



**World Investment Report 2019**  
**SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES**

**Country fact sheet: Developing Asia**

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

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2005–2007	2015	2016	2017	2018	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
	(Pre-crisis annual average)					2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2016	2017	2018
<b>Developing Asia</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	<b>290 424</b>	<b>514 424</b>	<b>473 325</b>	<b>492 713</b>	<b>511 707</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Outward</b>	<b>159 840</b>	<b>372 558</b>	<b>399 125</b>	<b>411 913</b>	<b>401 467</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<i>Memorandum</i>									
East Asia									
Inward	139 078	317 753	270 271	267 808	279 522	8.8	5.0	4.6	4.4
Outward	86 697	255 212	302 716	290 829	271 474	5.5	5.6	5.0	4.2
South-East Asia									
Inward	61 712	114 276	116 768	144 177	148 694	20.6	16.2	18.8	18.6
Outward	38 339	68 980	50 085	70 832	69 601	12.8	7.0	9.3	8.8
South Asia									
Inward	25 789	51 167	54 220	52 345	54 200	5.7	6.2	5.2	5.1
Outward	11 943	7 816	5 521	11 493	11 217	2.6	0.6	1.1	1.1
West Asia									
Inward	63 846	31 228	32 065	28 383	29 291	16.9	4.4	3.9	4.1
Outward	22 861	40 550	40 804	38 760	49 175	6.1	5.7	5.4	6.9
South, East and South-East Asia									
Inward	226 578	483 196	441 260	464 330	482 415	9.7	6.3	6.1	5.8
Outward	136 979	332 009	358 321	373 153	352 292	5.9	5.1	4.9	4.3
World *									
Inward	1 414 425	2 033 803	1 918 679	1 497 371	1 297 153	11.4	10.2	7.5	6.0
Outward	1 450 912	1 682 584	1 550 129	1 425 439	1 014 173	11.7	8.3	7.1	4.7
<b>FDI stock</b>						<b>as a percentage of gross domestic product</b>			
	<b>1995</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Developing Asia</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	<b>571 680</b>	<b>6 010 330</b>	<b>6 354 323</b>	<b>7 343 578</b>	<b>7 639 452</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>29.6</b>
<b>Outward</b>	<b>211 291</b>	<b>4 706 856</b>	<b>5 146 281</b>	<b>6 184 831</b>	<b>6 544 910</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<i>Memorandum</i>									
East Asia									
Inward	365 439	3 107 991	3 300 401	3 803 048	4 007 720	20.9	24.3	26.1	24.9
Outward	152 493	3 221 392	3 525 701	4 307 445	4 538 676	8.9	26.0	29.6	28.3
South-East Asia									
Inward	147 582	1 821 100	1 908 257	2 266 687	2 381 432	20.6	74.0	81.6	81.4
Outward	48 788	1 024 870	1 120 206	1 325 147	1 397 480	7.1	44.8	49.1	49.1
South Asia									
Inward	15 320	390 261	439 279	504 695	522 909	2.4	13.2	13.3	13.4
Outward	828	145 514	151 175	162 755	173 794	0.1	4.6	4.3	4.5
West Asia									
Inward	43 339	690 979	706 386	769 147	727 391	5.3	27.2	28.3	25.3
Outward	9 181	315 079	349 200	389 485	434 961	1.8	13.6	14.5	15.3
South, East and South-East Asia									
Inward	528 341	5 319 352	5 647 937	6 574 430	6 912 061	17.1	29.0	31.1	30.2
Outward	202 109	4 391 776	4 797 081	5 795 346	6 109 949	6.7	24.8	27.6	26.8
World *									
Inward	3 564 447	26 312 743	28 243 023	32 623 557	32 272 043	11.1	37.3	40.7	38.1
Outward	3 993 274	26 259 583	27 620 617	32 383 049	30 974 932	12.9	36.8	40.8	36.9

## Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 2005–2007 average, 2016–2018

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)				Purchases (net)			
	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2016	2017	2018	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2016	2017	2018
<b>Developing Asia</b>	<b>59 819</b>	<b>47 699</b>	<b>79 363</b>	<b>83 769</b>	<b>71 643</b>	<b>163 822</b>	<b>193 789</b>	<b>89 256</b>
<i>Memorandum</i>								
East Asia	24 917	26 502	35 013	21 903	12 036	120 215	167 315	75 535
South-East Asia	10 435	7 476	16 741	17 311	14 365	13 159	16 388	10 512
South Asia	5 089	8 562	22 908	34 841	12 349	8 533	1 212	1 182
West Asia	19 378	5 158	4 701	9 714	32 893	21 916	8 874	2 027
South, East and South-East Asia	40 441	42 540	74 662	74 055	38 750	141 906	184 914	87 229
<b>World *</b>	<b>729 177</b>	<b>886 901</b>	<b>693 962</b>	<b>815 726</b>	<b>729 177</b>	<b>886 901</b>	<b>693 962</b>	<b>815 726</b>

## Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2005–2007 average, 2016–2018

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination				As source			
	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2016	2017	2018	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2016	2017	2018
<b>Developing Asia</b>	<b>291 699</b>	<b>340 038</b>	<b>207 730</b>	<b>417 874</b>	<b>154 804</b>	<b>298 055</b>	<b>180 665</b>	<b>315 901</b>
<i>Memorandum</i>								
East Asia	118 633	84 153	70 185	137 423	58 225	176 042	108 111	190 927
South-East Asia	67 884	124 320	68 035	139 059	24 155	63 374	23 984	63 103
South Asia	48 971	87 288	34 902	70 182	19 186	19 012	10 607	14 647
West Asia	56 210	44 277	34 608	71 210	53 239	39 627	37 963	47 224
South, East and South-East Asia	235 488	295 760	173 122	346 664	101 565	258 428	142 702	268 676
<b>World *</b>	<b>748 044</b>	<b>806 779</b>	<b>697 734</b>	<b>980 669</b>	<b>748 044</b>	<b>806 779</b>	<b>697 734</b>	<b>980 669</b>

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\* Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres.

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