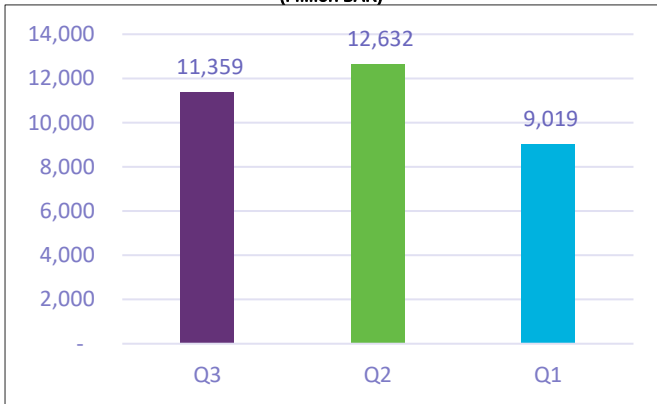


## The net flow of foreign direct investment reaches 11 billion SAR for Q3 2023

The net flow of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Kingdom amounted to more than 11 billion SAR during the third quarter of 2023, a decrease of 10% compared to the second quarter of the same year, which was about 13 billion SAR. Meanwhile, the net flow of foreign direct investment for the third quarter of 2023 achieved a growth of 26% compared to the first quarter of 2023, which recorded 9 billion SAR (Figure1).

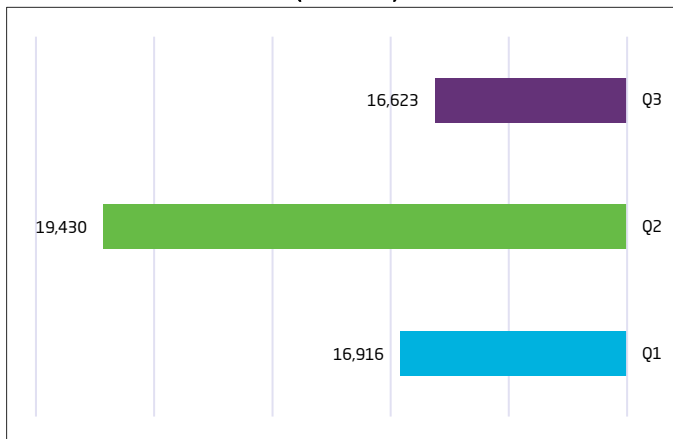
Figure1: Quarterly FDI net inflows for the first nine months of 2023 (Million SAR)



## FDI Inflows amounted to about 17 billion SAR during the Q3 2023

Inflows amounted to about 17 billion SAR during the third quarter of 2023, registering a decrease of 14.4% compared to the second quarter of the same year, which was about 19 billion SAR. Compared to the first quarter of 2023, the inflows experienced a decrease of 1.7%. (Figure 2).

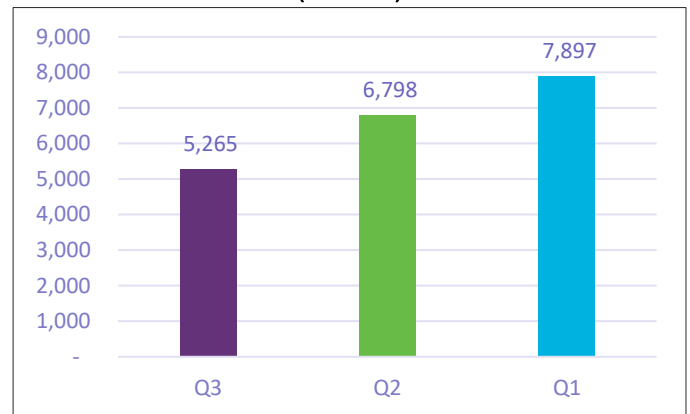
Figure2: Quarterly FDI inflows in the Kingdom for first nine months of 2023 (Million SAR)



## FDI outflows amounted to about 5 billion SAR for Q3 2023

Outflows amounted to about 5 billion SAR, registering a decrease of 22.5% compared to the second quarter of the same year, where the volume of outflows reached 7 billion SAR. When compared to the first quarter of 2023, the volume of Outflows for the third quarter of 2023 also decreased by 33.3%, where the volume of outflows for the first quarter was about 8 billion SAR, thus recording the highest outflows during 2023 so far (Figure3)

Figure3: Quarterly FDI outflows for first nine months of 2023 (Million SAR)



## Definitions

### Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):

It is an investment that reflects a long-term relationship and a permanent interest of economic entities residing in an economy other than the Saudi economy. This means that an individual foreign investor or a group of foreign investors owns 10% or more of the voting power of shareholder rights, which entitles them to exercise a type of control or influence over the decision-making process in a way that serves their interests. Thus, this process is described as direct foreign investment.

### Foreign Direct Investment Inflows:

They involve financial transactions between a foreign direct investment entity, direct investors, and related companies outside the Saudi economy. These transactions take place over a specific timeframe. Inflows are characterized by their positive effect, manifesting as an increase in equity rights and/or debt instruments.

### Foreign Direct Investment Outflows:

They involve financial transactions between a foreign direct investment entity, direct investors, and related companies outside the Saudi economy. These transactions take place over a specific timeframe. Outflows are characterized by their impact in reducing liability aspects, such as through the payment of dividends, payment of loans, settlement of creditor dues, or when a direct foreign investor exits.

### Net Flow Foreign Direct Investment:

It represents the difference between the inflow and outflow of Foreign Direct Investment into the country.

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