

FDI inflows grow by 33.5% in 2025

The foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows amounted to SAR 159.1 billion, recording a 33.5% growth compared to 2024, when they stood at SAR 119.2 billion. Meanwhile, FDI outflows increased to SAR 77.7 billion in 2025, recording a 98.5% growth compared to SAR 39.2 billion in 2024. FDI net flows recorded a growth of 1.7% in 2025, amounting to SAR 81.4 billion, compared to SAR 80.0 billion in 2024. In addition, the FDI stock also recorded an 8.3% increase compared to 2024, reaching SAR 1,058.8 billion by the end of 2025.

FDI inflows

Construction activities recorded the highest contribution to total FDI inflows by the end of 2025, amounting to SAR 34.5 billion, representing 21.7% of total inflows. This was followed by manufacturing activities, with a total of SAR 33.4 billion, accounting for 21.0% of total inflows, followed by administrative and support service activities, which amounted to SAR 22.4 billion and accounted for 14.1% of total FDI inflows in 2025 (Figures 1 and 2).

FDI outflows

Manufacturing activities recorded the highest contribution to total FDI outflows by the end of 2025, amounting to SAR 25.2 billion, representing 32.4% of total outflows. This was followed by construction activities, with a total of SAR 14.8 billion, accounting for 19.0% of total outflows, followed by wholesale and retail trade and the repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles activities, which amounted to approximately SAR 11.0 billion and accounted for 14.1% of total FDI outflows in 2025 (Figures 1 and 2).

Figure1: FDI flows (billion SAR)

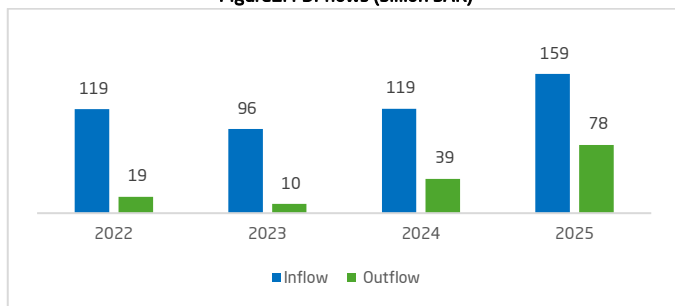
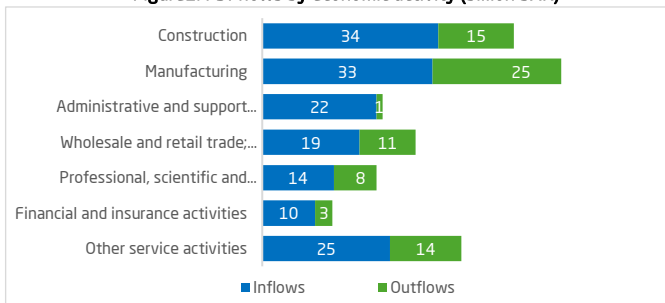


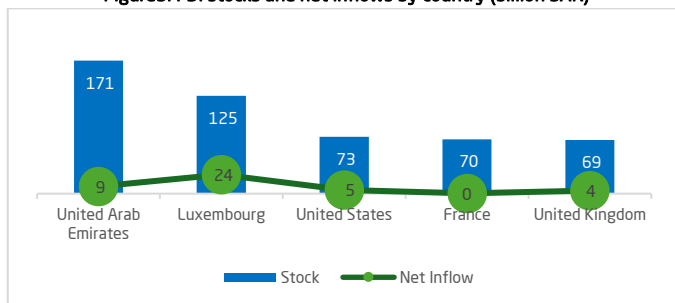
Figure2: FDI flows by economic activity (billion SAR)



FDI net inflows

In terms of the volume of FDI net inflows, Luxembourg recorded the highest net inflows, amounting to SAR 24.4 billion, followed by the United Arab Emirates, with SAR 9.4 billion in 2025. Egypt followed, with a net flow of SAR 9.4 billion, while the Republic of Yemen recorded SAR 5.2 billion (Figure3).

Figure3: FDI stocks and net inflows by country (billion SAR)



FDI stock

In terms of FDI stock volume, the United Arab Emirates recorded the highest level, amounting to SAR 170.7 billion in 2025, followed by Luxembourg, with SAR 125.3 billion, and the United States, with SAR 73.0 billion. By activity, manufacturing recorded the largest share of total FDI stock by the end of 2025, amounting to SAR 285.4 billion and accounting for 27.0% of total stock. This was followed by wholesale and retail trade and the repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles activities, with a total of SAR 157.7 billion, accounting for 14.9% of total stock, while the financial and insurance activities amounted to SAR 133.1 billion, accounting for 12.6% of total stock (Figures 3 and 5).

Figure4: FDI stocks and net inflows (billion SAR)

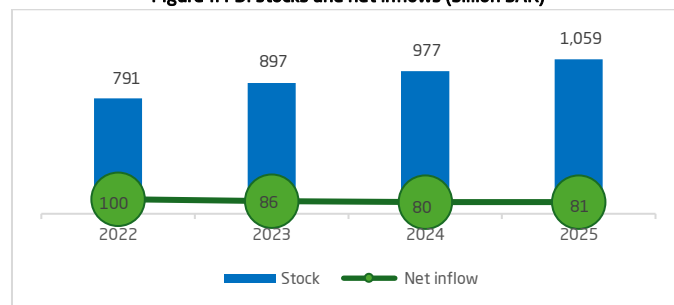
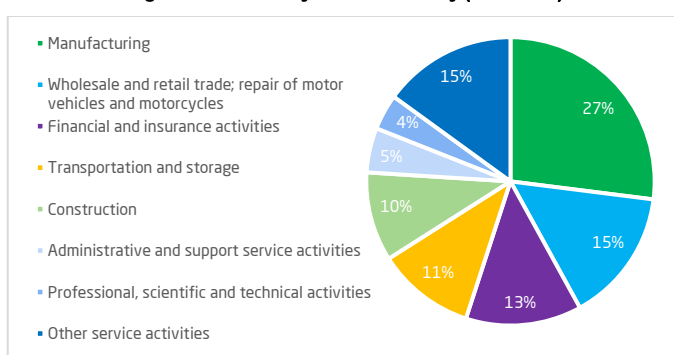


Figure5: FDI stocks by economic activity (billion SAR)



Methodology and quality

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):

An investment that reflects a long-term relationship and a permanent interest of economic entities that are resident in an economy other than the Saudi economy. This means that the foreign investor, either individually or as part of a group of foreign investors, owns 10% or more of the voting power, which enables the foreign investor to exercise a degree of control or influence over the decision-making process in a way that serves its interests. Thus, this process is described as foreign direct investment.

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