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Israel Climbs to Eighth in UK Investment Rankings

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Israel has moved into the top eight European nations for foreign direct investment (FDI) projects in the United Kingdom on a per capita basis, according to the latest *Inward Investment Results Report* from the Department for Business and Trade (DBT).

Between 2024 and 2025, nineteen Israeli companies either launched new operations or expanded existing ones in the UK. This activity has pushed Israel up from 10th to 8th place in the per capita European rankings. The projects are expected to create around 866 jobs over the next three years, spanning sectors such as urban technology, healthcare, automotive, and financial technology.

Simon Walters, the British Ambassador to Israel, said:

“Israel’s advancement to eighth place among European countries for business presence in the UK is a clear reflection of the important economic ties between our nations. This progress highlights the strength of our partnership and the UK’s enduring commitment to fostering innovation and growth.”

While Israel sits 8th per capita, it ranks 11th among all European countries on a total project basis, regardless of population size. Ireland, Sweden, and Denmark lead the per capita rankings, followed by Switzerland, the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Israel, Austria, and Belgium.

This improvement in Israel’s position comes as the UK advances its modernised Industrial Strategy, a ten-year framework designed to enhance investment, infrastructure, and innovation in eight priority sectors:

These sectors overlap significantly with areas where Israeli companies have an established international reputation for innovation.

The increase in Israeli-led investment underscores the deepening of bilateral economic cooperation, with technology transfer, research collaboration, and sector-specific partnerships expected to drive further growth. Officials on both sides view this momentum as an opportunity to strengthen not only commercial but also long-term strategic ties between London and Tel Aviv.

This trend, marked by the creation of nearly 900 jobs and new partnerships across multiple industries, highlights the UK’s position as a premier destination for high-value investment in Europe and underscores Israel’s growing importance as a key economic partner in the region.