

The U.S.-Australia Strategic Innovation Alliance

Key Australian Companies Invested in the United States

Overview

In 2025, Australian companies maintain a substantial and growing presence in the United States, with investments spanning infrastructure, property, resources, technology, and financial services. Australia ranks among the top 10 foreign investors in the United States, with direct investment stock exceeding \$560 billion.¹ These investments support thousands of U.S. jobs, contribute to American infrastructure and innovation, and reflect the global ambitions of Australia's leading firms and institutional investors.

Major Investors and Sectoral Breakdown

Infrastructure and Utilities

Macquarie Group

Macquarie is the largest Australian investor in the United States, with over \$200 billion USD in North American assets under management as of 2025.² Through its infrastructure funds, Macquarie owns and operates airports, toll roads, utilities, and renewable energy assets across more than 40 U.S. states. Notable holdings include stakes in the Chicago Skyway, Dulles Greenway, and several major U.S. wind and solar farms.

IFM Investors

Owned by a consortium of Australian superannuation funds, IFM Investors manages more than \$60 billion USD in North American infrastructure. Its U.S. portfolio includes investments in Indiana Toll Road, Colonial Pipeline, and major airports such as Los Angeles and Denver International.³

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics, "Foreign Investment in Australia: 2025 Update," March 2025.

² Macquarie Group, "Annual Report 2025," May 2025.

³ IFM Investors, "Global Infrastructure Portfolio," April 2025.

Property and Real Estate

Lendlease

Lendlease is a leading global property and infrastructure group with a U.S. project pipeline valued at over \$15 billion USD.⁴ The company is active in urban regeneration, residential and commercial development, and military housing, with major projects in New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Lendlease also partners with the United States Department of Defense on privatized military housing and community development.

Goodman Group

Goodman is a major investor in U.S. industrial and logistics real estate, with a portfolio of warehouses and distribution centers supporting e-commerce and supply chain operations.

Technology and Digital Services

Atlassian

Atlassian, an Australian-founded software company, has significant U.S. operations, including its headquarters in San Francisco and major R&D centers in Austin and Mountain View. The company continues to expand its U.S. workforce, with more than 2,500 employees in the United States as of 2025.⁵ Atlassian's cloud-based collaboration tools are widely adopted by U.S. enterprises and government agencies.

Canva

Canva, a Sydney-based design platform, has rapidly grown its U.S. presence, serving over 20 million U.S. users and employing more than 1,000 staff in North America. The company's U.S. operations focus on enterprise sales, customer support, and product development.

⁴ Lendlease, "Global Projects Portfolio 2025," March 2025.

⁵ Atlassian, "Annual Report 2025," May 2025.

Financial Services

AMP Capital

AMP Capital has invested billions of dollars in U.S. infrastructure, real estate, and private equity, with a focus on energy, transportation, and logistics assets.

QIC (Queensland Investment Corporation)

QIC is another major institutional investor, holding stakes in U.S. shopping centers, toll roads, and logistics assets.

Resources and Energy

BHP and Rio Tinto

Both companies operate significant mining and processing assets in the United States, particularly in copper, potash, and industrial minerals. BHP's U.S. investments include the Jansen potash project in Canada (with U.S. market focus) and copper operations in Arizona.

Woodside Energy

Woodside has invested in U.S. LNG export projects and is involved in joint ventures for oil and gas exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico.

Investment Levels and Economic Impact

- **Aggregate Australian direct investment in the United States:** Over \$560 billion as of 2025.⁶
- **Infrastructure and utilities:** Macquarie and IFM Investors together manage more than \$260 billion USD in U.S. assets.
- **Property and real estate:** Lendlease's U.S. project pipeline exceeds \$15 billion USD; Goodman Group's U.S. portfolio is valued at several billion USD.
- **Technology:** Atlassian and Canva are among the most prominent Australian tech employers and exporters in the United States.

⁶ Australian Bureau of Statistics, "Foreign Investment in Australia: 2025 Update," March 2025.

- **Resources and energy:** BHP, Rio Tinto, and Woodside have invested billions in U.S. mining, energy, and LNG projects.