# **University of Leeds**

Palestine Solidarity Campaign<sup>1</sup>

Complicit investments: £601,751

## Based on FOI requests

Yes

This university has an ethical investment policy

Ethical investment policy link: Read policy

# Investments

CompanyValue of investmentAirBnB£401

AirBnB is an American business, which operates an online holiday and home rental marketplace. Due to <u>listing</u> <u>properties</u> in Israel's illegal settlements, based on stolen Palestinian land, the company was included on the UN OHCHRs list of business enterprises active in Israel's illegal settlements.

#### Alstom

Alstom is a French transportation conglomerate. It was included on the United Nations OHCHR's list of business enterprises active in Israel's illegal settlements, based on stolen Palestinian land. <u>WhoProfits</u> report that Alstom is involved in the construction and operation of the Jerusalem Light Rail project, directly as well as through its fully owned subsidiary, Citadis Israel, which is the maintenance contractor for the project. The JLR project contravenes international law since it solidifies Israel's grip on occupied Palestinian land, including East Jerusalem.

#### Booking.com

Booking.com is a travel metasearch engine for lodging reservations. It is owned and operated by and is the primary revenue source of United States-based Booking Holdings and is headquartered in Amsterdam. It <u>lists</u>

£599.783

£598

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://palestinecampaign.org/university-complicity-database/</u>

#### Value of investment

accommodation located in illegal Israeli settlements on stolen Palestinian land. It was included in the UN OHCHR's list of businesses active in illegal Israeli settlements based on stolen Palestinian land.

#### **Cisco Systems**

Company

Cisco is an US-based public company that designs and sells a broad range of technologies, with a wide range of involvement in Israel's occupation of Palestinian land, as o<u>utlined by Investigate</u>, a project by the American Friends Service Committee.

#### Delek

Delek is an Israeli conglomerate in energy and infrastructure. As reported by <u>Investigate</u>, it owns and operates gas stations and shops in illegal Israeli settlements, on stolen Palestinian land. It was included in the UN OHCHR's list of companies involved in illegal Israeli settlements, on stolen Palestinian land.

#### Expedia

Expedia is an American online travel shopping company. It appeared on the UN OHCHR's list of companies active in illegal Israeli settlements, based on stolen Palestinian land, due to <u>listing properties</u> in illegal settlements.

## HSBC

HSBC is a large British bank. Research by <u>War on Want</u> in 2017 found that HSBC invests over £830million in, and provides financial services worth up to £19billion for, companies supplying Israel with weapons and military technology used in its militarised attacks on Palestinians.

#### Siemens

According to research group Corporate Occupation "Traffic control systems of the company are installed by its Israeli representative, Orad Group, on apartheid roads (roads on which only Israelis are allowed to travel)." In addition Siemens Israel is participating in the electrification of the <u>Tel-Aviv Jerusalem high-speed train</u> (A1), which is currently under construction. The A1 train

Exact investment unknown

£123

£674

Exact investment unknown

Exact investment unknown

#### Company

#### Value of investment

route crosses the Green Line into the occupied Palestinian West Bank in two areas. The BDS movement has <u>called for a boycott</u> of Siemens for its role constructing the EuroAsia Interconnector, a submarine electricity cable from Israel via Cyprus to Greece, that will connect apartheid Israel's electricity grid with that of the EU and enable it to export electricity produced from fossil gas to Europe,

#### TripAdvisor

£172

TripAdvisor is a digital tourism and travel company. As reported by <u>Investigate</u>, its flagship product TripAdvisor.com lists locations in illegal Israeli settlements, on stolen Palestinian land.

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