

# World Investment Report 2026

## International investment in the digital economy

### Fact Sheet:

## Small island developing states

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

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	As a percentage of gross capital formation				
							2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Small island developing states</b>											
Inward	6 282	9 819	8 394	9 446	9 830	4.1	16.7	16.3	18.0	18.3	20.4
Outward	1 106	1 825	1 618	1 247	- 340	-	0.8	0.9	2.1	1.4	0.9
<i>Memorandum</i>											
SIDs-Oceania											
Inward	521	249	227	342	410	19.9	35.8	14.9	12.5	19.1	19.0
Outward	49	23	47	84	68	-19.2	2.8	1.3	2.6	4.9	2.9
SIDs-Asia											
Inward	404	785	889	1 032	1 110	7.6	20.4	30.5	33.4	32.0	36.6
Outward	- 9	17	- 68	5	-	-	-1.7	5.4	-18.8	0.9	-
SIDs-LAC											
Inward	4 772	7 790	6 098	7 121	6 994	-1.8	15.7	14.8	16.5	17.1	18.7
Outward	956	1 610	1 484	1 057	- 493	-	0.5	0.6	2.1	1.2	0.7
SIDs-Africa											
Inward	586	996	1 180	951	1 316	38.4	17.0	24.7	26.7	20.4	25.2
Outward	109	175	155	101	85	-16.0	3.4	4.6	3.7	2.3	1.7
Developing economies											
Inward	987 436	994 823	901 060	956 929	982 607	2.7	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.2	2.1
Outward	595 590	605 361	571 068	617 261	745 696	20.8	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.5	1.6
World											
Inward	1 874 025	1 512 785	1 364 086	1 606 046	1 706 071	6.2	6.7	5.2	4.6	5.3	2.8
Outward	1 976 968	1 596 529	1 295 815	1 687 338	1 936 464	14.8	7.5	5.9	4.5	6.0	3.3
<b>As a percentage of gross domestic product</b>											
FDI Stock	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Small island developing states</b>											
Inward	150 224	161 133	169 688	177 075	189 210	6.9	78.1	71.6	72.1	72.6	74.8
Outward	18 379	19 687	21 279	22 274	22 196	-0.4	9.9	9.1	9.4	9.5	9.1
<i>Memorandum</i>											
SIDs-Oceania											
Inward	8 862	8 831	9 043	8 929	9 360	4.8	97.1	88.8	84.1	76.6	75.9
Outward	345	369	411	491	529	7.7	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.5
SIDs-Asia											
Inward	6 869	7 644	8 528	9 550	10 658	11.6	77.5	81.5	98.5	105.7	111.1
Outward	75	75	7	11	11	-	2.1	2.3	0.3	0.5	0.5
SIDs-LAC											
Inward	122 634	131 593	137 348	143 239	152 164	6.2	77.9	70.5	70.4	71.2	73.1
Outward	18 317	19 510	20 953	21 891	21 624	-1.2	11.6	10.4	10.7	10.9	10.4
SIDs-Africa											
Inward	11 860	13 065	14 770	15 357	17 027	10.9	70.5	68.7	70.7	69.5	74.4
Outward	- 358	- 267	- 92	- 118	33	-	-2.3	-1.5	-0.5	-0.6	0.2
Developing economies											
Inward	15 398 735	16 060 865	17 037 613	17 705 089	20 146 496	13.8	36.0	35.5	36.8	37.0	41.8
Outward	9 079 010	9 315 657	9 843 809	10 492 262	12 592 605	20.0	22.8	21.9	22.4	23.1	27.5
World											
Inward	48 162 393	45 388 969	49 443 821	52 327 540	59 717 086	14.1	47.7	43.1	45.0	45.9	51.2
Outward	38 018 904	36 299 678	38 846 058	40 121 142	46 723 008	16.5	38.7	35.4	36.2	36.0	40.9

## Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) overview, 2022–2025

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)					Purchases (net)				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %
<b>Small island developing states</b>	204	104	7	141	1 883.9	- 2 055	306	887	1 482	67.0
<i>Memorandum</i>										
SIDs-Oceania	-	-	- 12	-	-	- 306	-	39	39	-2.2
SIDs-Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SIDs-LAC	203	106	34	-	-	- 1 601	284	429	231	-46.0
SIDs-Africa	1	- 2	- 14	141	-	- 147	21	419	1 211	189.3
Developing economies	116 634	79 940	29 930	23 901	-20.1	54 059	80 937	54 269	65 007	19.8
<b>World</b>	735 112	407 507	457 526	426 876	-6.7	735 112	407 507	457 526	426 876	-6.7

## Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2022–2025

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination					As source				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %
<b>Small island developing states</b>	4 843	4 309	3 829	3 927	2.6	1 866	1 354	1 123	4 792	326.5
<i>Memorandum</i>										
SIDs-Oceania	403	920	1 183	-	-	1	-	10	3	-67.0
SIDs-Asia	189	1 130	-	66	-	1	-	160	12	-92.6
SIDs-LAC	3 947	1 949	2 538	3 498	37.8	859	491	255	999	291.3
SIDs-Africa	305	310	107	363	238.0	1 005	863	698	3 778	441.1
Developing economies	623 069	799 882	665 528	548 286	-17.6	358 861	472 837	381 563	508 008	33.1
<b>World</b>	1 331 452	1 426 924	1 379 107	1 394 903	1.1	1 331 452	1 426 924	1 379 107	1 394 903	1.1

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\*Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres and special-purpose entities in reporting countries.

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