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Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2005–2007	2012	2013	2014	2015	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
	(Pre-crisis annual average)					2005–2007	2013	2014	2015
	(Pre-crisis annual average)					(Pre-crisis annual average)			
Kuwait									
Inward	156	2 873	1 434	953	293	0.9	5.7	3.6	1.2
Outward	7 712	6 741	16 648	- 10 468	5 407	45.0	66.6	- 39.3	22.7
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Bahrain									
Inward	1 625	1 545	3 729	1 519	- 1 463	28.9	72.8	29.4	- 30.9
Outward	1 262	516	532	- 394	497	22.5	10.4	- 7.6	10.5
Saudi Arabia									
Inward	18 236	12 182	8 865	8 012	8 141	22.9	5.0	4.2	4.9
Outward	- 174	4 402	4 943	5 396	5 520	- 0.2	2.8	2.8	3.3
West Asia									
Inward	63 846	47 558	45 517	43 290	42 362	18.9	7.2	6.6	7.2
Outward	23 005	22 569	44 675	20 366	31 311	6.8	7.1	3.1	5.3
Developing Asia									
Inward	291 793	409 553	431 412	467 935	540 722	11.0	6.2	6.3	7.4
Outward	159 497	302 354	358 862	397 568	331 825	6.0	5.2	5.4	4.6
Developing economies *									
Inward	420 086	658 774	662 406	698 494	764 670	11.8	7.6	7.6	8.7
Outward	194 923	357 844	408 886	445 579	377 938	5.5	4.7	4.9	4.3
World *									
Inward	1 418 164	1 510 918	1 427 181	1 276 999	1 762 155	11.6	7.8	6.7	9.9
Outward	1 445 276	1 308 820	1 310 618	1 318 470	1 474 242	11.8	7.2	7.0	8.3
FDI stock						as a percentage of gross domestic product			
	1995	2012	2013	2014	2015	1995	2013	2014	2015
Kuwait									
Inward	94	18 144	16 097	15 733	14 604	0.3	9.2	9.1	12.1
Outward	2 804	31 023	37 153	34 310	31 577	10.3	21.1	20.0	26.2
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Bahrain									
Inward	2 403	23 875	27 604	29 122	27 660	35.4	83.9	86.1	91.0
Outward	1 044	13 992	14 524	14 128	14 625	15.4	44.2	41.7	48.1
Saudi Arabia									
Inward	17 056	199 032	207 897	215 909	224 050	11.9	27.9	28.6	34.3
Outward	2 847	34 359	39 303	44 699	63 251	2.0	5.3	5.9	9.7
West Asia									
Inward	43 339	666 241	655 633	713 152	705 240	5.3	19.5	21.1	23.6
Outward	9 181	211 628	244 606	272 177	308 497	1.8	7.4	8.2	10.5
Developing Asia									
Inward	571 680	4 789 651	5 172 855	5 658 064	5 886 453	14.6	25.4	26.1	27.0
Outward	211 482	3 246 382	3 654 828	4 239 327	4 481 478	6.0	18.1	19.7	20.7
Developing economies *									
Inward	843 340	7 207 807	7 657 342	8 172 034	8 374 428	13.0	26.4	26.9	28.5
Outward	311 398	3 965 290	4 413 431	5 015 372	5 296 346	5.2	15.5	16.8	18.3
World *									
Inward	3 565 318	22 639 110	24 532 733	25 112 800	24 983 214	11.2	31.9	31.8	33.6
Outward	3 992 701	22 701 815	24 664 815	24 809 704	25 044 916	12.9	32.3	31.7	34.0

Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 2005–2007 average, 2013–2015

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)				Purchases (net)			
	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2013	2014	2015	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2013	2014	2015
Kuwait	1 325	414	629	868	2 660	258	1 414	731
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Bahrain	49	- 111	-	2	2 253	317	- 2 131	- 649
Saudi Arabia	49	305	235	753	9 344	520	- 674	3 333
West Asia	19 378	2 390	2 755	5 335	32 893	7 405	10 921	16 869
Developing Asia	59 819	47 829	96 188	46 398	71 643	108 511	140 880	110 342
Developing economies *	82 005	87 239	127 184	81 181	105 810	127 824	155 979	119 057
World *	729 177	262 517	432 480	721 455	729 177	262 517	432 480	721 455

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2005–2007 average, 2013–2015

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination				As source			
	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2013	2014	2015	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2013	2014	2015
Kuwait	885	2 176	249	158	9 050	9 806	430	3 877
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Bahrain	2 775	1 178	1 018	2 011	10 906	633	467	4 163
Saudi Arabia	10 310	6 642	9 988	9 855	3 024	2 948	1 926	13 531
West Asia	57 322	64 790	38 335	30 363	53 356	40 344	27 846	48 054
Developing Asia	295 498	298 788	268 776	323 271	158 303	211 191	190 622	243 389
Developing economies *	420 634	534 183	447 951	468 614	172 962	251 906	212 814	264 823
World *	751 551	830 771	706 049	765 729	751 551	830 771	706 049	765 729

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