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### Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2005–2007	2014	2015	2016	2017	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
	(Pre-crisis annual average)					2005–2007	2015	2016	2017
						(Pre-crisis annual average)			
<b>Kuwait</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	156	953	311	419	301	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
<b>Outward</b>	7 712	- 10 468	5 367	4 528	8 112	45.0	18.8	15.8	26.0
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Bahrain									
Inward	1 625	1 519	65	243	519	28.9	0.9	3.1	6.7
Outward	1 262	- 394	3 191	- 880	229	22.5	42.7	-11.2	3.0
Saudi Arabia									
Inward	18 236	8 012	8 141	7 453	1 421	22.9	4.2	4.5	0.8
Outward	- 175	5 396	5 390	8 936	5 625	-0.2	2.8	5.4	3.2
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
Asia and Oceania									
Inward	291 371	462 248	518 166	477 270	477 549	10.7	6.7	6.2	5.9
Outward	160 343	413 358	359 765	386 097	351 369	5.9	4.7	5.0	4.3
Developing economies *									
Inward	419 061	685 292	744 032	670 158	670 658	11.6	8.0	7.4	7.0
Outward	196 092	457 994	406 237	406 668	380 775	5.4	4.4	4.5	4.0
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
<b>FDI stock</b>						as a percentage of gross domestic product			
	1995	2014	2015	2016	2017	1995	2015	2016	2017
<b>Kuwait</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	94	15 733	14 621	14 968	15 167	0.3	12.8	13.6	11.9
<b>Outward</b>	2 804	34 310	31 559	30 228	30 624	10.3	27.7	27.5	24.1
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Bahrain									
Inward	2 403	25 747	25 812	26 055	26 574	35.4	82.9	81.7	77.5
Outward	1 044	16 693	19 884	19 004	19 233	15.4	63.9	59.6	56.1
Saudi Arabia									
Inward	17 056	215 909	224 050	231 502	232 228	11.9	34.4	36.2	32.8
Outward	2 847	44 699	63 121	73 973	79 598	2.0	9.7	11.6	11.3
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
Asia and Oceania									
Inward	574 109	5 730 319	6 045 019	6 394 800	7 292 268	14.6	27.0	28.2	31.4
Outward	211 713	4 263 570	4 691 508	5 110 895	5 719 791	6.0	21.2	22.8	24.8
Developing economies *									
Inward	842 659	8 452 641	8 677 872	9 234 028	10 353 481	13.0	29.1	30.9	33.6
Outward	312 372	5 210 405	5 644 300	6 130 830	6 898 384	5.2	19.2	20.9	22.7
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

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\* Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres.

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