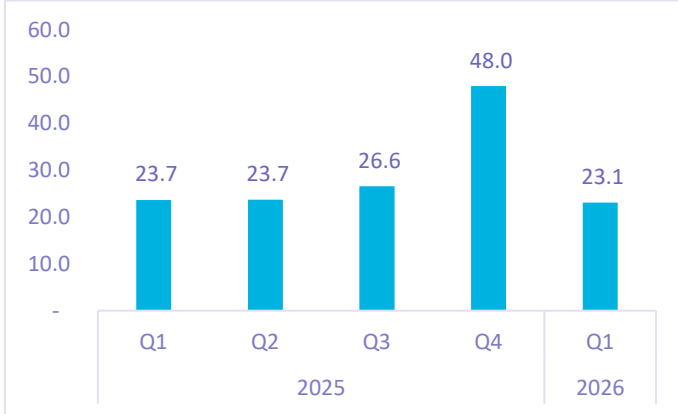


Foreign direct investment (FDI) net inflows decrease by 2.4 % year-on-year in Q1 of 2026

The foreign direct investment (FDI) results for Q1 of 2026 showed that net inflows reached SAR 23.1 billion, representing a 2.4 % decrease compared to the same quarter of the previous year, which stood at SAR 23.7 billion. Additionally, net inflows decreased by 51.9% compared to the previous quarter of 2025, when they stood at SAR 48.0 billion (Figure 1).

Figure 1: FDI net inflows of Q1 (2026)
(Billion SAR)

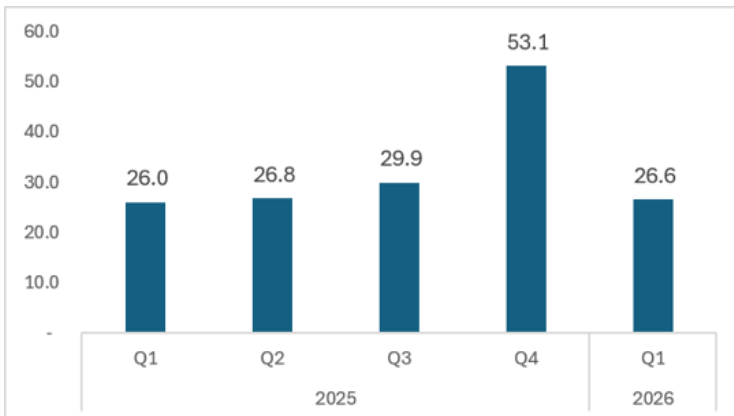


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FDI inflows reach SAR 26.6 billion in Q1 of 2026

FDI inflows reached approximately SAR 26.6 billion in Q1 of 2026, recording a 2.4% increase compared to Q1 of 2025, which stood at SAR 26.0 billion. Furthermore, FDI inflows decreased by 49.9% compared to the previous quarter, when they stood at SAR 53.1 billion (Figure 2).

Figure 2: FDI inflows of Q1 (2026)
(Billion SAR)



*Q4 of 2025 data have been updated.

FDI outflows reach SAR 3.5 billion in Q1 of 2026

FDI outflows reached approximately SAR 3.5 billion in Q1 of 2026, marking a 50.6 % increase compared to Q1 of 2025, which stood at SAR 2.3 billion. Additionally, FDI outflows decreased by 31.8% compared to the previous quarter, when they stood at SAR 5.2 billion (Figure 3).

Figure 3: FDI outflows of Q1 (2026)
(Billion SAR)



*Q4 of 2025 data have been updated.

Methodology and quality

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 exists.

Net Inflow of Foreign Direct Investment:

It represents the difference between the inflow and outflow of Foreign Direct Investment into the country. [Methodology and quality, table](#)