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# Developing City to City Partnerships

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- **Brookings Global Cities Initiative**

- From Athens and Rome in ancient times to New York and Singapore today, a handful of cities have stood out as centers of economic, military, cultural or political power beyond their regions or nations.
- In the twenty-first century, the number of globalizing cities is greater than ever before. New technologies and shifting geo-politics enable more cities to attract global talent and capital, lead in the hosting of new advanced industries, and achieve global recognition and influence.



- **Enhanced City Infrastructure**

- Smart Cities
  - The idea of integrating multiple IT and IoT solutions to securely enhance and bolster the infrastructure and assets of a city, thus ultimately improving quality of life.
  - Most recently, Columbus was selected as America's Smart City, beating out six other finalist cities to receive \$50 million in grant funding from the federal government and Vulcan Inc. to develop Columbus into the nation's proving ground for intelligent transportation systems.
- City Regions
  - Larger and more efficient labour markets and therefore better prospects for job creation
  - Scope for better planning of housing, transport, support for business and other services beyond existing administrative boundaries
  - Better prospects for attracting investment, innovation and value added economic activity.



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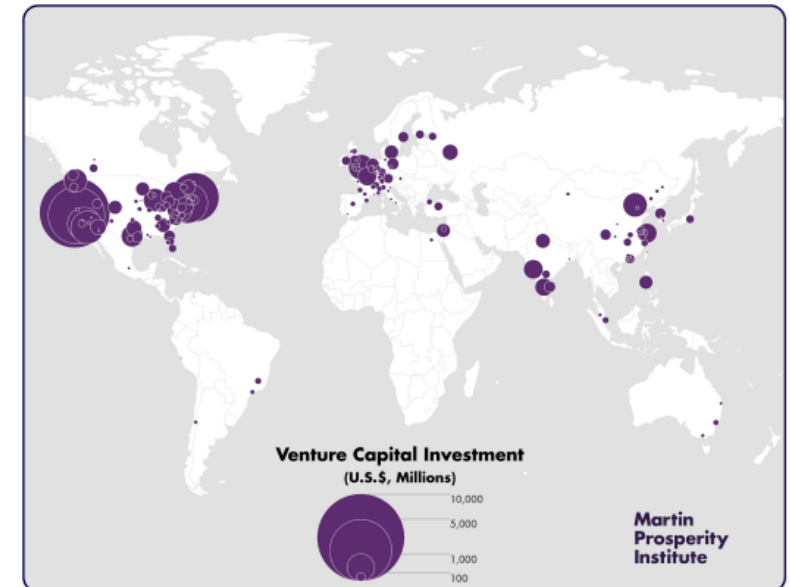
- **Cities are Magnets – But in the developed world alone there are over 200 major cities**

- KPMG’s Magnet Cities report identifies cities as being like magnets. Just as magnets can either attract or repel, so can cities. A city with a strong magnetic pull draws in new residents, visitors and business investment. A city with magnetic push casts off residents and businesses as people pack their bags and move to cities with greater magnetic pull.
  - **Magnet cities cultivate new ideas**
  - **Magnet cities are fundraisers**
  - **Magnet cities have strong leaders**

- **Major Cities Attract Major Startups – Global venture investment is highly uneven and spiky, it is concentrated in a small number of large cities and metros around the world.**

- Martin Prosperity Institute’s January 2016 report - Rise of the Global Startup City - finds that Venture capital investment across the world totalled \$42 billion in 2012, spread across more than 150 cities and metro regions globally.
- The top 10 metros account for more than half, the top 20 metros account for almost two-thirds, and the top 50 more than 90% of total global venture investment.
- The United States accounts for nearly 70% of total global venture capital, followed by Asia (14.4%) and Europe (13.5%).

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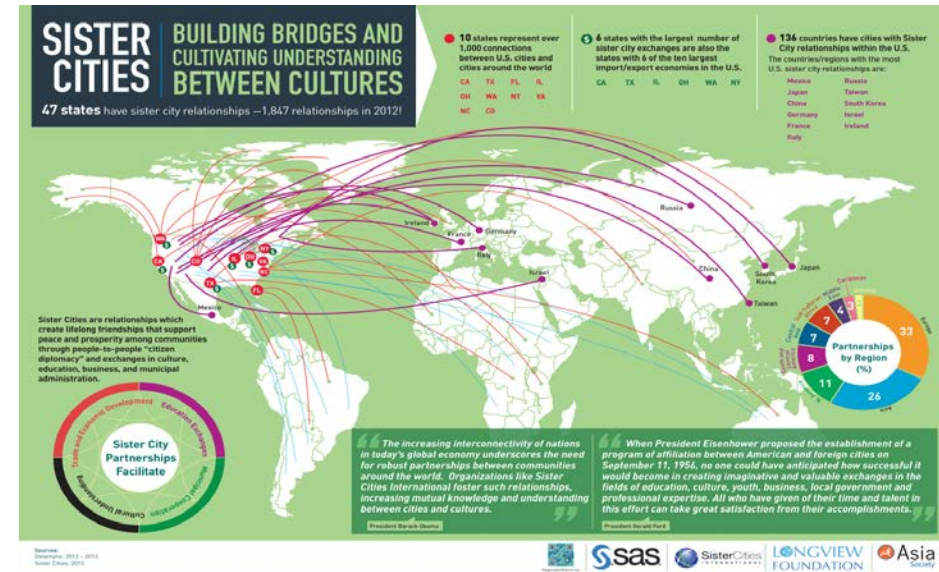
# Forms of City to City Partnerships



- **Metro regions encompassing several centres**
  - Redrawing the boundaries
  - Bigger critical mass for more investment



- **Sister cities, Genuine Partnerships & Join Ventures**
  - 47 States had sister cities in 2012, representing 1,847 relationships



- For example, Dublin and San Jose are creating substantial investment through
  - People
  - Ideas
  - Company/academic collaboration

# BIGGER IS BETTER



# What Is To Be Gleaned From These Partnerships



Strong Alliances



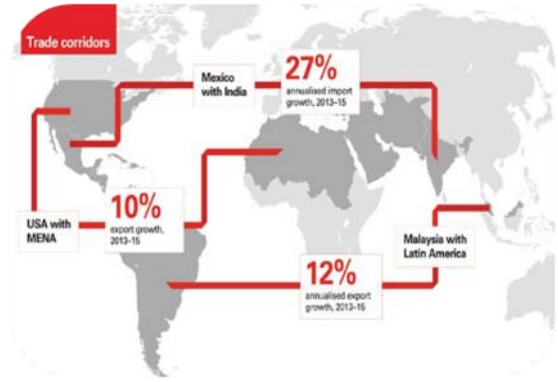
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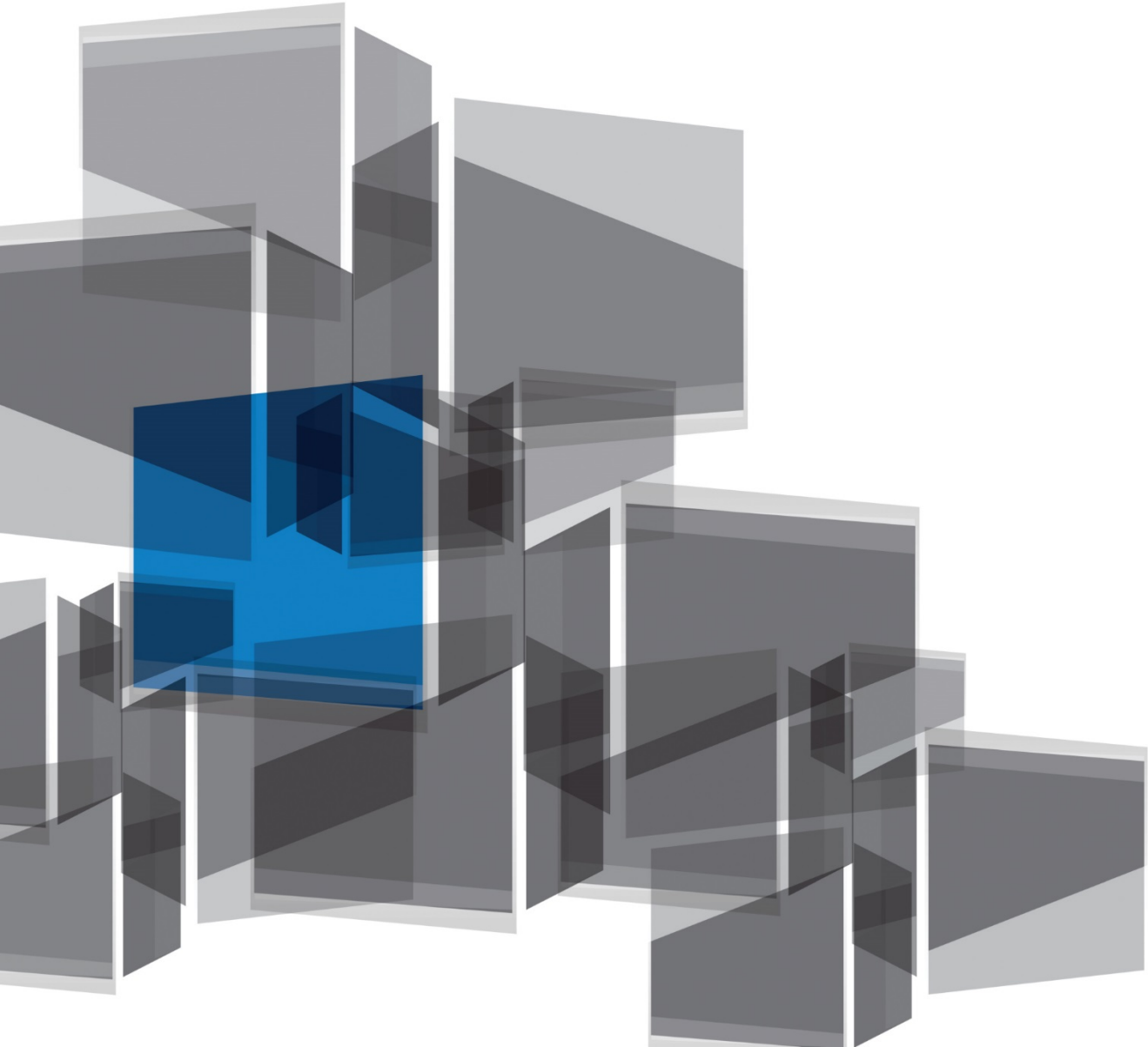
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Technology Transfer



FDI & Trade Corridors



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