

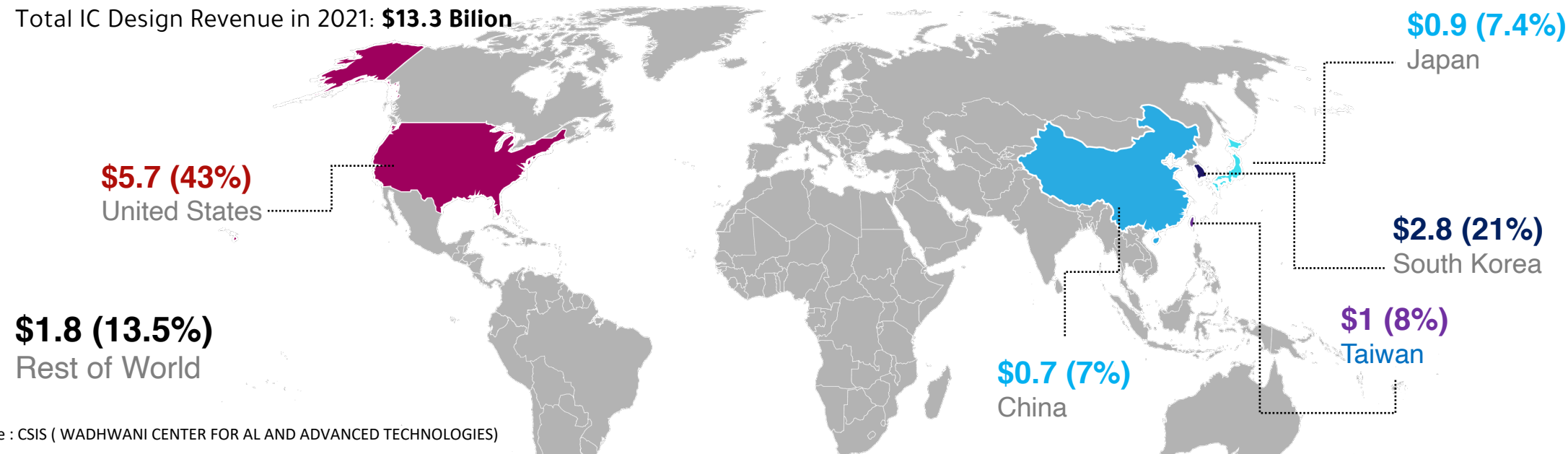


Investment Opportunity In
ICT Sector

A design semiconductors company

Global IC Design Revenue by Country (2021, in billions)

Total IC Design Revenue in 2021: **\$13.3 Billion**



Source : CSIS (WADHWANI CENTER FOR AI AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES)

Investment Offer

The government of Oman is seeking private investors to start and run an integrated circuit (IC) design company that can access international markets. Significant incentives will be provided to encourage existing IC design houses, IDM, and entrepreneurs to establish this type of technology business in Oman and engage with customers globally. The opportunity aims to attract business owners interested in leveraging the country's supportive policies and environment to build an IC design firm with an international customer base.

Location

• Muscat



Opportunity Description

There is an opportunity for a company to start a semiconductor design business in Oman. This design house would focus on developing microchips having various industrial applications, such as networking, communications, data processing, consumer electronics, automotive, and government systems. The new company would specialize in designing hardware and could outsource the actual manufacturing to a third-party fabrication facility. There is potential for the scope of work to include establishing an in-house testing lab to validate the chips and providing dedicated testing services. This investment prospect targets businesses that market their own hardware designs while partnering with external manufacturers to produce the physical chips. The goal is to create an IC design and test capability based in Oman.

Knowledge transfer is key to gaining government support and benefit from various incentives.

Incentives

- Investments sharing
- Tax exemptions
- Utility subsidies (Electricity, Water, etc...)
- Salary Subsidies for local employees for the first 2 years.
- Training subsidies
- Government support

Global indicators for Oman



Total estimated investment
\$30 M



Implementation duration period
1-2 years



Expected number of employees
30 – 100

Key Stakeholders and players

- Oman Government Entities
- Oman Private Sector
- Oman Free and Economic Zones
- Global Semiconductor ecosystem
- Local and International Funds
- Global Venture Capitalists



Local Status



The Oman Government is committed to building a semiconductor ecosystem alongside the implementation of a nationwide digital transformation program.



Oman signed a number of International and Bilateral Investment Agreements with different countries, and one of these agreements is with the USA.



Oman has a strategic location between East and West, which provides investors with better opportunities to get to the regional and international semiconductors market and its global supply chain.



The industry gap in design engineers, is providing an investment opportunity in talent development.



Availability of a number of free and economic zones, 97% of the country is covered by high connectivity 4G.

Target Market

Local,
Regional
and Global

