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**Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years**  
(Millions of dollars and percentages)

	<b>FDI flows</b>						<i>as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation</i>				
	1985-1995 (Annual average)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1985-1995 (Annual average)	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>											
Inward	-47	24	35	39	50	37	-	0.2	0.2	0.2	..
Outward	-2	10	738	348	2,812	1,299	- 0.1	3.8	1.9	12.1	..
<i>Memorandum</i>											
Saudi Arabia											
Inward	99	4,289	-780	-1,884	20	-350	0.4	- 2.5	- 5.7	0.1	..
Outward	183	74	50	155	-44	50	1.2	0.2	0.5	- 0.1	..
Turkey											
Inward	529	940	783	982	3,266	1,037	1.7	1.9	2.2	12.4	..
Outward	24	367	645	870	497	175	0.1	1.6	2.0	1.9	..
West Asia											
Inward	1,340	6,893	754	1,523	5,211	2,341	0.7	0.6	1.1	4.0	0.2
Outward	429	-1,193	1,943	3,508	4,718	2,131	0.8	1.6	2.8	4.2	- 4.8
Developing countries											
Inward	50,052	191,284	229,295	246,057	209,431	162,145	4.4	14.3	14.6	12.7	10.5
Outward	21,517	49,837	72,786	99,052	47,382	43,095	2.0	3.7	6.2	2.9	4.6
World											
Inward	180,901	686,028	1,079,083	1,392,957	823,825	651,188	3.9	16.5	20.8	12.8	12.2
Outward	203,414	683,211	1,096,554	1,200,783	711,445	647,363	4.6	16.9	18.3	11.3	13.6
<b>FDI stocks</b>							<i>as a percentage of gross domestic product</i>				
	1980	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	1980	1990	2000	2001	2002
<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>											
Inward	2 962	2 039	2 297	2 474	2 524	2 561	3.2	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.4
Outward	..	..	-	1 207	4 019	5 318	..	..	1.3	3.6	5.0
<i>Memorandum</i>											
Saudi Arabia											
Inward	-	22 500	22 423	25 963	25 983	25 633	-	21.5	13.8	13.9	13.4
Outward	239	1 873	1 621	2 120	2 076	2 126	0.2	1.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
Turkey											
Inward	8 845	11 194	14 977	19 209	17 521	18 558	12.9	7.4	9.6	11.9	10.2
Outward	..	1 157	1 425	3 668	3 775	3 950	..	0.8	1.8	2.6	2.2
West Asia											
Inward	7 568	41 196	51 662	69 979	70 035	72 376	1.6	8.2	9.9	10.4	10.1
Outward	1 447	7 609	7 112	13 318	17 646	19 777	0.7	2.2	2.0	2.8	2.9
Developing countries											
Inward	307 469	551 481	920 400	2 029 412	2 173 769	2 339 632	12.6	14.8	31.1	33.4	36.0
Outward	64 606	133 088	310 864	817 450	806 524	849 464	3.8	3.9	12.9	12.8	13.5
World											
Inward	699 415	1 954 203	3 001 995	6 146 656	6 606 698	7 122 350	6.7	9.3	19.6	21.2	22.3
Outward	563 997	1 762 963	2 901 059	5 991 756	6 318 861	6 866 362	5.8	8.6	19.3	20.4	21.6

Source: UNCTAD, World Investment Report 2003; [www.unctad.org/fdistatistics](http://www.unctad.org/fdistatistics)  
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## Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 1995-2002

(Millions of dollars)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>								
Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Saudi Arabia								
Sales	8	26	-	-	-	2	-	-
Purchases	1 671	350	334	217	3	1 550	39	2 020
Turkey								
Sales	188	370	144	71	68	182	1 019	427
Purchases	19	356	43	4	88	48	-	38
West Asia								
Sales	222	403	368	82	335	970	1 323	458
Purchases	1 697	1 589	3 797	399	1 538	1 750	454	3 074
Developing countries								
Sales	16 493	35 727	66 999	82 668	74 030	70 610	85 813	44 532
Purchases	13 372	29 646	35 210	21 717	63 406	48 496	55 719	27 585
World								
Sales	186 593	227 023	304 848	531 648	766 044	1 143 816	593 960	369 789
Purchases	186 593	227 023	304 848	531 648	766 044	1 143 816	593 960	369 789

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2003*; [www.unctad.org/fdistatistics](http://www.unctad.org/fdistatistics)

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### Bilateral investment treaties (BITs) concluded during 1995-2002

Partner	Year
Albania	2002
Armenia	1995
Austria	1999 and 2001
Azerbaijan	1996
Bahrain	2002
Bangladesh	2001
Belarus	1995
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1996
Bulgaria	1998
China	2000
Croatia	2000
Finland	2002
Georgia	1995
Greece	2002
Italy	1999
Kazakhstan	1996
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	2002
Korea, Republic of	1998
Kyrgyzstan	1996
Lebanon	1997
Macedonia, TFYR	2000
Malaysia	2002
Moldova, Republic of	1995
Morocco	2001
Pakistan	1995
Philippines	1995
Poland	1998
Qatar	1999
Romania	2002
South Africa	1997
Spain	2002
Sri Lanka	2000
Sudan	1999
Switzerland	1998
Syrian Arab Republic	1998
Tajikistan	1995
Turkey	1996
Turkmenistan	1996
Ukraine	1996
Uzbekistan	2000
Yemen	1996
Zimbabwe	1996 and 1999

### Double taxation treaties (DTTs) concluded during 1995-2002

Partner	Year
Armenia	1995
Kazakhstan	1996
Lebanon	1998
Macedonia, TFYR	2000
Poland	1998
Russian Federation	2002
Sri Lanka	1997
Switzerland	2002
Syrian Arab Republic	1996

Source: UNCTAD, BIT/DTT database; [www.unctad.org/fdistatistics](http://www.unctad.org/fdistatistics)

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**Country rankings and values of the UNCTAD Inward FDI Performance Index and Inward FDI Potential Index, 1988-1990, 1993-1995 and 1999-2001**

Inward FDI Performance Index					Inward FDI Potential Index				
Rank <sup>a</sup>	Economy	Value			Rank <sup>a</sup>	Economy	Score 0-1		
		1988-1990	1993-1995	1999-2001			1988-1990	1993-1995	1999-2001
126	Rwanda	0.620	0.192	0.072	69	Mongolia	..	0.176	0.188
127	Congo, Dem. Rep.	-0.093	-0.081	0.065	70	Egypt	0.128	0.175	0.184
128	Japan	0.002	0.007	0.058	71	Brazil	0.165	0.188	0.183
129	Oman	1.351	0.701	0.054	72	South Africa	0.157	0.207	0.183
130	Nepal	0.068	0.169	0.044	73	Tunisia	0.132	0.185	0.183
<b>131</b>	<b>Iran, Islamic Rep.</b>	<b>-0.119</b>	<b>0.106</b>	<b>0.011</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Iran, Islamic Rep.</b>	<b>0.159</b>	<b>0.211</b>	<b>0.181</b>
132	Kuwait	0.024	0.026	-0.016	75	Viet Nam	0.098	0.155	0.179
133	Malawi	1.067	0.004	-0.034	76	Suriname	0.177	0.224	0.174
134	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.510	-0.141	-0.110	77	Gabon	0.138	0.182	0.170
135	Saudi Arabia	0.346	-0.042	-0.144	78	Jamaica	0.135	0.197	0.169
136	United Arab Emirates	0.136	0.724	-0.187	79	Namibia	0.098	0.186	0.168

<sup>a</sup> Ranked by the index for 1999-2001

*Note* : The inward FDI Performance Index is the ratio of a country's share in global FDI flows to its share in global GDP.

The inward FDI Potential Index is an unweighted average of the scores of eight normalized economic and social variables.

.. Data not available.

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