

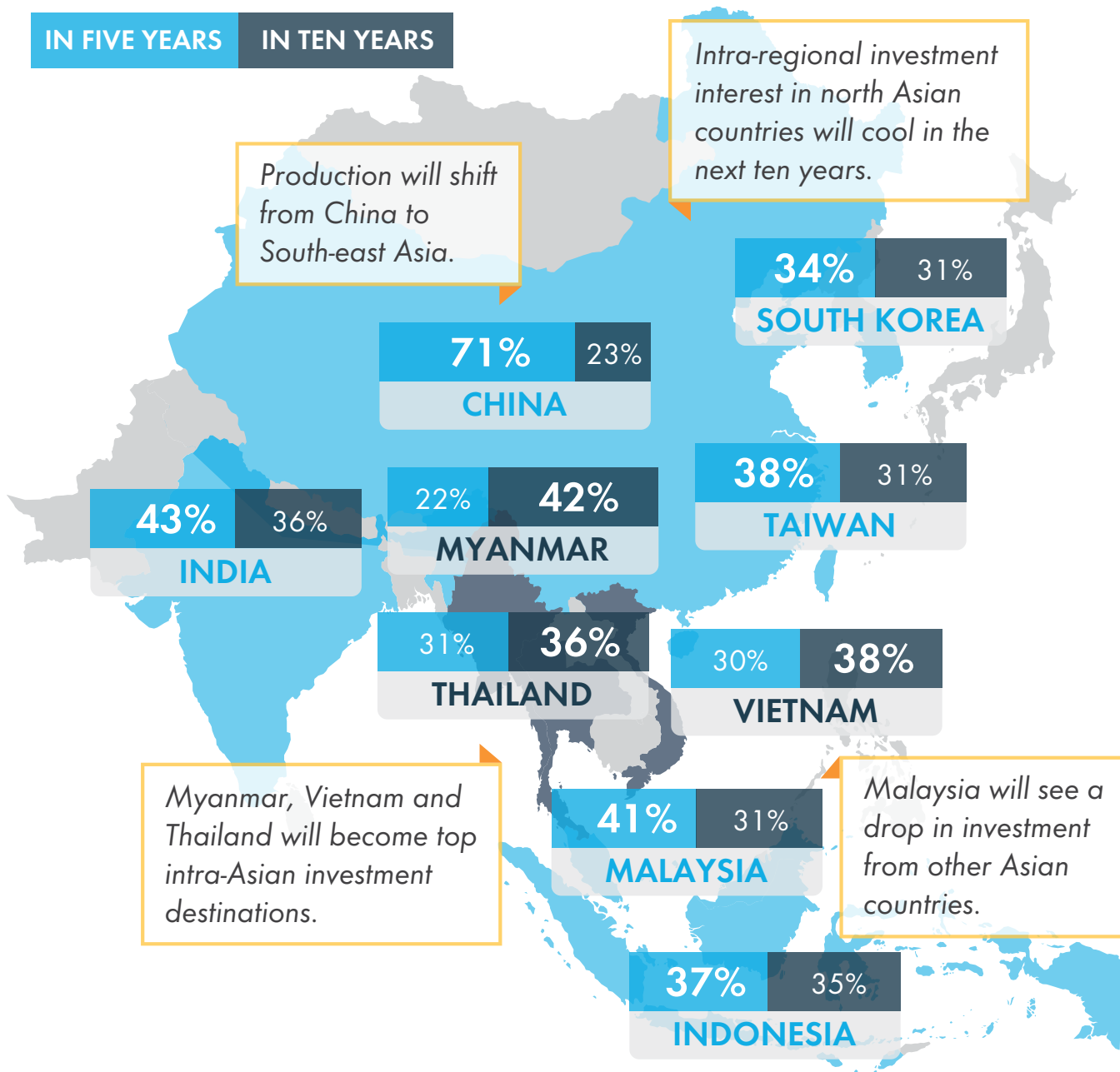


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Economic relationships between Asian countries are poised to become even stronger in coming years, driven by private sector activity. The Economist Intelligence Unit in March 2015 surveyed 525 business leaders in seven Asian countries on their expansion plans in the region. The results suggest that trade and investment ties are going to become increasingly complex, as companies seek new markets throughout the region.

SHIFTING SANDS

In which overseas Asian markets is your company planning on building new factories or offices in five and ten years time? (%)





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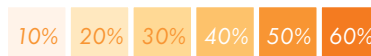
BUILDING, GROWING, HIRING

What are your company's specific investment plans in the next five years? (%)

Indonesian companies are particularly focused on investing in their infrastructure

Companies in Asia's largest emerging markets will be hiring more than other countries

Firms in China and Taiwan will be looking for joint ventures and alliances



RESPONDENTS IN:	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	HONG KONG	INDIA	INDONESIA	SINGAPORE	TAIWAN
Open new offices	19%	56%	33%	52%	67%	39%	47%
Invest in new infrastructure	20%	60%	43%	56%	63%	35%	32%
Add to labour force	25%	51%	49%	51%	56%	34%	32%
Improve existing infrastructure	27%	49%	43%	45%	60%	39%	29%
Hire local agent or distributor	39%	53%	45%	44%	39%	26%	44%
Form local business partnership	17%	57%	24%	32%	49%	39%	60%
Market-entry research and due diligence	41%	37%	19%	21%	51%	27%	35%