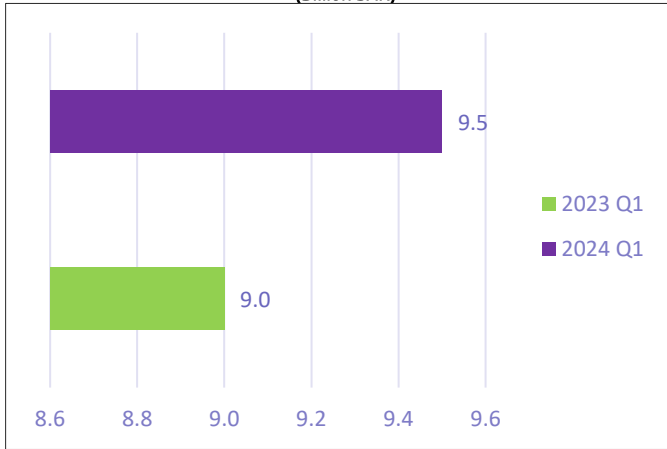


Increase the net flow of foreign direct investments for the first quarter of 2024 by 5.6% compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

The net flow of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Kingdom amounted to 9.5 billion SAR during the first quarter of 2024, achieved a growth of 5.6% compared to the first quarter of 2023, which recorded 9 billion SAR (Figure1).

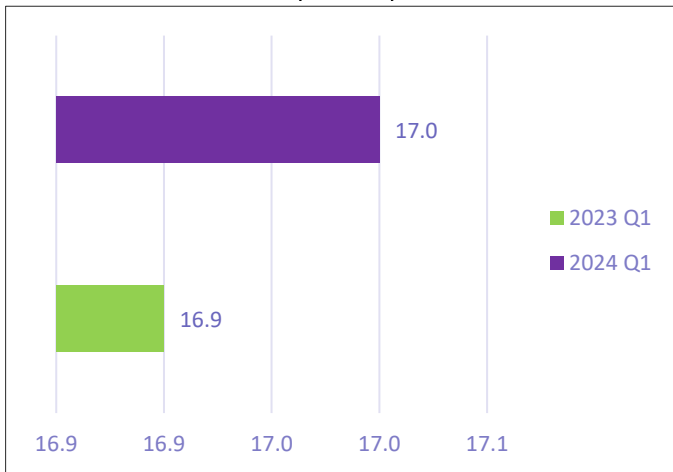
Figure1: Quarterly FDI net inflows of Q1 (2023-2024)
(Billion SAR)



FDI Inflows amounted to about 17 billion SAR during the Q1 2024

Inflows amounted to about 17 billion SAR during the first quarter of 2024, achieved a growth of 0.6% compared to the first quarter of 2023, which was about 16.9 billion SAR. (Figure 2).

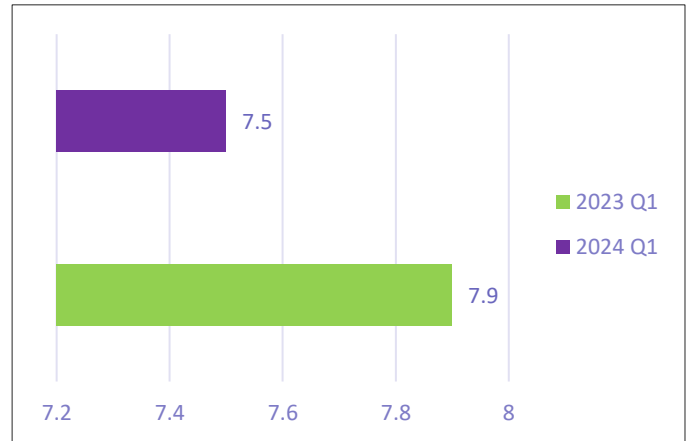
Figure2: Quarterly FDI inflows in the Kingdom of Q1 (2023-2024)
(Billion SAR)



FDI outflows amounted to about 7 billion SAR for Q1 2024

Outflows amounted to about 7.5 billion SAR during the first quarter of 2024, registering a decrease of 5.1% compared to the first quarter of 2023, where the volume of outflows reached 8 billion SAR. (Figure3)

Figure3: Quarterly FDI outflows of Q1 (2023-2024)
(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.

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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