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Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2014	2015	2016	2017	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
						2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2015	2016	2017
Asia									
Inward	290 423	459 971	516 407	475 347	475 839	10.7	6.7	6.2	5.9
Outward	160 119	411 963	358 731	384 656	350 147	5.9	4.7	5.0	4.3
<i>Memorandum</i>									
East Asia									
Inward	139 077	257 480	317 755	269 778	264 515	8.8	5.8	5.0	4.7
Outward	86 847	288 750	255 285	302 724	250 226	5.5	4.7	5.6	4.4
South-East Asia									
Inward	61 712	129 594	117 322	120 613	133 771	20.6	17.4	17.2	17.7
Outward	38 324	88 368	54 931	38 969	55 026	12.8	8.2	5.6	7.3
South Asia									
Inward	25 789	41 439	51 180	54 197	52 047	5.7	6.2	6.3	5.5
Outward	11 943	12 020	7 816	5 505	11 613	2.6	0.9	0.6	1.2
West Asia									
Inward	63 846	31 458	30 150	30 759	25 506	16.9	4.0	4.2	3.3
Outward	23 005	22 825	40 698	37 458	33 281	6.1	5.4	5.2	4.4
South, East and South-East Asia									
Inward	226 578	428 513	486 257	444 589	450 333	9.7	7.0	6.4	6.1
Outward	137 114	389 138	318 033	347 198	316 865	5.9	4.6	5.0	4.3
World *									
Inward	1 415 431	1 338 532	1 921 306	1 867 533	1 429 807	11.4	10.4	10.1	7.4
Outward	1 451 593	1 262 007	1 621 890	1 473 283	1 429 972	11.7	8.8	8.0	7.4
FDI stock						as a percentage of gross domestic product			
	1995	2014	2015	2016	2017	1995	2015	2016	2017
Asia									
Inward	571 680	5 706 164	6 020 754	6 369 275	7 262 946	14.6	27.1	28.3	31.4
Outward	211 482	4 254 627	4 681 628	5 099 602	5 707 211	6.0	21.3	22.9	24.8
<i>Memorandum</i>									
East Asia									
Inward	365 439	2 878 627	3 109 291	3 300 677	3 828 193	20.9	22.9	24.2	26.9
Outward	152 493	2 894 523	3 221 785	3 526 965	3 965 777	8.9	23.9	26.1	27.8
South-East Asia									
Inward	147 582	1 766 280	1 820 862	1 919 655	2 162 289	20.6	74.5	75.2	79.4
Outward	48 979	944 369	999 232	1 072 580	1 204 190	7.1	41.9	43.2	45.4
South Asia									
Inward	15 320	354 468	390 266	439 683	506 932	2.4	12.7	13.4	14.4
Outward	828	137 558	145 514	151 164	162 674	0.1	4.8	4.7	4.7
West Asia									
Inward	43 339	706 789	700 334	709 260	765 532	5.3	22.3	23.1	28.6
Outward	9 181	278 178	315 096	348 893	374 570	1.8	10.2	11.5	14.2
South, East and South-East Asia									
Inward	528 341	4 999 375	5 320 420	5 660 015	6 497 414	17.1	27.9	29.1	31.7
Outward	202 300	3 976 449	4 366 532	4 750 709	5 332 642	6.7	23.1	24.7	26.2
World *									
Inward	3 564 636	25 378 774	25 664 955	27 663 091	31 524 356	11.1	34.1	36.3	40.4
Outward	3 993 675	25 128 561	25 514 309	26 825 621	30 837 927	12.8	34.2	35.5	39.8

Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 2005–2007 average, 2015–2017

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)				Purchases (net)			
	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2015	2016	2017	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2015	2016	2017
Asia	59 819	49 919	47 699	79 363	71 643	122 609	163 822	193 789
<i>Memorandum</i>								
East Asia	24 917	32 998	26 502	35 013	12 036	76 074	120 215	167 315
South-East Asia	10 435	10 309	7 476	16 741	14 365	29 538	13 159	16 388
South Asia	5 089	1 550	8 562	22 908	12 349	- 582	8 533	1 212
West Asia	19 378	5 063	5 158	4 701	32 893	17 579	21 916	8 874
South, East and South-East Asia	40 441	44 856	42 540	74 662	38 750	105 029	141 906	184 914
World *	729 177	735 126	886 901	693 962	729 177	735 126	886 901	693 962

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2005–2007 average, 2015–2017

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination				As source			
	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2015	2016	2017	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2015	2016	2017
Asia	291 699	322 143	345 532	210 540	154 804	241 982	301 857	186 027
<i>Memorandum</i>								
East Asia	118 633	85 602	82 340	69 717	58 225	119 679	175 947	111 426
South-East Asia	67 884	120 415	128 285	69 057	24 155	58 968	64 559	25 193
South Asia	48 971	88 863	87 815	35 437	19 186	14 313	21 194	11 022
West Asia	56 210	27 263	47 092	36 328	53 239	49 022	40 158	38 385
South, East and South-East Asia	235 488	294 880	298 440	174 211	101 565	192 960	261 700	147 642
World *	748 044	771 989	833 286	720 334	748 044	771 989	833 286	720 334

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