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Introduction

This publication presents statistics of the stock of foreign investment in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi as at the end of 2015 and 2016. The data was collected from a field survey, which covered all known establishments with inward foreign investment into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. It includes Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Portfolio Investment and Other Investment statistics.

Foreign investment statistics are presented according to the international standards for the dissemination of foreign investment statistics, adopting the guidelines recommended in the Balance of Payments manual of the International Monetary Fund. Foreign investment statistics are presented by economic activity, geographic region and source country.

This publication includes commentary on the key foreign investment statistics alongside analytical tables and graphs. The technical notes section provide an explanation of the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of foreign investment statistics. Readers are encouraged to refer to it while reading the statistics and information outlined in the publication.

Key Points

- The total stock of Foreign Investment (FI) increased from AED 353,101 million at the end of 2015 to AED 459,531 million or by 30.1% at the end of 2016. The contribution of the 'Financial and insurance' activity to total foreign investment was 63.4% at the end of 2016 compared with 63.9% at the end of 2015, while 'Real estate' represented an 8.0% contribution at the end of 2016 compared with 7.8% in 2015.
- The stock of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased by 14.5% from AED 88,095 million at the end of 2015 to AED 100,887 million at the end of 2016.
- European countries had the highest percentage contribution to total FDI into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in 2016 at 44.8% or AED 45,201 million, up from AED 36,021 million or 40.9% in 2015.
- The United Kingdom ranked top among countries with FDI into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi at 15.0% amounting to AED 15,154 million, compared with AED 5,740 million or 6.5% of total FDI in 2015.
- Total portfolio investment into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, consisting of equity securities and debt securities, increased from AED 87,895 million at the end of 2015 to AED 131,354 million at the end of 2016.
- Other Investment into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 177,111 million at the end of 2015 to AED 227,290 million at the end of 2016.

Total Stock of Foreign Investment (FI) by Economic Activity

The value of FI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased by 30.1% from AED 353,101 million at the end of 2015 to AED 459,531 million at the end of 2016. This increase could mainly be attributed to the Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles', which increased from AED 665 million or a share of 81.7% at the end of 2015 to AED 10,374 million or 1,459.4% of total FI at the end of 2016.

The 'Financial and insurance' activity, attracted FI worth AED 225,774 million or 63.4% of total FI at the end of 2016, compared with AED 291,541 million or 63.9% of total FI at the end of 2015.

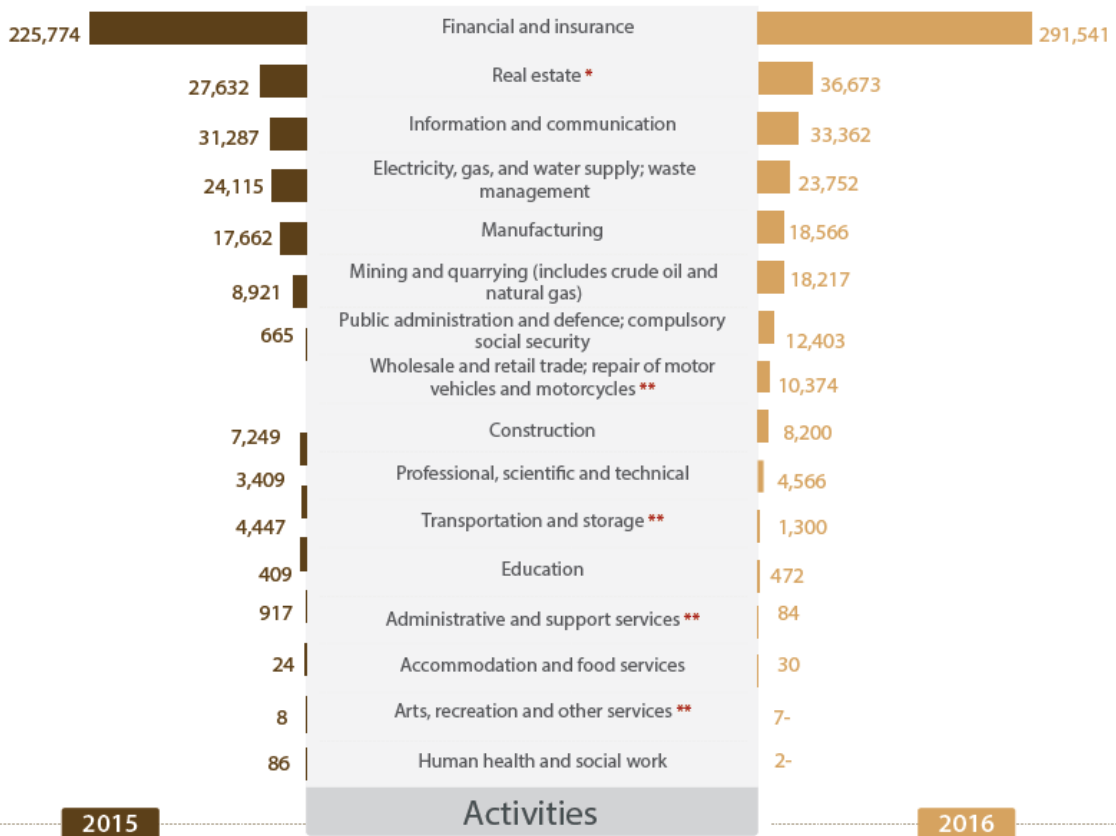
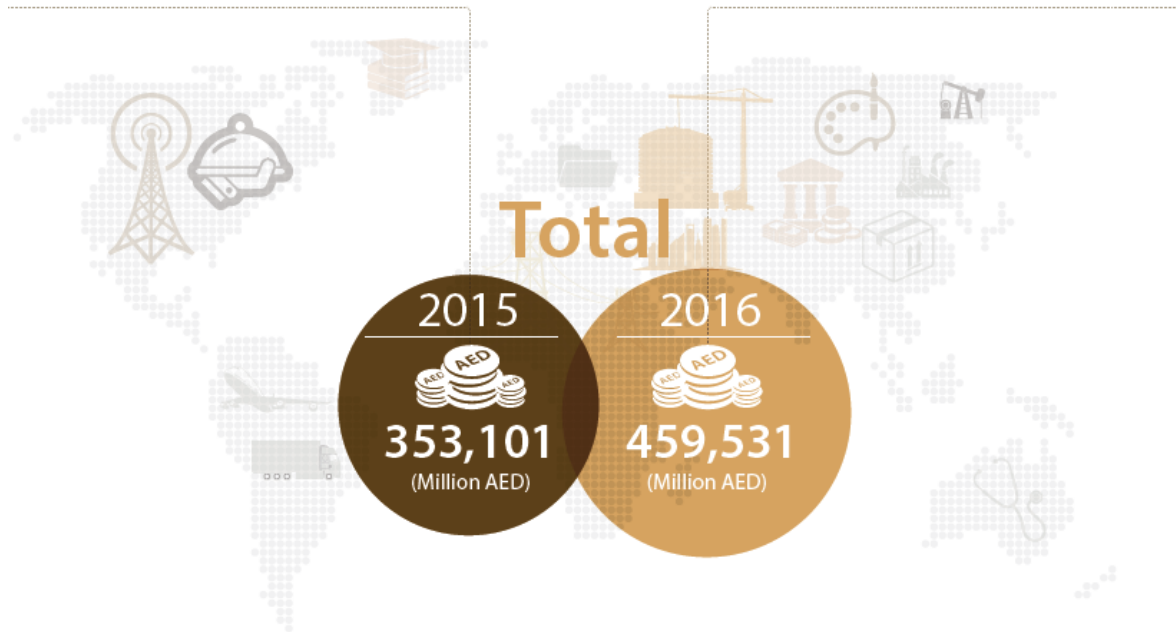
FI in the 'Real Estate' activity, which includes real estate sales to non-residents, increased from AED 27,632 million or 7.8% of total FI at the end of 2015 to AED 36,673 million or 8.0% of total FI at the end of 2016.

FI in the 'Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management' activity amounted to AED 23,752 million or 5.2% of total FI at the end of 2016 compared with AED 24,115 million or 6.8% of total FI at the end of 2015.

FI in 'Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)' activities increased to AED 18,217 million or 4.0% of total FI at the end of 2016, compared with AED 8,921 million or a FI share of 2.5% at the end of 2015.

In 2016 'Public administration and defence; compulsory social security' activity amounted to AED 12,403 million or 2.7% of total FI at the end of 2016.

Total Stock of Foreign Investment by Economic Activity



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

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Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by Economic Activity

The value of FDI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased by 14.5% from AED 88,095 million at the end of 2015 to AED 100,887 million at the end of 2016.

This increase can be attributed to several economic activities which increased at varying rates, among them the 'Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)' activity which attracted FDI worth AED 17,414 million or 17.3% of total FDI at the end of 2016, compared with AED 8,354 million or 9.5% of total FDI at the end of 2015.

The 'Real estate' activity, which includes real estate sales to non-residents, increased from AED 23,793 million at the end of 2015 to AED 27,954 million at the end of 2016, while its share of total FDI rose from 27.0% to 27.7% over the same period.

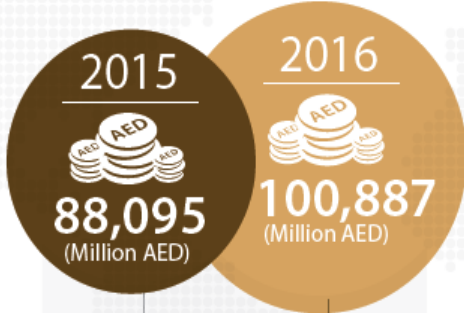
The "Manufacturing" activity increased from AED 17,204 million and 19.5% contribution at the end of 2015, to AED 18,113 million or 18.0% contribution to FDI at the end of 2016.

FDI for "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" rose from AED 559 million in 2015 to AED 2,362 million in 2016, while its contribution rose from 0.6% to 2.3% over the same period.

The "Construction" activity contributed 7.9% of the total FDI in 2016 compared with 7.2% in 2015, rising from AED 6,379 million in 2015 to AED 8,010 million in 2016.

FDI for the "Financial and insurance" activity amounted to 10.4% of total FDI or AED 10,497 million in 2016, compared with 15.1% of total FDI or AED 13,338 million in 2015.

Total



2015	2016
23,793	27,954
17,204	18,113
8,354	17,414
13,338	10,497
10,190	9,929
6,379	8,010
3,198	4,327
559	2,362
3,523	1,246
139	491
393	459
908	63
24	30
8	7-
86	2-

Stock of Foreign Direct Investment by Economic Activity



Activities
Real estate *
Manufacturing
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)
Financial and insurance
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management
Construction
Professional, scientific and technical
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles**
Transportation and storage**
Information and communication**
Education
Administrative and support services
Accommodation and food services
Human health and social work
Arts, recreation and other services **

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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FDI by Region

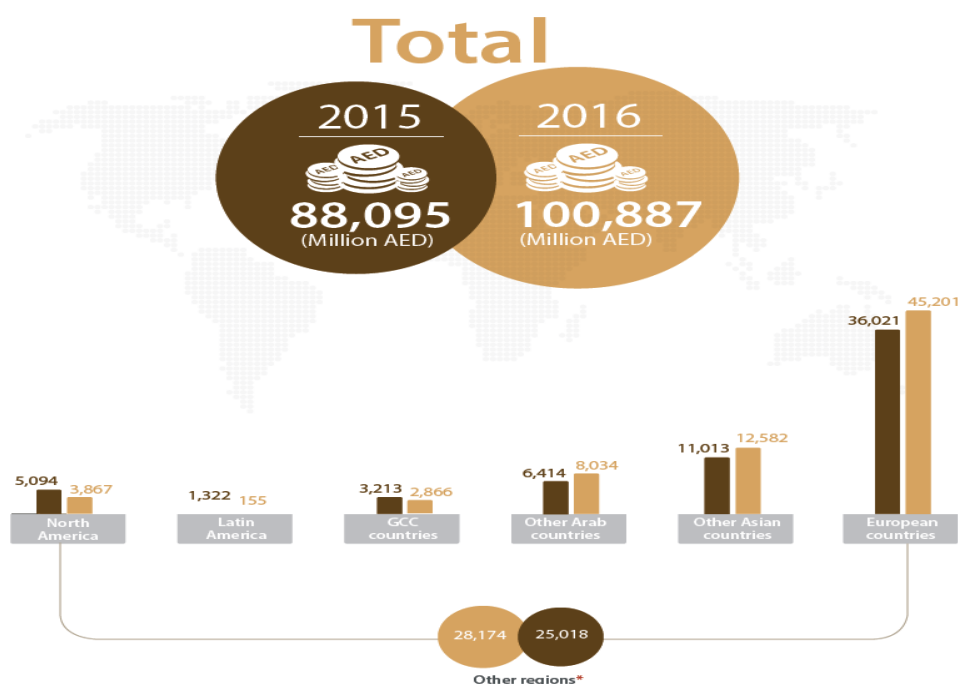
FDI from the GCC region amounted to AED 3,213 million or 3.6% of total FDI at the end of 2015 compared with AED 2,866 million or 2.8% at the end of 2016. Investments from other Arab countries totaled AED 6,414 million or 7.3% of total FDI in 2015 and AED 8,034 million or 8.0% of FDI in 2016.

European countries accounted for the largest share of FDI into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Investment from these countries increased from AED 36,021 million at the end of 2015 or 40.9% of total FDI to AED 45,201 million at the end of 2016 at a share of 44.8%.

FDI from other Asian countries (excluding Arab countries) into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 11,013 million or 12.5% at the end of 2015 to AED 12,582 million in 2016 maintaining a share of 12.5%.

Investments from other regions (including real estate sales to non-residents) amounted to AED 25,018 million and a 28.4% contribution in 2015 compared with AED 28,174 million or 27.9% in 2016.

Foreign Direct Investment by Region



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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FDI by Source Country

The United Kingdom ranked top among countries with FDI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, with investments amounting to AED 5,740 million or 6.5% at the end of 2015, compared with AED 15,154 million or 15.0% at the end of 2016.

FDI from Austria amounted to the second largest percentage contribution from a single country in 2016 at 14.2% compared with 14.8% in 2015, increasing from AED 13,005 million to AED 14,335 million during the same period.

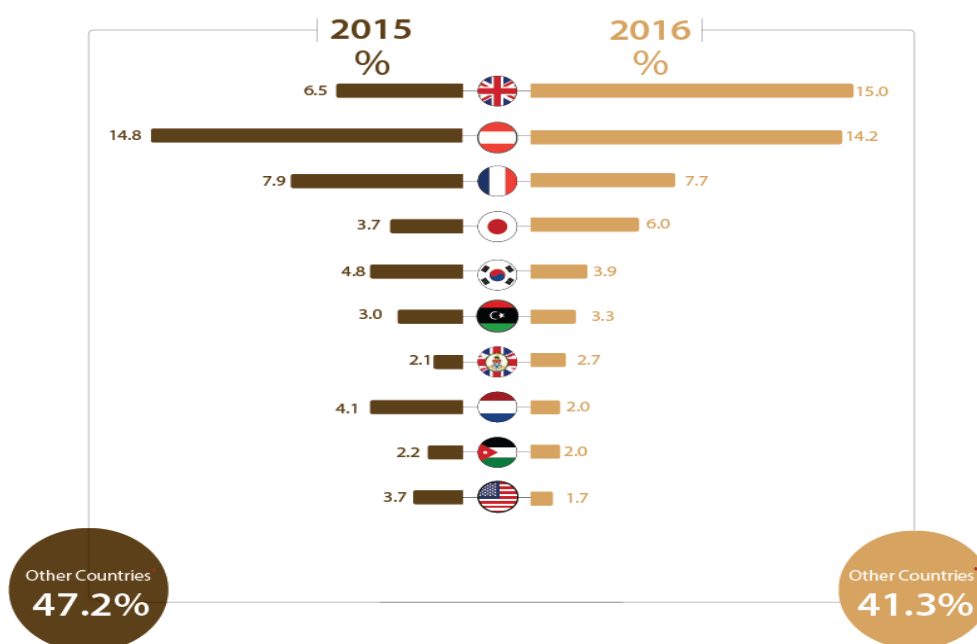
FDI in 2016 from France and Japan amounted to AED 7,752 million at 7.7% and AED 6,100 million at 6.0% contribution to total FDI respectively.

FDI from South Korea amounted to AED 3,974 million or 3.9% contribution to total FDI in 2016, compared with AED 4,199 million or 4.8% in 2015.

FDI from Libya amounted to AED 3,334 million or 3.3% in 2016, increasing from AED 2,622 million or 3.0% in 2015.

FDI from other countries (including real estate sales to non-residents) amounted to AED 41,707 million in 2016 or 41.3% of FDI, compared with AED 41,561 million or 47.2% in 2015.

Percentage Distribution of top ten countries in the FDI



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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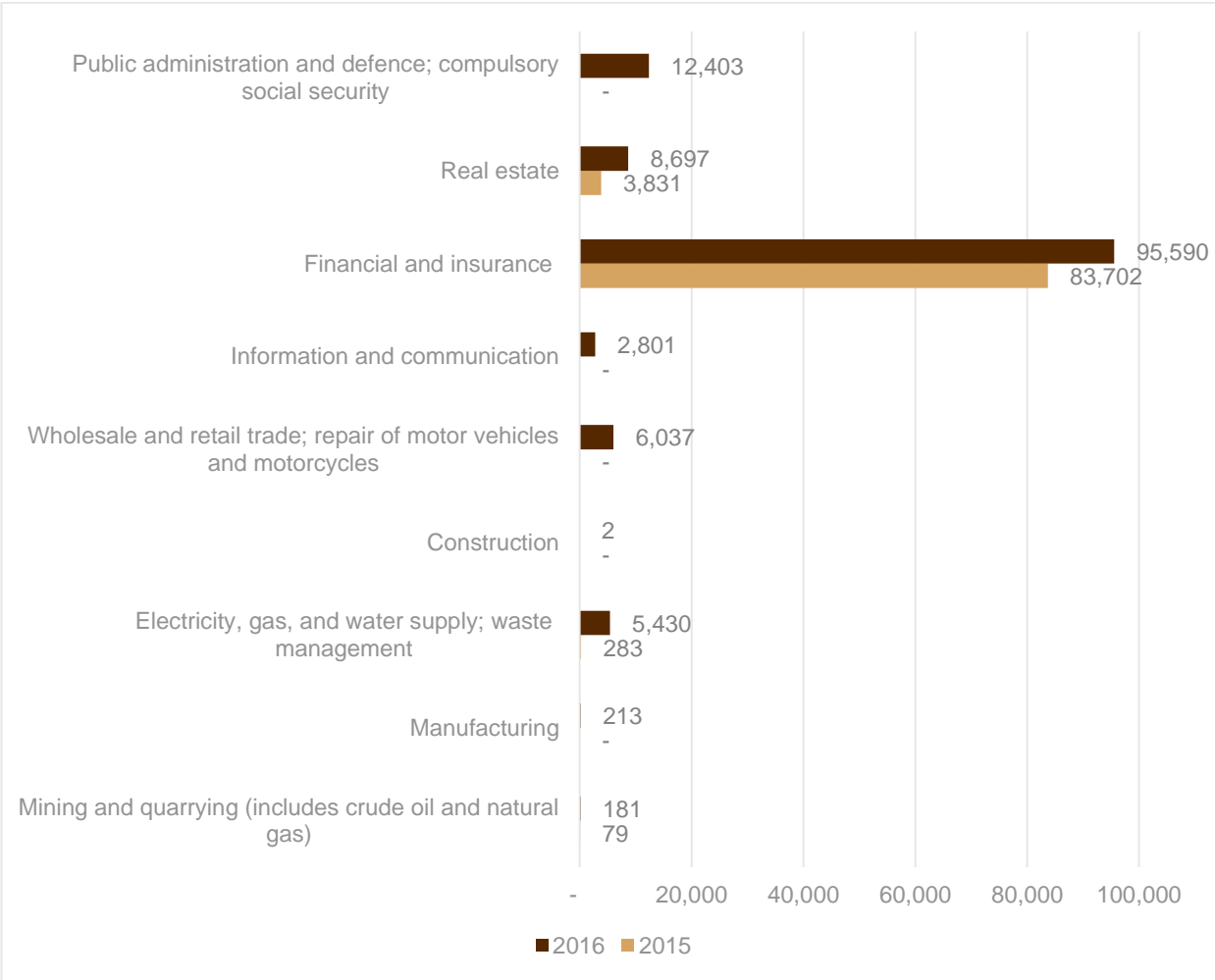
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Portfolio Investment by Economic Activity

Total portfolio investments into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, consisting of equity securities and debt securities, amounted to AED 131,354 million at the end of 2016. The 'Financial and insurance' activity contributed the largest proportion of portfolio investments amounting to AED 95,590 million or 72.8% of the total at the end of 2016.

The second largest contributor was 'public administration and defence; compulsory social security,' with investments amounting to AED 12,403 million or 9.4% at the end of 2016.

Figure 1: Portfolio investment by economic activity (2015, 2016)



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Other Investment by Economic Activity

Other investments into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi amounted to AED 227,290 million in 2016. The 'Financial and insurance' activity contributed the largest proportion of other investments amounting to AED 185,455 million or 81.6% of total other investments in 2016.

The second largest share of other investments was in the 'Information and communication' activity, which totaled AED 30,070 million or 13.2% of the total other investments at the end of 2016; followed by the 'Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management' activity which amounted to AED 8,393 million or 3.7% of total other investments at the end of 2016.

Percentage Distribution of the Other Investments by Economic Activity



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Statistical Tables

Table 1: Stock of Foreign Investment by economic activity

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2015	2016
Total	353,101	459,531
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	8,921	18,217
Manufacturing	17,662	18,566
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	24,115	23,752
Construction	7,246	8,200
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles**	665	10,374
Transportation and storage**	4,947	1,300
Accommodation and food services	24	30
Information and communication	31,287	33,362
Financial institutions and insurance	225,774	291,541
Real estate *	27,632	36,673
Professional, scientific and technical	3,409	4,566
Administrative and support services**	917	84
Education	409	472
Human health and social work	8	(7)
Arts, recreation and other services**	86	(2)
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-	12,403

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 2: Stock of Foreign Direct Investment by economic activity

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2015	2016
Total	88,095	100,887
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	8,354	17,414
Manufacturing	17,204	18,113
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	10,190	9,929
Construction	6,379	8,010
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles**	559	2,362
Transportation and storage**	3,523	1,246
Accommodation and food services	24	30
Information and communication	139	491
Financial institutions and insurance	13,338	10,497
Real estate *	23,793	27,954
Professional, scientific and technical	3,198	4,327
Administrative and support services **	908	63
Education	393	459
Human health and social work	8	(7)
Arts, recreation and other services **	86	(2)

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 3: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by economic activity

(%)

Activities	2015	2016
Total	100	100
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	9.5	17.3
Manufacturing	19.5	18.0
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	11.6	9.8
Construction	7.2	7.9
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles**	0.6	2.3
Transportation and storage**	4.0	1.2
Accommodation and food services	0.0	0.0
Information and communication	0.2	0.5
Financial institutions and insurance	15.1	10.4
Real estate *	27.0	27.7
Professional, scientific and technical	3.6	4.3
Administrative and support services **	1.0	0.1
Education	0.4	0.5
Human health and social work	0.0	(0.0)
Arts, recreation and other services **	0.1	(0.0)

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 4: Stock of FDI by region

(Value in million AED)

Countries	2015	2016
Total	88,095	100,887
GCC countries	3,213	2,866
Other Arab countries	6,414	8,034
Other Asian countries	11,013	12,582
Other African countries	-	8
European countries	36,021	45,201
North America	5,094	3,867
Latin America	1,322	155
Other regions*	25,018	28,174

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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2) the change in the share of some countries is includes movement of ownership between countries

* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Table 5: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by region

(%)

Countries	2015	2016
Total	100	100
GCC countries	3.6	2.8
Other Arab countries	7.3	8.0
Other Asian countries	12.5	12.5
Other African countries	-	0.0
European countries	40.9	44.8
North America	5.8	3.8
Latin America	1.5	0.2
Other regions*	28.4	27.9

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Table 6: Total stock of FDI by top ten countries

(Value in million AED)

Countries	2015	2016
Total	88,095	100,887
United Kingdom	5,740	15,154
Austria	13,005	14,355
France	7,002	7,752
Japan	3,291	6,100
South Korea	4,199	3,974
Libya	2,622	3,334
Cayman Islands	1,818	2,746
Netherlands	3,644	2,020
Jordan	1,916	2,001
United States	3,297	1,744
Other *	41,561	41,707

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Table 7: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by the top ten countries

(%)

Countries	2015	2016
Total	100	100
United Kingdom	6.5	15.0
Austria	14.8	14.2
France	7.9	7.7
Japan	3.7	6.0
South Korea	4.8	3.9
Libya	3.0	3.3
Cayman Islands	2.1	2.7
Netherlands	4.1	2.0
Jordan	2.2	2.0
United States	3.7	1.7
Other *	47.2	41.3

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 8: Total stock of FDI by source country

(Value in million AED)

Countries	2015	2016
Total	88,095	100,887
Bahrain	269	144
Kuwait	939	716
Qatar	28	30
Saudi Arabia	543	501
Oman	1,435	1,475
Jordan	1,916	2,001
Palestine	62	66
Algeria	957	1,270
Syria	18	22
Sudan	(16)	(120)
Lebanon	684	1,305
Libya	2,622	3,334
Egypt	170	155
Malaysia	918	950
China - including Hong Kong and Macau	1,093	1,373
Japan	3,291	6,100
India	562	(832)
Pakistan	445	537
Singapore	377	354
Turkey	19	15
South Korea	4,199	3,974
Bangladesh	108	112
Taiwan	1	-
Germany	3,439	1,546
United Kingdom	5,740	15,154
Spain	80	105
Belgium	2	-
Greece	48	546
Austria	13,005	14,355
France	7,002	7,752
Cayman Islands	1,818	2,746
Cyprus	58	125
Liechtenstein	679	136
Ireland	9	171
Portugal	31	-
Switzerland	384	209
Italy	31	315
Netherlands	3,644	2,020
Slovenia	19	22
Norway	5	-
Brunei	26	-
Panama	1,213	1,350
Brazil	24	52
Canada	341	328
British Virgin Islands	219	392
United States	3,297	1,744
Bermuda	1,322	155
Swaziland	-	8
Other *	25,017	28,174

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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* Includes real estate sales to non-residents and other countries like (Australia , Sweden , New Zealand , Gibraltar , Finland , Saint Kitts and Nevis , Bahamas and Barbados)

Table 9: Total stock of portfolio investment by economic activity

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2015	2016
Total	87,895	131,354
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	79	181
Manufacturing	-	213
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	283	5,430
Construction	-	2
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	-	6,037
Information and communication	-	2,801
Financial and insurance	83,702	95,590
Real estate	3,831	8,697
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-	12,403

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 10: Percentage distribution of portfolio investment stock by economic activity

(%)

Activities	2015	2016
Total	100	100
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	-	0.2
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	0.3	4.1
Construction	-	0.0
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	-	4.6
Information and communication	-	2.1
Financial and insurance	95.2	72.8
Real estate	4.4	6.6
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-	9.4

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

Table 11: Total stock of other investment by economic activity

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2015	2016
Total	177,111	227,290
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	488	622
Manufacturing	458	240
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	13,642	8,393
Construction	867	188
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	106	1,975
Transportation and storage	1,424	53
Information and communication	31,148	30,070
Financial and insurance	128,734	185,455
Real estate	8	22
Professional, scientific and technical	211	239
Administrative and support services	9	21
Education	16	13

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 12: Percentage distribution of other investment stock by economic activity

(%)

Activities	2015	2016
Total	100	100
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0.3	0.3
Manufacturing	0.3	0.1
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	7.7	3.7
Construction	0.5	0.1
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.1	0.9
Transportation and storage	0.8	0.0
Information and communication	17.6	13.2
Financial and insurance	72.7	81.6
Real estate	0.0	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical	0.1	0.1
Administrative and support services	0.0	0.0
Education	0.0	0.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Explanatory note

Foreign investment in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi conducted a field survey for the reference year 2016. The survey covered all known establishments with inward foreign investment in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, through field visits to these establishments. The objective was to identify the activities they perform as well as to gain information on the nature and size of inward foreign investment.

Scope of the survey:

The frame of this survey was obtained from the 'economic establishments' frame, which includes businesses with foreign investment activities.

Survey method:

The survey involved full coverage of all the establishments that were found to have shareholdings by foreign investors.

Objectives of the survey:

The Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi conducted a field survey that included all the foreign investment establishments in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. This was done using a special questionnaire, which was prepared according to the international standards for the dissemination of foreign investment statistics.

Objectives:

1. Identify the amount of foreign investments in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
2. Determine the distribution of these investments by economic activities.
3. Identify the sources and value of FDI.
4. Determine the extent to which these investments contribute to the provision of employment opportunities, especially for UAE nationals.
5. Assess the role played by these investments in the transfer of technology.
6. Provide the necessary data that will help policy-makers to take appropriate decisions that will attract foreign investment.
7. Provide data on the role of foreign investors in the promotion of trade in the Emirate and to keep track of any future expansion in their activities.

Glossary

Foreign Direct Investment

FDI is a category of international investment that reflects the objective of a resident in one economy (the direct investor) to obtain a lasting interest in an enterprise resident in another economy (the direct investment enterprise). The lasting interest implies the existence of a long-term relationship between the direct investor and the direct investment enterprise, and a significant degree of influence by the investor on the management of the enterprise.

The change in the estimated value of FDI in the Real estate and business services economic activity from the end of one reference year to the end of the next reference year reflects the change in ownership of Abu Dhabi real estate from residents to non-residents during the reference year. In the publication, the estimated value of FDI in real estate at the end of each reference year excludes the change in ownership of Abu Dhabi real estate from non-residents to residents and excludes adjustments for price changes.

Portfolio investment

The major components of portfolio investment classified under assets and liabilities are equity securities and debt securities. Both are usually traded (or tradable) in organized and other financial markets.

Other investment

Other Investment is a residual category that includes all financial transactions not covered in direct investment, portfolio investment, or reserve assets.

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