria									1			1
Poland										1		1
Malta						1						1
Russia					1							1
Europe/Total		4	3		39	7	1	9	25	5	1	94
Middle East												
United Arab Emirates				1					3			4
Israel								1		1		2
Turkey				1								1
UAE/ India									1			1
Middle East/Total				2				1	4	1		8
Africa												
Cote d'Ivoire				1					1			2
Burundi					1							1
Africa/Total				1	1				1			3
Total		24	15	101	265	15	23	57	207	34	1	742