



World Investment Report 2017

Investment and the Digital Economy

Country fact sheet: **Kuwait**

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

| FDI flows              | 2005–2007<br>(Pre-crisis<br>annual average) | 2013          | 2014            | 2015          | 2016           | as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation |               |             |               |
|------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---------------|
|                        |   |               |                 |               |                | 2005–2007<br>(Pre-crisis<br>annual average)      | 2014          | 2015        | 2016          |
| <b>Kuwait</b>          |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| <b>Inward</b>          | <b>156</b>                                  | <b>1 434</b>  | <b>953</b>      | <b>293</b>    | <b>275</b>     | <b>0.9</b>                                       | <b>3.6</b>    | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>1.0</b>    |
| <b>Outward</b>         | <b>7 712</b>                                | <b>16 648</b> | <b>- 10 468</b> | <b>5 407</b>  | <b>- 6 258</b> | <b>45.0</b>                                      | <b>- 39.5</b> | <b>19.0</b> | <b>- 21.8</b> |
| <i>Memorandum</i>      |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Bahrain                |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 1 625                                       | 3 729         | 1 519           | - 797         | 282            | 28.9   | 17.8          | - 10.7      | 3.6           |
| Outward                | 1 262                                       | 532           | - 394           | 497           | 170            | 22.5   | - 4.6         | 6.7         | 2.2           |
| Saudi Arabia           |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 18 236                                      | 8 865         | 8 012           | 8 141         | 7 453          | 22.9   | 4.2           | 4.2         | 4.5           |
| Outward                | - 174                                       | 4 943         | 5 396           | 5 390         | 8 359          | - 0.2  | 2.8           | 2.8         | 5.0           |
| West Asia              |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 63 846                                      | 38 447        | 30 984          | 28 359        | 27 797         | 16.9   | 4.0           | 3.7         | 3.8           |
| Outward                | 23 005                                      | 45 616        | 22 819          | 38 000        | 30 844         | 6.1  | 3.0           | 5.0         | 4.2           |
| Asia and Oceania       |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 293 036                                     | 424 193       | 462 608         | 525 435       | 444 586        | 10.8   | 6.0           | 6.8         | 5.8           |
| Outward                | 159 120                                     | 364 860       | 413 734         | 339 723       | 364 506        | 5.8  | 5.4           | 4.4         | 4.7           |
| Developing economies * |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 429 927                                     | 674 658       | 703 780         | 752 329       | 646 030        | 11.9   | 7.4           | 8.1         | 7.1           |
| Outward                | 203 745                                     | 432 766       | 472 745         | 389 267       | 383 429        | 5.6  | 5.0           | 4.2         | 4.2           |
| World *                |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 1 426 306                                   | 1 443 230     | 1 323 863       | 1 774 001     | 1 746 423      | 11.5   | 6.8           | 9.5         | 9.4           |
| Outward                | 1 459 237                                   | 1 399 483     | 1 253 159       | 1 594 317     | 1 452 463      | 11.7   | 6.5           | 8.6         | 7.9           |
| <b>FDI stock</b>       |   |               |                 |               |                | as a percentage of gross domestic product        |               |             |               |
|                        | <b>1995</b>                                 | <b>2013</b>   | <b>2014</b>     | <b>2015</b>   | <b>2016</b>    | <b>1995</b>                                      | <b>2014</b>   | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b>   |
| <b>Kuwait</b>          |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| <b>Inward</b>          | <b>94</b>                                   | <b>16 097</b> | <b>15 733</b>   | <b>14 604</b> | <b>14 260</b>  | <b>0.3</b>                                       | <b>9.7</b>    | <b>12.8</b> | <b>13.0</b>   |
| <b>Outward</b>         | <b>2 804</b>                                | <b>37 153</b> | <b>34 310</b>   | <b>31 577</b> | <b>31 342</b>  | <b>10.3</b>                                      | <b>21.1</b>   | <b>27.7</b> | <b>28.5</b>   |
| <i>Memorandum</i>      |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Bahrain                |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 2 403                                       | 27 604        | 29 122          | 28 324        | 28 606         | 35.4   | 87.2          | 91.0        | 89.7          |
| Outward                | 1 044                                       | 14 524        | 14 128          | 14 625        | 14 795         | 15.4   | 42.3          | 47.0        | 46.4          |
| Saudi Arabia           |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 17 056                                      | 207 897       | 215 909         | 224 050       | 231 502        | 11.9   | 28.5          | 34.4        | 36.2          |
| Outward                | 2 847                                       | 39 303        | 44 699          | 63 121        | 80 424         | 2.0  | 5.9           | 9.7         | 12.6          |
| West Asia              |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 43 339                                      | 658 231       | 721 251         | 698 487       | 696 546        | 5.3  | 20.5          | 22.3        | 22.7          |
| Outward                | 9 181                                       | 245 595       | 275 613         | 309 003       | 354 992        | 1.8  | 7.9           | 10.0        | 11.7          |
| Asia and Oceania       |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 574 109                                     | 5 201 430     | 5 732 134       | 6 028 907     | 6 281 039      | 14.6   | 25.9          | 26.9        | 27.7          |
| Outward                | 211 713                                     | 3 648 014     | 4 239 799       | 4 627 779     | 4 970 366      | 6.0  | 19.3          | 20.9        | 22.2          |
| Developing economies * |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 843 355                                     | 7 771 797     | 8 335 353       | 8 579 767     | 9 077 653      | 13.0   | 27.2          | 28.8        | 30.4          |
| Outward                | 311 373                                     | 4 402 018     | 5 006 223       | 5 400 491     | 5 808 568      | 5.2  | 16.6          | 18.4        | 19.8          |
| World *                |   |               |                 |               |                |  |               |             |               |
| Inward                 | 3 565 332                                   | 24 602 934    | 25 107 863      | 25 190 641    | 26 728 256     | 11.1   | 31.5          | 33.5        | 35.0          |
| Outward                | 3 992 677                                   | 24 818 705    | 24 685 699      | 24 925 197    | 26 159 708     | 12.8   | 31.3          | 33.4        | 34.6          |

## Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 2005–2007 average, 2014–2016

(Millions of dollars)

| Region/economy                | Sales (net)                                 |                |                |                | Purchases (net)                             |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                               | 2005–2007<br>(Pre-crisis<br>annual average) | 2014           | 2015           | 2016           | 2005–2007<br>(Pre-crisis<br>annual average) | 2014           | 2015           | 2016           |
| <b>Kuwait</b>                 | <b>1 325</b>                                | <b>629</b>     | <b>857</b>     | <b>2 776</b>   | <b>2 660</b>                                | <b>1 403</b>   | <b>729</b>     | <b>365</b>     |
| <i>Memorandum</i>             |   |                |                |                |   |                |                |                |
| Bahrain                       | 49  | 120            | -              | 23             | 2 253                                       | - 2 131        | - 649          | - 705          |
| Saudi Arabia                  | 49  | 239            | 753            | 478            | 9 344                                       | - 560          | 3 333          | 971            |
| West Asia                     | 19 378                                      | 3 495          | 5 063          | 5 101          | 32 893                                      | 13 308         | 17 579         | 19 513         |
| Asia and Oceania              | 59 892                                      | 97 548         | 52 153         | 41 864         | 71 836                                      | 141 094        | 122 667        | 143 110        |
| <b>Developing economies *</b> | <b>82 005</b>                               | <b>129 357</b> | <b>84 364</b>  | <b>69 315</b>  | <b>105 810</b>                              | <b>154 536</b> | <b>131 153</b> | <b>149 857</b> |
| <b>World *</b>                | <b>729 177</b>                              | <b>428 126</b> | <b>735 126</b> | <b>868 647</b> | <b>729 177</b>                              | <b>428 126</b> | <b>735 126</b> | <b>868 647</b> |

## Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2005–2007 average, 2014–2016

(Millions of dollars)

| Region/economy                | As destination                              |                |                |                | As source                                   |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                               | 2005–2007<br>(Pre-crisis<br>annual average) | 2014           | 2015           | 2016           | 2005–2007<br>(Pre-crisis<br>annual average) | 2014           | 2015           | 2016           |
| <b>Kuwait</b>                 | <b>885</b>                                  | <b>249</b>     | <b>158</b>     | <b>1 286</b>   | <b>9 050</b>                                | <b>422</b>     | <b>4 083</b>   | <b>1 386</b>   |
| <i>Memorandum</i>             |   |                |                |                |   |                |                |                |
| Bahrain                       | 2 775                                       | 1 018          | 2 146          | 3 807          | 10 906                                      | 482            | 4 163          | 82             |
| Saudi Arabia                  | 10 310                                      | 10 282         | 6 205          | 11 775         | 3 024                                       | 2 350          | 13 572         | 6 504          |
| West Asia                     | 57 322                                      | 41 110         | 27 263         | 47 085         | 53 356                                      | 28 677         | 48 982         | 39 872         |
| Asia and Oceania              | 297 112                                     | 279 909        | 322 834        | 347 255        | 158 506                                     | 198 770        | 242 130        | 301 495        |
| <b>Developing economies *</b> | <b>420 634</b>                              | <b>457 980</b> | <b>461 953</b> | <b>515 744</b> | <b>172 962</b>                              | <b>220 438</b> | <b>263 686</b> | <b>321 222</b> |
| <b>World *</b>                | <b>751 550</b>                              | <b>721 320</b> | <b>772 866</b> | <b>827 670</b> | <b>751 550</b>                              | <b>721 320</b> | <b>772 866</b> | <b>827 670</b> |

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