



2026 - 2027

THE FRENCH ECONOMIC FOOTPRINT IN TAIWAN

With an 8.8% growth in 2025, the Taiwanese economy is among the best performing in the world thanks to a very strong global demand for artificial intelligence infrastructures and advanced semiconductors. The following study aims to highlight the contribution of French companies to the economic growth of the island as well as France’s diverse economic footprint in Taiwan.

Based on data collected by the French office in Taipei via an online survey between February 12th and March 17th 2026 (79 responses), this study was carried out in collaboration with the French Chamber Taiwan, the French Tech Taiwan and the Committee of Foreign Trade Advisors of France. The term “French company” is used in this report to refer to subsidiaries of a French group (53% of respondents), representative offices of a French entity (34% of respondents) and subsidiaries of a French entity of an international group (13% of respondents).

In total, more than 200 French companies are established in Taiwan, creating around 25,000 jobs. The study demonstrates that Taiwan is a key partner for France and an increasingly attractive market, with one-third of French companies currently operating in Taiwan having entered the market since 2020. France is one of the leading European investors in Taiwan, with a stock of \$1.7 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI).

This study testifies to the diversity of the ties between France and Taiwan, and it demonstrates the optimism of the French companies regarding their future in the Taiwanese market. French companies bring to Taiwan a unique set of expertise across a wide range of fields, including in engineering, finance, energy, logistics, creative industries and consulting. The complementarity of our expertise in cutting-edge niche markets with Taiwan’s rich industrial fabric should support the emergence and the increase of partnerships in various fields, from traditional industries to frontier technologies.

Frédéric Laplanche

Director of the French office in Taipei

KEY TAKE-AWAYS

01 FRENCH COMPANIES IN TAIWAN

- A strong footprint and long-established presence with a total of **USD 1.7bn** investment and **25,000 jobs** created.
- A recent, significant upward trend: **1/3rd** of the 200 French companies present in Taiwan today have been set-up after 2020.
- Confident about the future: **79% of French companies** are optimistic about their growth in Taiwan over the next 3 years.
(survey Team France Taiwan, March 2026).

02 STRONG GROWTH IN FRANCE-TAIWAN TRADE

+10% avg / yr · 2021–25
Taiwan → France exports, reaching **€4.2bn** in 2025.
Computers, electronics & optics = 55%.

+15% avg / yr · 2021–25
France → Taiwan exports, reaching **€3.3bn** in 2025.
Transport equipment doubled (aeronautics).

03 SURGE IN TAIWANESE INVESTMENT IN FRANCE



- Announced projects now total €7.5bn.
- France is Europe’s #1 FDI destination for 7 years running — rated most attractive in Europe by 38% of world business leaders.

RECENT FLAGSHIP JOINT INVESTMENT IN FRANCE

- 2023** | **ProLogium** — Solid-state battery manufacturing
- 2025** | **Foxconn, Thales & Radiall** — Advanced semiconductor assembly and test.
- 2026** | **Foxconn & Bull** — AI and cloud infrastructure manufacturing

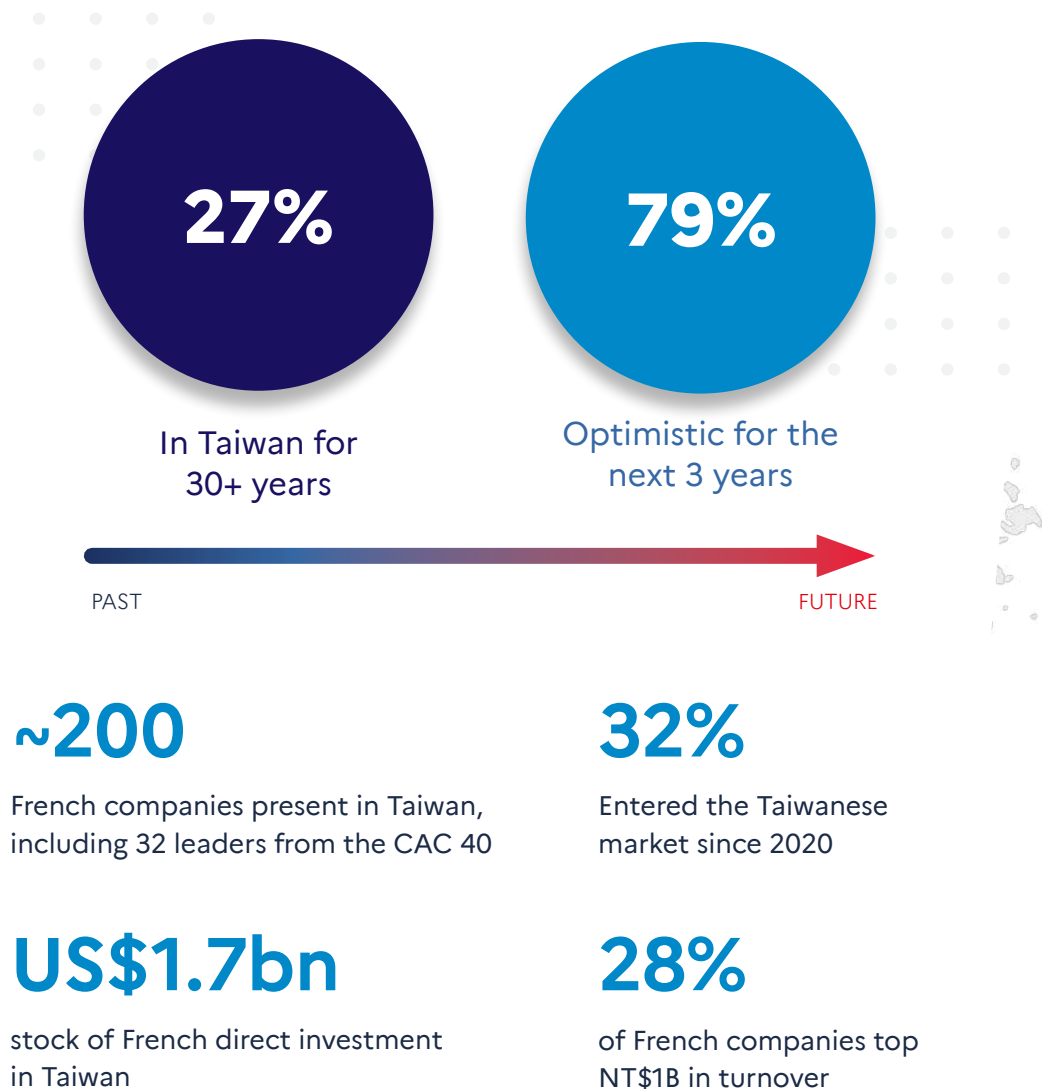
04 NEW VECTORS FOR PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN INNOVATION & BUSINESS ECOSYSTEMS IN FRANCE & TAIWAN

- €50M** venture-capital fund jointly established by Taiwan’s ITIC and Bpifrance : semiconductors, AI and deeptech.
- Yearly Bpifrance × MOEA call for joint R&D — space, smart tech & manufacturing, materials & biotech, green energy.
- Taiwanese capital in French innovation — **Quanta** (€25M in quantum start-up Pasqal) and **Cathay Venture** (CPU designer SiPearl).

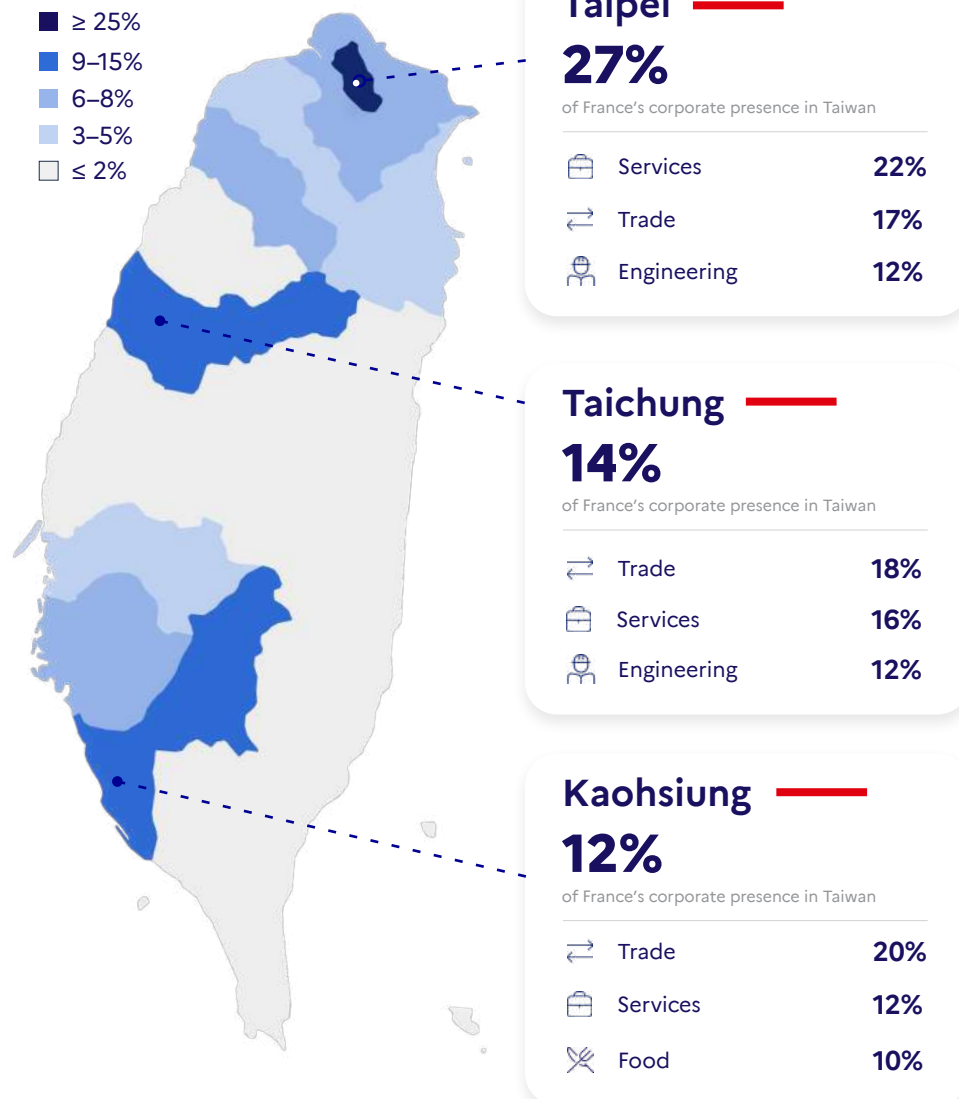
“TEAM FRANCE TAIWAN” AT THE SERVICE OF ALL PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS

A combined force of French government and private-sector players in Taiwan, eager to support your business and growth opportunities.

01 GENERAL OVERVIEW



FRENCH COMPANIES ACROSS TAIWAN

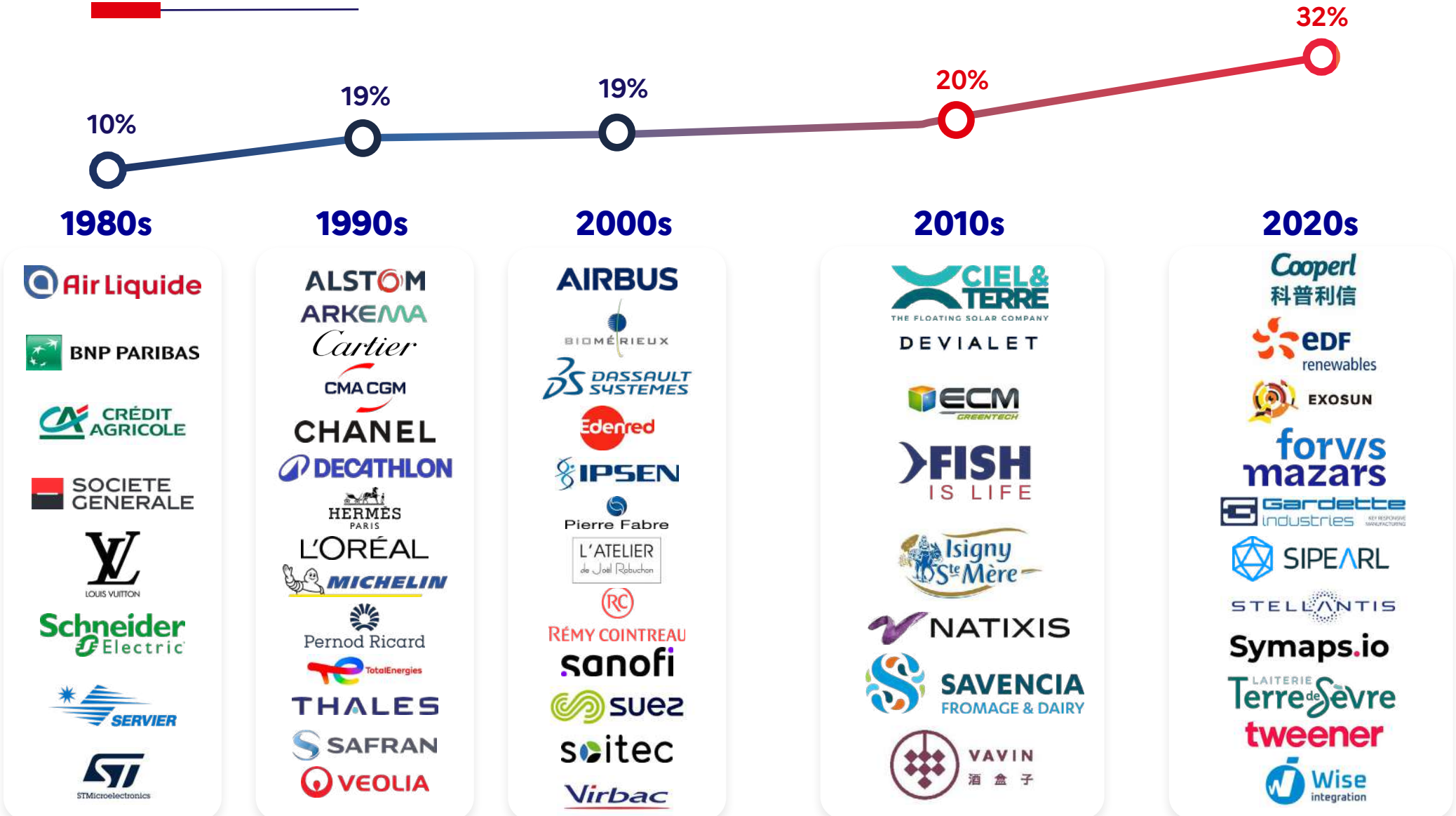


02 FRENCH ROOTS, TAIWANESE GROUND

A presence over the long-term

DID YOU KNOW?

A surge of new arrivals: Around 30% of the French companies arrived in Taiwan between 2020 and 2026.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS OVER TIME

From founding industrial joint ventures to today's deeptech alliances - each line links a **French** partner to its **Taiwanese** counterpart, 1987 -> 2026.

Industrial Joint Ventures

1987

Air Liquide

Far Eastern Group

Industrial gases · ALFE

1992

Veolia Env. Services

Taiwan Cement

Environmental services · Onyx Ta-HO

DeepTech Acceleration

2025

SiPearl

Cathay Ventures

Venture capital

2025

Scintil Photonics

ITIC

Photonics investment

2025 - 27

Bpifrance

Ministry of Economic Affairs

DeepTech joint calls for projets

2026

Pasqal

Quanta

Quantum computing

2026

CEA

PSMC

Semiconductors & AI

2026

Bpifrance

ITIC

Semiconductors · AI · DeepTech fund

2026

Adbio

National Development Fund

Biotech Fund

FLOURISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN MANY SECTORS

The French presence in Taiwan reflects France's diverse strengths and economy, which are highly complementary to Taiwan's. The most well-represented sectors of activity are **trade and distribution (12.5%)**, **information and communication technology (11.6%)**, and **agriculture and food (10.7%)**.

NO. 1

12.5%

Trade &
Distribution

NO. 2

11.6%

Electronics
& ICT

NO. 3

10.7%

Agriculture &
Food processing

04	Engineering, Steel & Defense		9.8%
05	Energy, Mines & Chemicals		8.0%
06	Health, Pharmacy & Life sciences		7.1%
07	Fashion & Beauty		7.1%
08	Leisure activities & Culture		5.4%
09	Construction		3.6%
10	Environment & Habitat		1.8%

AN EXAMPLE OF... RAIL & SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

ALSTOM



Photo : Alstom

Shaping Taiwan's journey towards smarter, more sustainable mobility.

For more than four decades, Alstom has helped move Taiwan forward — from Taipei, Taichung to Kaohsiung delivering the signalling, rolling stock, services and integrated systems that will drive the island's next era of public transport.

Its global workforce brings together talent from 184 nationalities, committed to equal opportunity and to success driven by performance, potential and competency.

40+

years in Taiwan

80,000

Employees worldwide

03 CREATING VALUE

A diverse contribution to Taiwan's economy and society

What are your company's main contributions to Taiwan's economy and society?

Provide leading expertise, goods, & services

Stimulate innovation, research & new ideas

Support regional development / local communities

Infrastructure

Create high skilled, quality jobs

Workplace diversity & inclusion

Create new business relationships

Promote sustainable business practices

AN EXAMPLE OF... SPORT RETAIL & SUSTAINABLE SOURCING



Photo : Decathlon

Taiwan is where sustainable sport is sourced and made — from Taichung, the world's cycling hub, to every store nationwide.

From 15 to 1,000+ employees, Decathlon Taiwan now operates a mature retail and digital ecosystem. Since 1990, the island — anchored by global cycling hub Taichung — has served as a stable, high-tech sourcing bridge for Asia.

Through co-creation rather than mere compliance, the company pursues its 2050 Net-Zero goal while protecting worker well-being and dignity across the supply chain.

1000+

employees in Taiwan

19

retail stores in Taiwan

FRENCH COMPANIES IN TAIWAN PARTICIPATE IN JOB CREATION

25 000

Jobs created in TW by
French companies

59%

French companies
have 10+ employees

1000+

employees each
at L'Oréal & Veolia



Photo: Veolia

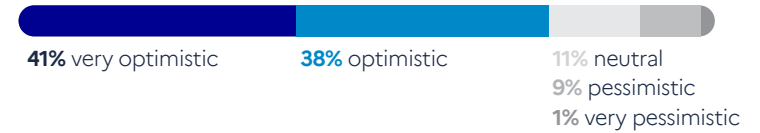


Photo: French Office in Taipei

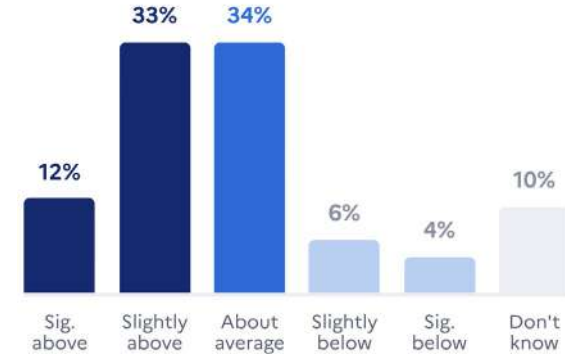
STRONG GROWTH PROSPECTS

79%

of French companies are optimistic about their
next 3 years in Taiwan.



HOW DOES YOUR GROWTH COMPARE TO THE TAIWANESE MARKET AVERAGE IN
YOUR FIELD IN THE PAST 3 YEARS ?



DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly **46%** of French businesses in Taiwan rate their growth above their sector average — outperforming a market that recorded GDP growth of **8.8%**, among the highest of developed economies.

04 INVESTING IN TOMORROW

TOP 5 FRENCH INVENTION-PATENT APPLICANTS

NO. 1 ELECTRONICS

135

INVENTION PATENTS

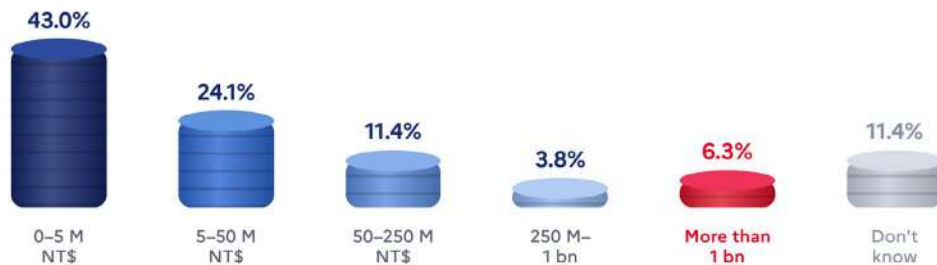
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The largest French invention-patent applicant in TW.

02	sanofi HEALTH	97
03	Air Liquide CHEMISTRY	91
04	ARKEMA CHEMISTRY	88
05	ifp Energies nouvelles ENERGY	88

AMOUNT OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS

6% of companies invested **more than NT\$1 billion** in the last 3 years.



AN EXAMPLE OF... INDUSTRIAL GASES & SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS



Photo : Air Liquide

Powering Taiwan's semiconductor edge — with the ultra-high-purity gases that make advanced chips possible.

Since 1987, Air Liquide has been a key player in Taiwan, today operating four entities with over 1,000 employees across 60 sites. It supplies the ultra-high-purity gases, advanced materials, equipment and analysis services that are critical to chip manufacturing.

That commitment is backed by more than €1 billion invested since 2019. Air Liquide Far Eastern signed Taiwan's first renewable-energy Corporate PPA in 2023, and in 2024 launched a Carbon Dioxide Recovery Unit in Taoyuan capturing over 90% of CO₂ emissions.

€1B+

invested since 2019

60

sites across Taiwan

05 MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Leading the Green Transition



Photo : Ciel et Terre Taiwan

France and Taiwan are both dedicated to reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

France's commitment to sustainability is strongly reflected in the presence and activities of French companies in Taiwan, including Crédit Agricole CIB (sustainable finance and banking), Schneider Electric (digital and energy management solutions), SUEZ (seawater desalination), Veolia (water, waste, and energy management), and Ciel & Terre (floating solar) etc.

With sustained demand for green energy and government initiatives encouraging investment in semiconductors and data centers, opportunities are emerging for our companies to offer decarbonization solutions.

AN EXAMPLE OF... CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING



Photo : Crédit Agricole

A major player in wind farms projects financing

Crédit Agricole CIB established its presence in Taiwan in 1981.

Deeply involved in the financing of wind farm projects in Taiwan, Crédit Agricole CIB is among the first banks to introduce financial solutions helping corporates set and achieve ambitious carbon emission reduction targets.

The bank has supported major conglomerates such as Hon Hai Precision and Evergreen Marine through global euro bonds and green bonds issuance.

Beyond financing, the group is driving sustainable innovation by partnering with Taiwanese clients on renewable energy adoption, carbon reduction processes, energy storage, and EV business models.

1981

in Taiwan since

1st

Foreign bank to issue green bonds in Taiwan

EMPOWERING DIVERSE TALENTS

Since 2007, L'Oréal Taiwan has organized the **"Taiwan Outstanding Women Science Awards"** to promote scientific careers among women.

La French Tech Taiwan is promoting gender balance and equality to empower women in the tech industry.



Photo : L'Oréal



Photo: French Office in Taipei

AN EXAMPLE OF... BEAUTY & BEAUTY TECH

L'ORÉAL



Photo : L'Oréal

Transforming beauty in Taiwan through innovation, inclusion and Beauty Tech.

Starting 35 years ago with Lancôme, L'Oréal Taiwan gradually built strong roots on the island, earning consumers' trust through innovation and a deep understanding of local beauty needs. For 19 years it has honoured Taiwanese Outstanding Women in Science, while its 'Warehouse Angels' programme provides over 140 job opportunities for people with disabilities.

Today the focus is transforming the consumer experience through ultra-personalized Beauty Tech. A global partnership with Nvidia powers the 'CREAI-TECH' initiative, using generative AI for high-end, inspiring visualizations.

35

years in Taiwan

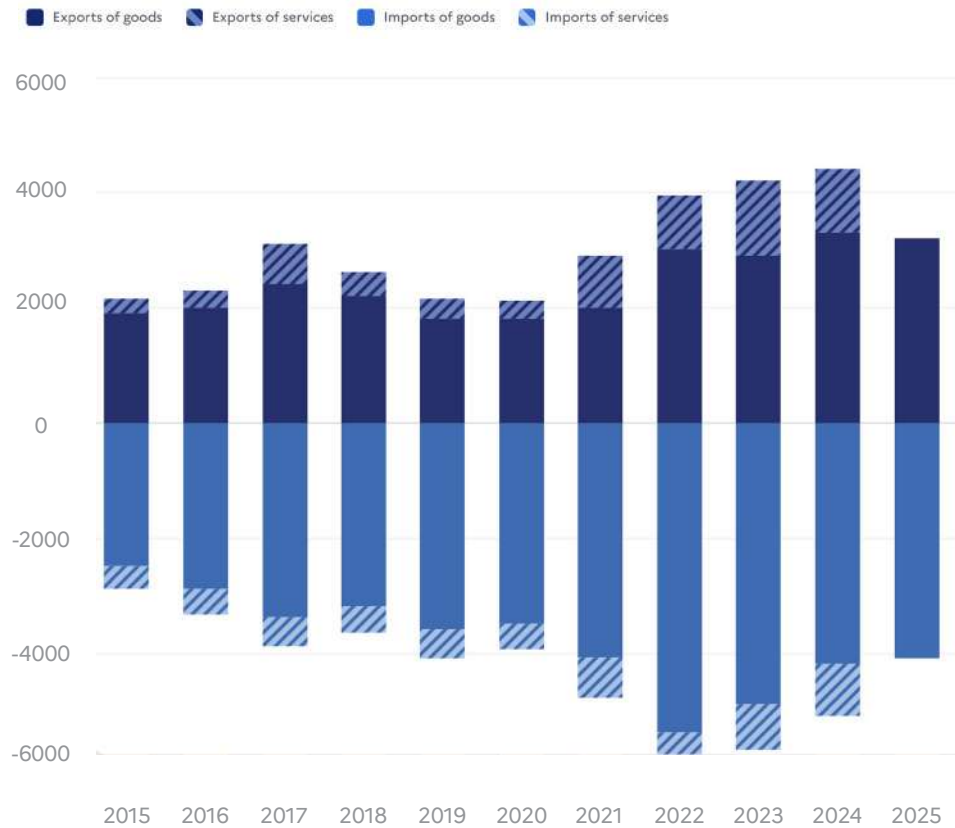
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Jobs for people with disabilities

06 A TWO-WAY RELATIONSHIP

Bilateral trade in goods reached **€7.5 bn** in 2025, while trade in services amounted to **€1.6 bn** in 2024.

TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES BETWEEN FRANCE AND TAIWAN



Note: 2025 data for services trade were not published at the time of this study.

Source: French Customs and Banque de France

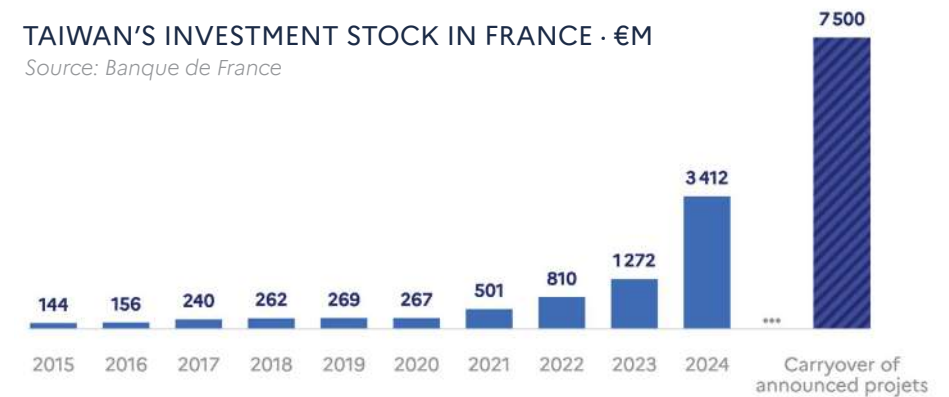
INVESTMENTS

Taiwan's stock of investment in France reached **€3.4bn** in 2024 **(+168% vs 2023)**. Factoring in all officially announced projects currently being invested in, the total amount reaches **€7.5bn**.

The stock of French investment in Taiwan reached **€1.7bn** at the end of 2025, making France the **5th largest European investor on the island**.

TAIWAN'S INVESTMENT STOCK IN FRANCE · €M

Source: Banque de France



RECENT STRATEGIC PROJECTS

ProLogium

€5.2bn

Construction of a next-generation electric battery manufacturing plant in Dunkirk (3,000 direct jobs expected) and a R&D lab in Paris-Saclay. Breaking ground for the gigafactory was held in Feb. 2026.

Foxconn

€500m+

Spearheading Taiwan's tech investment in France by co-founding an advanced chip packaging facility (with Radiall & Thales) and launching a AI and Cloud infrastructure initiative with Bull.

FROM FRANCE TO TAIWAN

€3.3bn

+15% avg / yr · 2021–25

VALUE OF EXPORTS IN 2025

TOP THREE EXPORTS · 2025

- 01 Transport equipment
- 02 Luxury goods
- 03 Computer, electronic & optical products



+101%

average growth in transport-equipment exports since 2021 — mostly aeronautics, and France's largest trade-surplus category.

FROM TAIWAN TO FRANCE

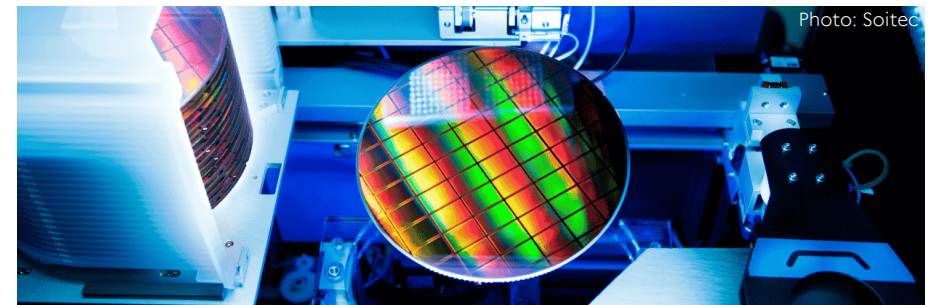
€4.2bn

+10% avg / yr · 2021–25

VALUE OF IMPORTS IN 2025

TOP THREE IMPORTS · 2025

- 01 Computer, electronic & optical products
- 02 Transport equipment
- 03 Basic metals & fabricated metal products



55%

of French imports from Taiwan are **computer, electronic & optical products** — anchored in semiconductors and global technology value chains.

TEAM FRANCE TAIWAN



Economic Department – French Office in Taipei

The Economic Department is a branch of the French Directorate General of the Treasury, at the Ministry of Economics, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty.

Its core missions include macroeconomic and public policy analysis, promotion of France's positions, support for French companies developing business in Taiwan, promotion of France as a place to do business. The Economic Department plays a central role in coordinating the Team France in Taiwan.

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Business France

Business France is a public agency that supports the international development of the French economy, promotes France's attractiveness to foreign investors, and helps French companies expand in Taiwan.

It identifies business opportunities and partners, organizes market entry and promotional activities, provides market intelligence and market access advice, supports local establishment, and promotes the V.I.E. program for young French and European Economic Area nationals aged 18–28.

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French Chamber Taiwan (CCIFT)

With approximately 180 members, the French Chamber Taiwan (CCIFT) fosters business networking through flagship events, tailored workshops, and professional training programs. CCIFT facilitates connections within the French and internationally oriented business community in Taiwan by providing business support services, and access to a business center (coworking and office space).

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French Tech Taiwan

La French Tech Taiwan strengthens ties between the French and Taiwanese startup ecosystems by supporting French startups expanding in Taiwan, helping Taiwanese startups enter France and Europe, and leveraging La French Tech's global network across more than 60 countries. In 2026, it celebrates ten years of Franco-Taiwanese collaboration.

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Committee of French Foreign Trade Advisors in Taiwan (CCEF)

The French Foreign Trade Advisors (CCEF) are volunteer business leaders appointed by the Prime Minister for a five-year term. They support companies' international development through strategic guidance, operational expertise, and business networks. The Committee also promotes international careers among students by sharing professional experience and informs French authorities about the local business environment.

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TAIWAN


LES CONSEILLERS DU COMMERCE
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