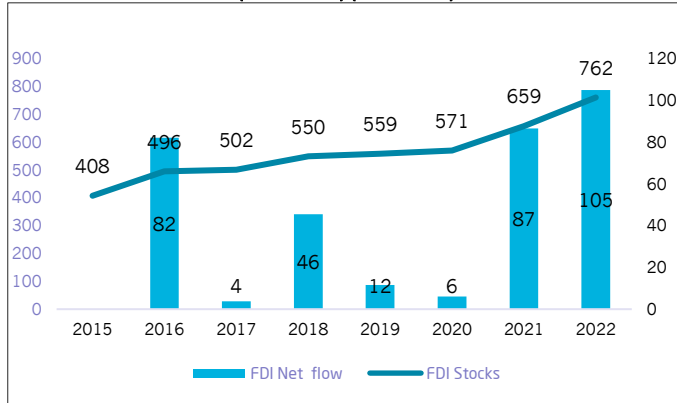


Total foreign direct investment in the Kingdom reaches 762 billion SAR by end of 2022.

The Kingdom achieved positive growth in the foreign direct investment (FDI) stock at the end of 2022, which amounted to 762 billion SAR, compared to the FDI stock of 2021, which was 659 billion SAR. Furthermore, the inflows of foreign direct investment into the Saudi economy grew by about 20% in 2022 compared to 2021, reaching 123 billion SAR in 2022, whereas the outflows from foreign direct investment companies based in the Saudi economy were 17 billion SAR in the same period, an increase of 12% compared to 2021. Thus, the Kingdom achieved significant growth in the net FDI flows in 2022, where the net flows amounted to 105 billion SAR in 2022, while in 2021, it recorded 87 billion SAR. (Figure1)

Figure1: stocks and net flows of foreign direct Investment (2015-2022) (Billion SAR)



Stocks of foreign direct investment in the Kingdom by economic activities

The manufacturing industries achieved the highest contribution to the total foreign direct investment stock at the end of 2022, with a value of 239 billion SAR, accounting for 31% of the total stocks. This was followed by transportation and storage activities with a total of 113 billion SAR, contributing 15%, and then wholesale and retail trade activities, and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, with a stock of 97 billion SAR, contributing 13%. (Figures2 and 3)

Figure2: Foreign direct investment stocks by economic activities

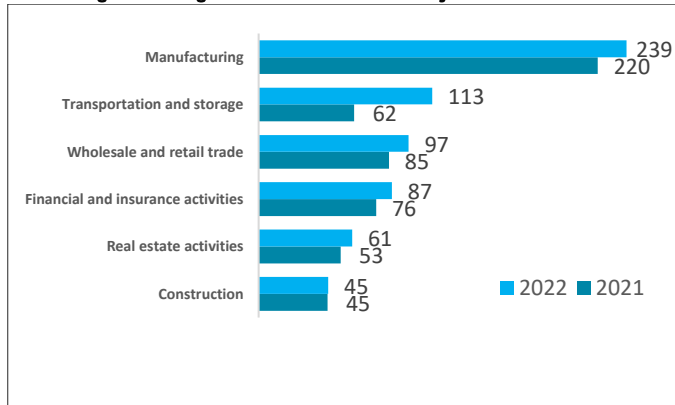
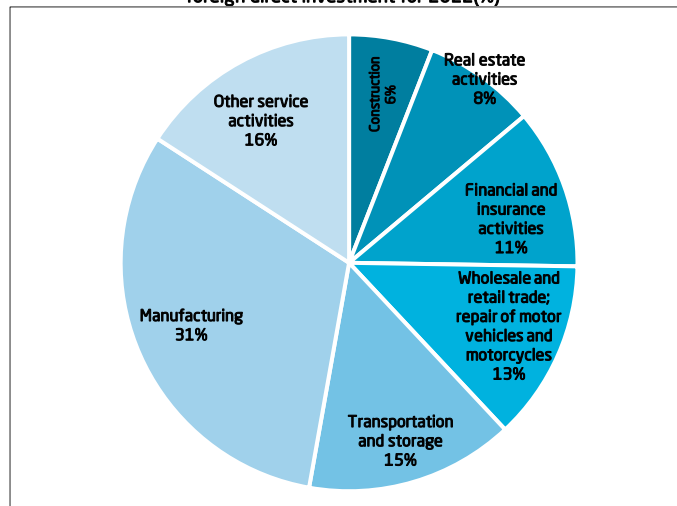


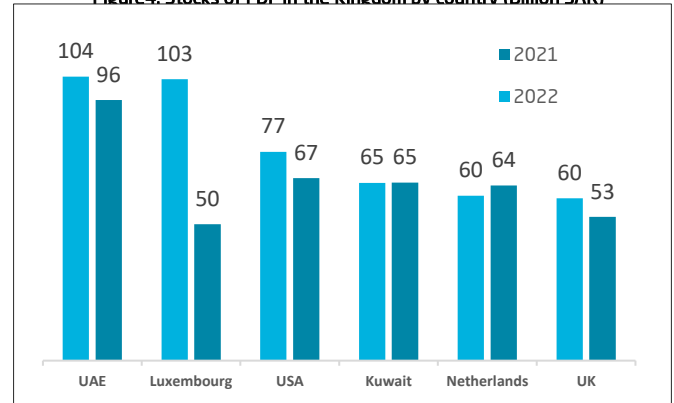
Figure3: Relative contribution of economic activities to the total stock of foreign direct investment for 2022(%)



Foreign direct investment Stocks in the Kingdom by country

In terms of the size of the foreign direct investment stock in the Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates achieved the highest foreign direct investment stock with a value of 104 billion SAR in 2022, followed by Luxembourg with a stock of 103 billion SAR, and then the United States of America with a stock of 77 billion SAR. (Figure4)

Figure4: Stocks of FDI in the Kingdom by country (Billion 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.

In Flow Foreign Direct investment in the kingdom:

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. Inward flows are characterized by their positive effect, manifesting as an increase in equity rights and/or debt instruments.

Out Flow Foreign Direct Investment in the kingdom:

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. Outward flows 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 in the kingdom:

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

Reference metadata

The calculation of annual foreign direct investment indicators was based on records data from the Ministry of Investment.
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