



World Investment Report 2020  
INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION BEYOND THE PANDEMIC

Country Fact Sheet: **Kuwait**

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

						<b>as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation</b>				
	2005–2007	2016	2017	2018	2019	2005–2007	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>FDI flows</b>	<i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>					<i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>				
<b>Kuwait</b>										
<b>Inward</b>	156	419	348	204	104	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.3
<b>Outward</b>	7 712	4 528	9 013	3 715	-2 495	45.0	13.8	26.9	10.5	-8.2
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Bahrain										
Inward	1 625	243	1 426	1 654	942	28.9	2.9	14.1	15.3	8.7
Outward	1 262	- 880	229	111	- 197	22.5	-10.6	2.3	1.0	-1.8
Saudi Arabia										
Inward	18 236	7 453	1 419	4 247	4 562	22.9	4.4	0.8	2.6	2.6
Outward	- 175	8 936	7 280	22 987	13 185	-0.2	5.3	4.3	13.9	7.5
West Asia										
Inward	63 846	32 105	27 910	30 169	27 915	16.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.2
Outward	22 861	40 865	38 733	50 415	35 506	6.2	5.7	5.3	7.2	5.3
Asia and Oceania										
Inward	291 440	469 346	502 908	499 809	475 119	10.7	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.1
Outward	159 893	399 464	417 083	406 462	326 167	5.9	5.3	5.0	4.4	3.5
Developing Economies*										
Inward	419 119	651 979	700 636	699 306	684 723	11.5	7.2	7.1	6.5	6.3
Outward	195 449	414 234	467 357	414 747	373 102	5.5	4.6	4.8	3.9	3.5
World*										
Inward	1 414 326	1 983 478	1 700 468	1 495 223	1 539 880	11.3	10.6	8.4	6.9	7.0
Outward	1 451 765	1 543 239	1 600 984	986 351	1 313 770	11.8	8.3	8.0	4.6	6.0
						<b>as a percentage of gross domestic product</b>				
<b>FDI Stock</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Kuwait</b>										
<b>Inward</b>	645	11 884	14 621	14 601	14 904	0.8	10.3	12.8	10.4	10.9
<b>Outward</b>	5 893	28 189	31 559	32 817	32 997	7.3	24.4	27.5	23.3	24.1
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Bahrain										
Inward	8 276	15 154	25 812	29 136	30 077	51.8	58.9	82.9	77.4	78.0
Outward	5 070	7 883	19 884	19 344	19 147	31.8	30.7	63.9	51.4	49.6
Saudi Arabia										
Inward	33 535	176 378	224 050	231 603	236 166	10.2	33.4	34.2	29.4	29.8
Outward	7 552	26 528	63 121	105 063	123 050	2.3	5.0	9.6	13.4	15.5
West Asia										
Inward	198 485	592 391	696 393	741 895	782 306	15.0	26.7	26.8	26.3	30.6
Outward	40 887	165 213	307 233	412 727	455 712	3.1	7.5	12.0	14.9	16.6
Asia and Oceania										
Inward	1 635 344	3 897 308	6 048 093	7 710 713	8 094 640	22.1	26.4	27.8	29.1	29.8
Outward	948 345	2 466 879	4 702 510	6 565 386	6 851 479	12.9	16.9	21.8	25.0	25.2
Developing Economies*										
Inward	2 652 076	6 086 960	8 543 081	10 633 902	11 311 557	23.6	27.9	29.2	31.3	32.6
Outward	1 195 266	3 018 107	5 499 139	7 532 940	7 899 906	10.9	14.1	19.2	22.6	23.1
World*										
Inward	11 431 253	19 922 422	26 577 573	32 943 943	36 470 162	24.1	30.2	35.6	38.5	42.0
Outward	11 908 631	20 465 356	26 574 874	31 507 549	34 571 124	25.3	31.2	35.9	37.1	40.0

## Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 2005–2007 average, 2017–2019

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)				Purchases (net)			
	2005–2007 <small>(Pre-crisis annual average)</small>	2017	2018	2019	2005–2007 <small>(Pre-crisis annual average)</small>	2017	2018	2019
<b>Kuwait</b>	1 325	2 358	1 025	897	2 660	146	- 4	127
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Bahrain	49	-	77	-	2 253	922	- 90	1 576
Saudi Arabia	49	- 471	157	1 994	9 344	1 848	1 417	1 651
West Asia	19 378	4 701	9 714	13 034	32 893	8 874	2 027	2 394
Asia and Oceania	59 892	79 363	83 547	49 139	71 836	193 909	89 263	45 522
Developing Economies*	82 005	112 350	124 265	78 305	105 810	201 302	96 383	18 099
<b>World*</b>	729 178	693 962	815 726	490 778	729 178	693 962	815 726	490 778

## Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2005–2007 average, 2017–2019

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination				As source			
	2005–2007 <small>(Pre-crisis annual average)</small>	2017	2018	2019	2005–2007 <small>(Pre-crisis annual average)</small>	2017	2018	2019
<b>Kuwait</b>	885	275	358	695	9 044	3 994	3 137	553
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Bahrain	2 767	1 266	1 424	1 051	10 905	370	148	836
Saudi Arabia	8 657	6 970	15 549	12 526	3 012	15 639	4 120	21 214
West Asia	54 725	34 665	70 439	42 036	53 217	38 019	47 915	63 640
Asia and Oceania	291 363	210 314	398 695	265 194	153 179	178 737	294 120	241 752
Developing Economies*	412 365	363 052	554 319	454 145	167 821	191 615	321 879	272 261
<b>World*</b>	744 467	699 077	982 455	845 921	744 467	699 077	982 455	845 921

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\*Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres.

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