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Karnataka, India

Market summary



The Vidhana Soudha in Bangalore - the seat of the state legislature of the state of Karnataka

Introduction

Karnataka is India's ninth largest state by population and the sixth largest domestic economy. The state is a leading manufacturing hub and home to major public sector enterprises in aeronautics, precision engineering, telecommunications, space research, health and pharma and software development.

Karnataka is the IT powerhouse of India, with over 2500 IT companies, around 100 R&D centres, 700 MNCs and more than 80 Fortune 500 companies.

Quick facts

- Area: 1,91,791 sq. kms
- Population: 62 million
- State GDP: US\$ 73.98 billion

Major cities

- Bangalore : The IT capital of India, Bangalore is home the fourth largest technology cluster and the largest bio-cluster in the world.
- Mysore: The 2nd largest city in Karnataka, Key sectors in Mysore include IT, R&D, Electronics and engineering and Agro/Food processing
- Mangalore: Major port on the west coast of India. Major industries include petrochemicals, manufacturing and mining

Karnataka – Key industry facts

- Karnataka has strengths in a wide range of sectors and industries such as IT and ESDM, biotech and pharma, aerospace, engineering, automotive, telecom, chemicals and petrochemicals, textile and apparel, agri-business, food processing, gems and jewellery and science and technology.
- Attracts an average of one multi-national foreign direct investment into the state every week.
- Home to India's Aerospace and Defence R&D institutions
- The 'biotech capital' of India, accounting for 60% of India's biotech companies
- Karnataka contributes the largest number of doctors, engineers and medical technicians in India.
- Home to 50 per cent of India's machine tools industry
- Sole producer of fesiites and leading producer of iron ore in India

Australia - Karnataka business relationships

- Bangalore is the first point of entry for Australian food and beverage products in India
- Australian aerospace technology of Gipps Aero was a key contributor to the development of India's first civil transport aircraft, developed jointly by Bangalore headquartered HAL and Mahindra Aerospace
- 80 per cent of Indian IT investment in Australia originates from Bangalore

Australian companies doing business in Karnataka

Key Australian exporters

- ANZ Operations & Technology Pvt Ltd – Banking and Finance technology
- Ferra Engineering - Aerospace
- Cablex - Aerospace and Defence
- LJ Hooker - Real Estate
- MiiHome - Construction
- Unibic - F&B
- Attra Infotech - IT
- Banktech - IT
- Gloria Jeans - F&B
- Langoor Pty Ltd - IT

Key Investment from Karnataka in Australia

- Infosys – IT
- WIPRO - IT
- Strides Acrolabs – Biotech & Pharma
- Avasarala Group - Healthcare
- Mindtree consulting - IT
- Firepro Systems - Protection & Security

Key Australian education and research activities

- The State Government of Victoria, Australia, in collaboration with the Asia Education Foundation has a Sister School Partnership Program in Bangalore
- Bangalore based ABB India and Australia collaboration with RMIT University to set up Australia-India Research Centre for Automation Software Engineering (AICAUSE).

Major industry opportunities for Australia

- Innovation – nanotech, aerospace and defence, ICT, healthcare, clean energy
- Aerospace and defence – surveillance systems, MRO, airport infrastructure and security
- F&B – Honey, food processing, dairy technology and horticulture
- Healthcare / Life sciences - R&D, hospital infrastructure, medical diagnostic technology and medical equipment
- Education, training and skill development
- Infrastructure – Green buildings, roads, airports
- Clean energy - Solar, mini-hydel, wind, river rejuvenation, waste management, etc

Further information

- IBEF - <http://www.ibef.org/states/karnataka.aspx>
- Advantage Karnataka <http://advantagekarnataka.com/>
- Govt of Karnataka - www.karunadu.gov.in

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