



INVESTING IN SRI LANKA

The Best Destination In Asia To Grow Your Business

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INVESTMENT CLIMATE



Conducive Investment Policy

- 100% Foreign Ownership
- 100% Repatriation of profits
- Foreign Investments Guaranteed by the Constitution
- Strong Intellectual Property laws in line with WIPO regulations
- Signatory to the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) of the World Bank
- Investment Protection Agreement with 26 countries
- Double Taxation Relief Agreement with 45 countries



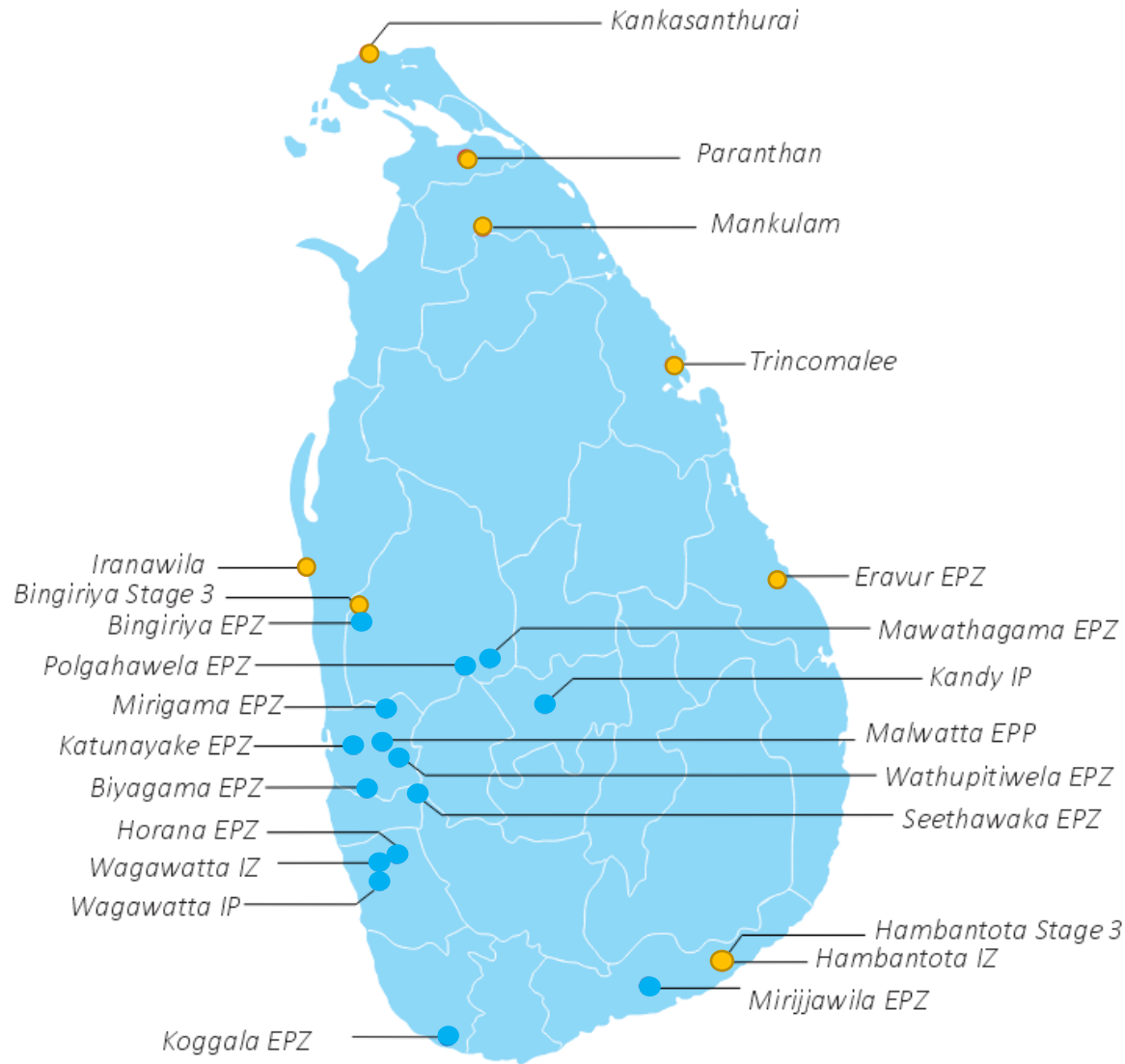
BOI - 4 Decades and counting

- The BOI partners with its clients for smooth facilitation with 45 years of existence
- Home to over 1,200 foreign companies
- 500,000+ employment opportunities through BOI
- In 2022, Contributing to:
 - 66% of National Exports
 - 80% of National Industrial Exports
 - 98% of National Apparel & Textiles Exports
- 15 Export Processing Zones in Operation with more upcoming zones

EPZs UNDER BOI

Zonal Infrastructure

- Potable water up to WHO standard
- Uninterrupted Power Connection
- Waste Management
- Developed Internal Road Network
- Import Export Facilitation
- Secured Perimeter
- Commercial Facilities
- Counseling Centres
- Job Banks



- In Operation
- Upcoming

COLOMBO PORT CITY



Colombo Port City Economic Commission

Service-oriented Special Economic Zone

- International Trade
- Shipping Logistic Operations
- Banking & Financial Services
- IT/BPO
- Corporate Headquarters Operations
- Regional Distribution Operations
- Tourism
- Ancillary Services

 **269** ha Owned by the **Government of SL**

 **5** Distinct Precincts

- Financial District
- International Island
- Central Park Living
- The Marina
- The Island Living

 Creating **143,000** New Jobs

 Expected City Population **273,000**

 **178** ha of land extent for **City development**
91 ha of **public space**
45 ha of **Green Spaces & Beach Area**

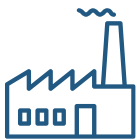
 **109** ha of Swimming Lagoon

FDI FROM THAILAND – BOI ENTERPRISES



US\$ 95 Mn

FDI from Thailand
(2005-2023)



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Companies in
Commercial Operation



620

Employment
Generated

Key Players



WHY SRI LANKA



Location Advantage

Colombo Port : Trans-shipment Hub in South Asia

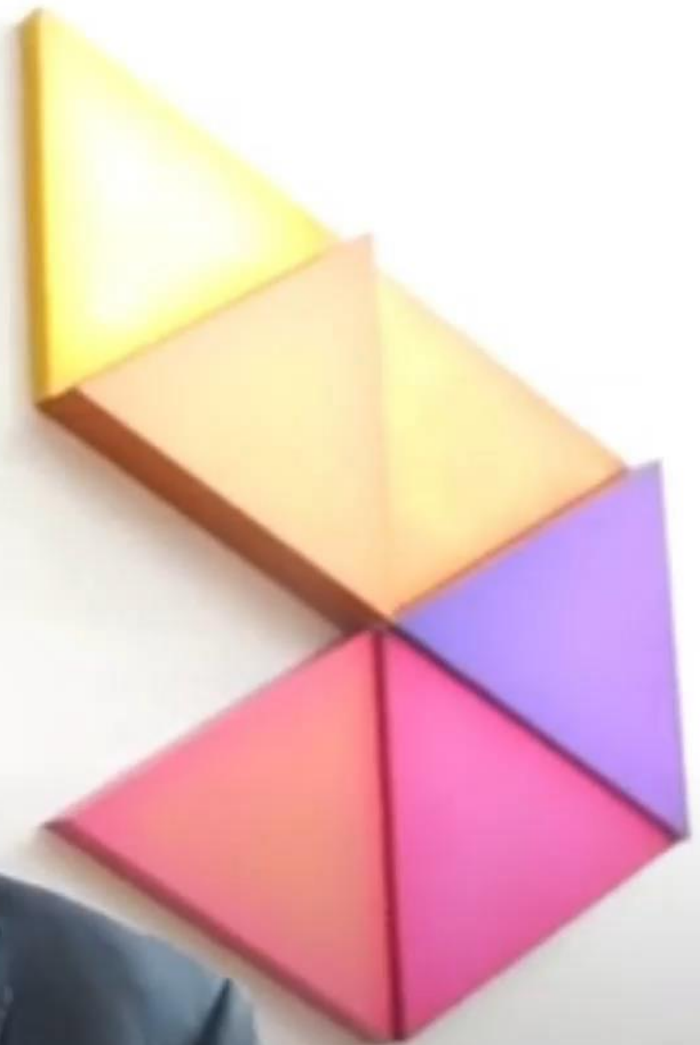
- 1st in South Asia / 28th in the World - WB and S&P Market Intelligence – 2022
- 17th best connected port - Port Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (1st Quarter 2022- UNCTAD)
- 24th best TEUs throughput - Lloyds List Top 100 Ports
- 3 Terminals with 11 berths with 12-18m depth (JAYA, SAGT, CICT)

3 International Airports

- 45,000 International Aircraft Movements (2023)
- 7.5 Mn Passenger Movements (2023) 100 destinations in 47 countries
- Air Cargo Handling over 158,615 MT (2023)

Digital Connectivity

- Fast and efficient technologies
- 5G Enabled Business Eco System



MR. DAVID NAI PEK LAU

Chairman, Dialog Axiata PLC

WHY SRI LANKA



Talent & Education



Sri Lanka Ranks 1st in South Asia's Literacy Rate



Proficient in English Language



50,000+ Graduates Per Year



2nd Largest CIMA Pool in the World



100,000 Tertiary & Vocationally Trained Students Per Annum



15 State Universities

19 Higher Education Institutes

1,300+ Tertiary & Vocational Training Institutes



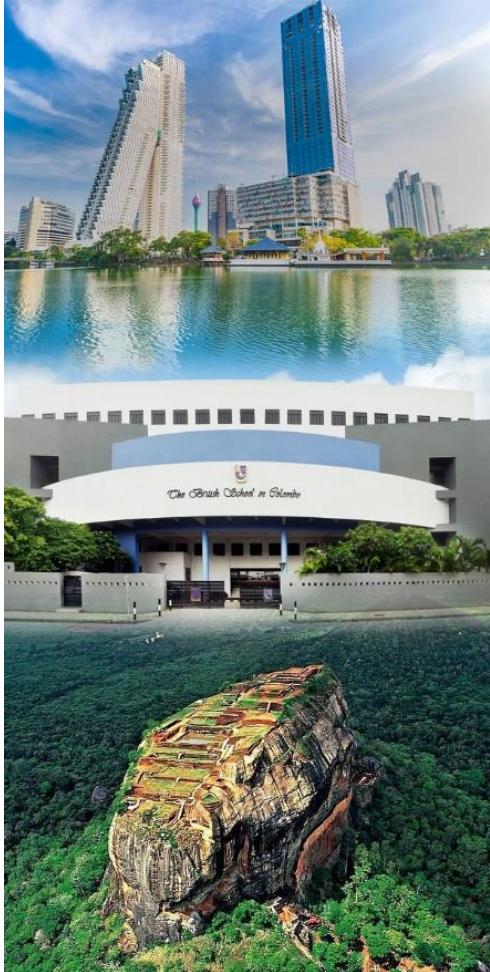
Highly Versatile and Skilled Workforce



Robert Cantley 

Managing Director
Borneo Exotics (pvt) Ltd.

WHY SRI LANKA



Quality of Life



Great place to live & work



Ranked Highest in Human Development Index in South Asia



International Healthcare Facilities



Leading International Schools with Quality Education



Wide selection of Housing & Luxury Condominium Apartments



World Class Hotels, High-end Shopping, Theatres, Cafe, Art & Craft with Cosmopolitan Lifestyle



8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites & Recreational Activities

A professional portrait of Mr. Herve Duboscq, General Manager of Shangri-La Colombo. He is a middle-aged man with a shaved head and a light beard, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue tie with a white polka-dot pattern. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a light-colored wall with a vertical wooden trim on the left. To the right, there is a glass vase containing red flowers and green leaves. A semi-transparent blue banner is overlaid at the bottom of the image, containing his name and title in white text.

Mr. Herve Duboscq
General Manager
Shangri-La Colombo

WHY SRI LANKA

Incentives



0% Corporate income tax for **export services**



Enhanced Capital Allowances of **100%-200%** with an extended period of **10-25 years** to deduct unrelieved losses



100% custom duty exemptions for importation of project related items



Exemptions on **import duty for raw materials** for export oriented manufacturing



Exemptions on **PAL, CESS**, for investments over US\$ 50 Mn.

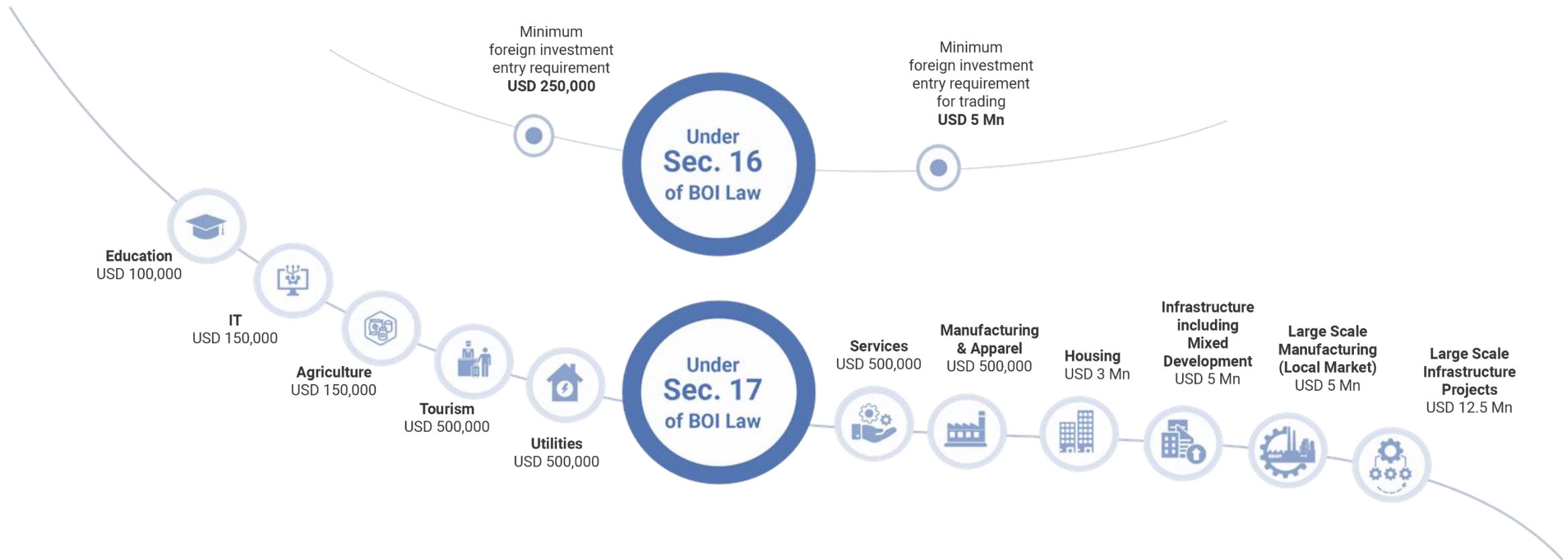


Duty exemptions from **Customs, VAT, PAL, CESS, Special Commodity Levy, Excise Duty** for companies under **Commercial Hub Regulation**



Green Channel facility for high performing **export oriented companies** that meet compliance criteria

Minimum Investment Thresholds



Provisions for Non-BOI Companies to Qualify under BOI Regime

By Transfer of Local Shareholding to a Foreign Investor
 Export oriented manufacturing - US\$ 1 Mn
 Hotel under construction - US\$ 5 Mn

By Infusion of Additional Investment
 Export Oriented Manufacturing & Services - US\$ 250,000
 Hotel & Mixed Development - US\$ 5 Mn

WHY SRI LANKA

Market Access

€ EU GSP Plus

The **EU Generalized Scheme of Preference Plus (GSP+)** provides Sri Lanka 100% duty free access to the European Market of over **450 Mn** customers



Sri Lanka's 2nd largest Export partner after USA



Sri Lanka is among the top trading partners of EU.



Full removal of custom duty on over **66% EU tariff lines**



Zero duty facility for over **6,400** items to **27 EU countries**

£ UK DCTS

Recently launched **UK Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS)** which has come to effect w.e.f Jan 2023 provides Sri Lanka 100% duty free access to UK market of over **67 Mn** customers



UK is Sri Lanka's 3rd largest Export partner after USA & EU



Sri Lanka is eligible under "Enhance Preferences"



Full removal of customs duty on over **85% tariff lines**



Duty free access to UK on 156 additional tariff lines over "Standard Preferences"

Investment Opportunity Sectors

- Apparel & Clothing
- Fish & Crustaceans
- Vegetables & Food Products
- Value Added Tea
- Animals or Vegetables fats & oil
- Preparation of Meat or fish
- Tobacco products
- Footwear
- Ceramics
- Dairy Products /Fresh Vegetables
- Wheat and Meslin Seeds
- Milling products
- Olive oil
- Sugar products
- Animal foods





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Market Access



Free Trade Agreements

- Sri Lanka is the only country to have Free Trade Agreements with both India and Pakistan, giving duty free access to over **1.5 Bn** consumer market in South Asia
- FTA with Singapore & Thailand covers investments & services beyond trade in goods

Country	Tariff Lines	Value Addition
	4,228 At 6 digits	35%
	4,676 At 6 digits	35%
	All Items	35%
	9,706 At 8 digits	40%

Investment Opportunity Sectors

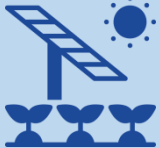
- Pharmaceuticals
- Electronics & Electrical
- Automobiles & Auto Components
- Ships, Boats & Floating Structures
- Machinery & Appliances
- Aircrafts & Parts
- Rubber Products
- Instruments - Medical Devices, Measuring
- Glassware
- Iron & Steel
- Plastics
- Aluminum

FDI PRIORITY SECTORS



Manufacturing

- Pharmaceuticals
- Apparel
- Textiles & Accessories
- Electrical & Electronic
- Rubber
- Auto Components
- Medical Devices
- Machinery & Appliances
- Value added Minerals



Renewable Energy

- Solar Energy
- Wind Power
- Waste Energy



Services

- Information Technology
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Logistic Services



Agriculture

- Processed food
- Fisheries
- Aquaculture

READY TO INVEST PROJECTS



Pharmaceuticals



Textiles



Hospitality &
Tourism



Mixed
Development



Entertainment
Activities



Educational
Development



Information
Technology



Renewable
Energy



Seaweed
Mariculture



Logistic
Services



Scan for details

BOI FACILITATION



Investor Facilitation Center (IFC)

- Established at 27th Floor of West Tower, WTC
- Common platform to obtain Line Agency approvals



Partnership Finder Database

- A web-based platform to find Business partners



Long-Term Residence Visa

- Up to 5 year Long term Residence Visa for Investor, Spouse & Dependents



Ready to Invest Sites

- 15 EPZs in Operation
- Upcoming EPZs



Digitization

- Online submission for Import of Capital items, Import Export CUSDECS
- Online Visa application and Recommendations

HOME TO RENOWNED MANUFACTURERS



Thank You



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