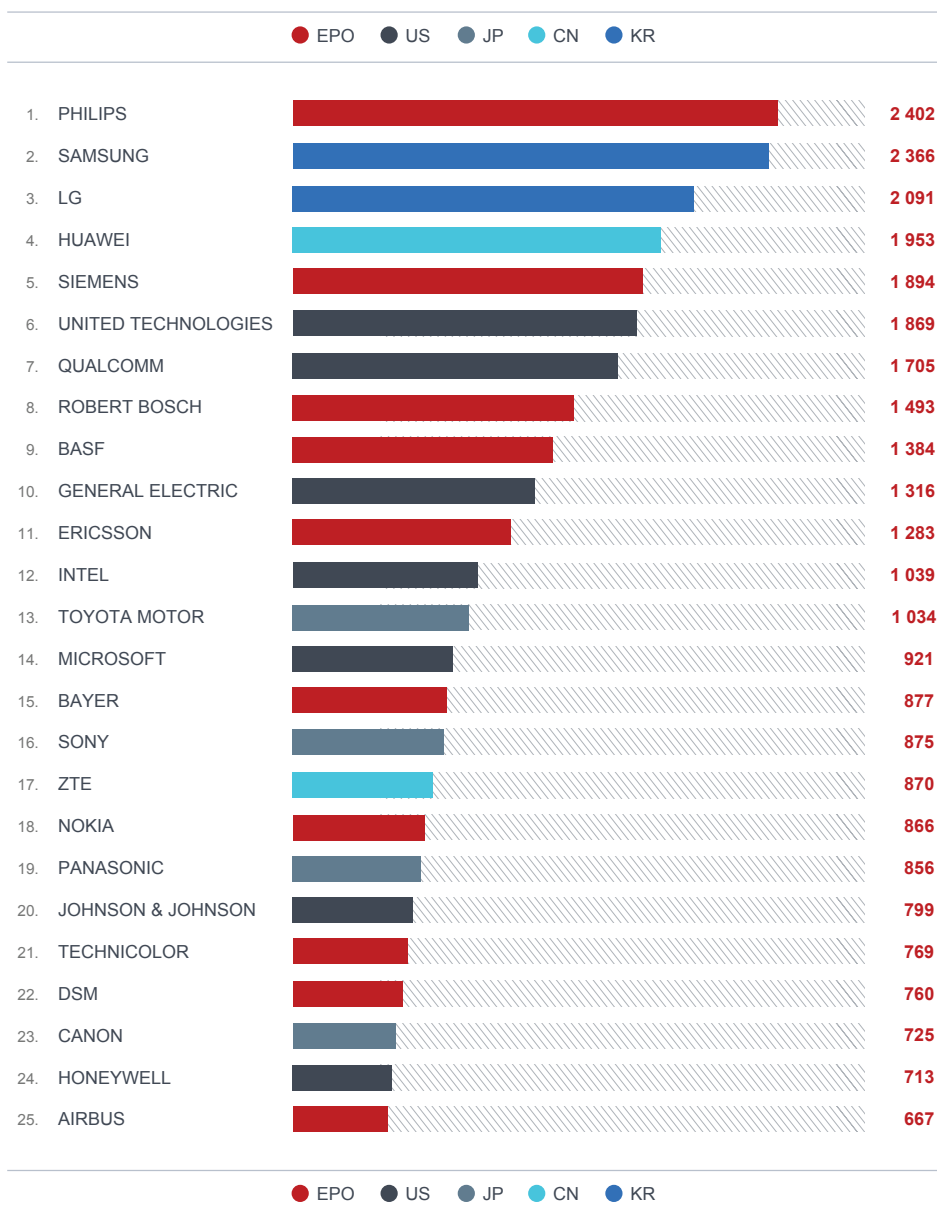


Applicants

Top 25

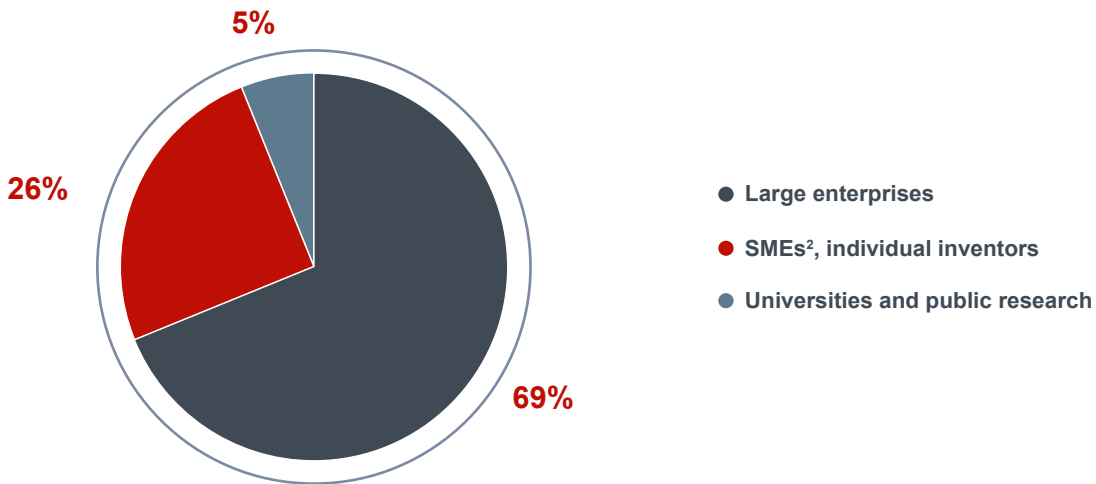
Philips moved into the top spot in the list of companies with the most patent applications at the EPO in 2015. Samsung ranked second, followed by LG, Huawei and Siemens. The top 10 was made up of four companies from Europe, three from the US, two from South Korea and one from China.



Analysis based on European patent applications filed with the EPO in 2015 (Direct European applications and International (PCT) applications entering the European phase in 2015)
 Statistics are based on the first-named applicant.

Shares in applications¹

A breakdown by category of applicants requesting services from the EPO shows that 69% were carried out for large companies, 26% for SMEs and individual inventors, and 5% for universities and public research institutes. This shows that a significant proportion of applicants at the EPO are smaller entities.



1. Evaluation based on the analysis of a representative sample of patent applications treated by the EPO in 2015

2. This analysis bases on the definition of SMEs of the European Commission:http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/facts-figures-analysis/sme-definition/index_en.htm