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**Country Fact Sheet: Lebanon**

**Foreign direct investment overview, selected years**

(Billions of dollars and percentages)

**Foreign direct investment flows**

	1985-1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	<i>as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation</i>			
	(Annual average)					1985-1995	1996	1997	1998
						(Annual average)			
<b>Lebanon</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	0.007	0.080	0.150	0.200	0.250	0.5	2.0	3.8	4.2
<b>Outward</b>	0.003	-0.002	-0.003	-2.671	-0.001	0.035	- 0.1	- 0.1	- 56.2
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Jordan									
Inward	0.014	0.016	0.361	0.310	0.151	1.0	0.8	19.3	16.8
Outward	-0.009	-0.043	-	0.010	0.015	- 0.7	- 2.1	0.004	0.5
Saudi Arabia									
Inward	0.099	-1.129	3.044	4.289	4.800	0.5	- 4.7	11.1	16.6
Outward	0.121	0.180	0.195	-0.472	-0.125	0.6	0.7	0.7	- 1.8
West Asia									
Inward	1.3	2.4	5.0	6.2	6.7	1.0	1.6	3.1	3.9
Outward	0.3	2.4	- 0.4	- 4.3	1.2	0.3	1.6	- 0.2	- 2.7
Developing countries									
Inward	50.1	145.0	178.8	179.5	207.6	5.1	9.1	10.8	11.5
Outward	20.5	57.8	64.3	33.0	65.6	2.2	3.8	3.8	2.4
World									
Inward	182.6	377.5	473.1	680.1	865.5	4.1	5.9	7.5	11.1
Outward	203.1	390.8	471.9	687.1	799.9	4.8	6.2	7.6	11.5

**Foreign direct investment stocks**

	1985	1990	1995	1998	1999	<i>as a percentage of gross domestic product</i>			
						1985	1990	1995	1998
<b>Lebanon</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	0.034	0.053	0.105	0.535	0.785	0.9	1.9	0.9	3.1
<b>Outward</b>	0.040	-	-	-	-	1.1	-	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Jordan									
Inward	0.493	0.615	0.627	1.313	1.464	9.6	15.3	9.5	17.6
Outward	0.120	0.110	0.017	-	-	2.3	2.7	0.3	-
Saudi Arabia									
Inward	21.828	22.501	22.423	28.627	33.427	25.2	21.5	17.8	22.7
Outward	0.420	1.811	1.685	1.588	1.463	0.5	1.7	1.3	1.3
West Asia									
Inward	27.7	30.2	40.5	54.1	60.8	8.2	6.5	7.1	7.6
Outward	2.2	6.4	6.1	3.8	4.9	1.3	3.4	1.2	0.5
Developing countries									
Inward	218.1	377.4	739.5	1 241.0	1 438.5	9.1	10.5	13.4	20.0
Outward	32.4	81.9	258.3	403.9	468.7	1.6	2.6	4.9	6.7
World									
Inward	763.4	1 761.2	2 743.4	4 015.3	4 772.0	6.7	8.6	9.6	13.7
Outward	707.1	1 716.4	2 870.6	4 065.8	4 759.3	6.4	8.6	10.2	14.1

## Merger and acquisition overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>Lebanon</b>					
Sales	-	-	167.5	11.0	-
Purchases	2.9	0.1	57.5	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>					
<b>Jordan</b>					
Sales	25.9	-	-	-	-
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>					
Sales	8.0	25.9	-	-	-
Purchases	1 671.0	350.0	333.9	217.2	3.0
<b>West Asia</b>					
Sales	221.7	402.9	367.7	82.1	186.4
Purchases	1 697.1	1 588.5	3 797.1	398.6	5 253.9
<b>Developing countries</b>					
Sales	15 965.9	34 699.8	64 573.3	80 755.2	64 550.3
Purchases	12 779.2	28 126.7	32 544.0	19 203.7	41 244.9
<b>World</b>					
Sales	186 592.9	227 022.7	304 847.6	531 648.4	720 109.3
Purchases	186 592.9	227 022.7	304 847.6	531 648.4	720 109.3

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