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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 2014 and 2015. The data were collected from a field survey, which covered all known establishments with inward foreign investment into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. The publication highlights the relative importance of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Portfolio Investment and Other Investment.

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

## Key Points

- The total stock of Foreign Investment (FI) increased from AED 298,758 million at the end of 2014 to AED 353,101 million or by 18.2% at the end of 2015. The contribution of the 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity to total foreign investment was 63.9% at the end of 2015 compared with 60.2% at the end of 2014, while 'Real estate' represented 7.8% at the end of 2015 and 9.2% at the end of 2014.
- The stock of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 81,112 million at the end of 2014 to AED 88,095 million at the end of 2015, or by 8.6%.
- FDI from Europe into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, increased from AED 32,980 million at the end of 2014 to AED 35,972 million at the end of 2015.
- Austria ranked top among countries with FDI into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, with AED 13,005 million or 14.8% of total FDI at the end of 2015, following AED 9,503 million or 11.7% at the end of 2014.
- Total portfolio investment into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, consisting of equity securities and debt securities, increased from AED 57,283 million at the end of 2014 to AED 87,895 million at the end of 2015.
- Other Investment into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 160,364 million at the end of 2014 to AED 177,111 million at the end of 2015.

## Total Stock of Foreign Investment (FI) by Economic Activity

The value of FI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased by 18.2% from AED 298,758 million at the end of 2014 to AED 353,101 million at the end of 2015. This increase could mainly be attributed to the 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity, which increased from AED 179,727 million or a share of 60.2% at the end of 2014 to AED 225,774 million or 63.9% of total FI at the end of 2015.

FI in the 'Information and communication' activity, attracted FI worth AED 31,287 million or 8.9 % of total FI at the end of 2015, compared with AED 31,306 million or 10.5 % of total FI at the end of 2014 .

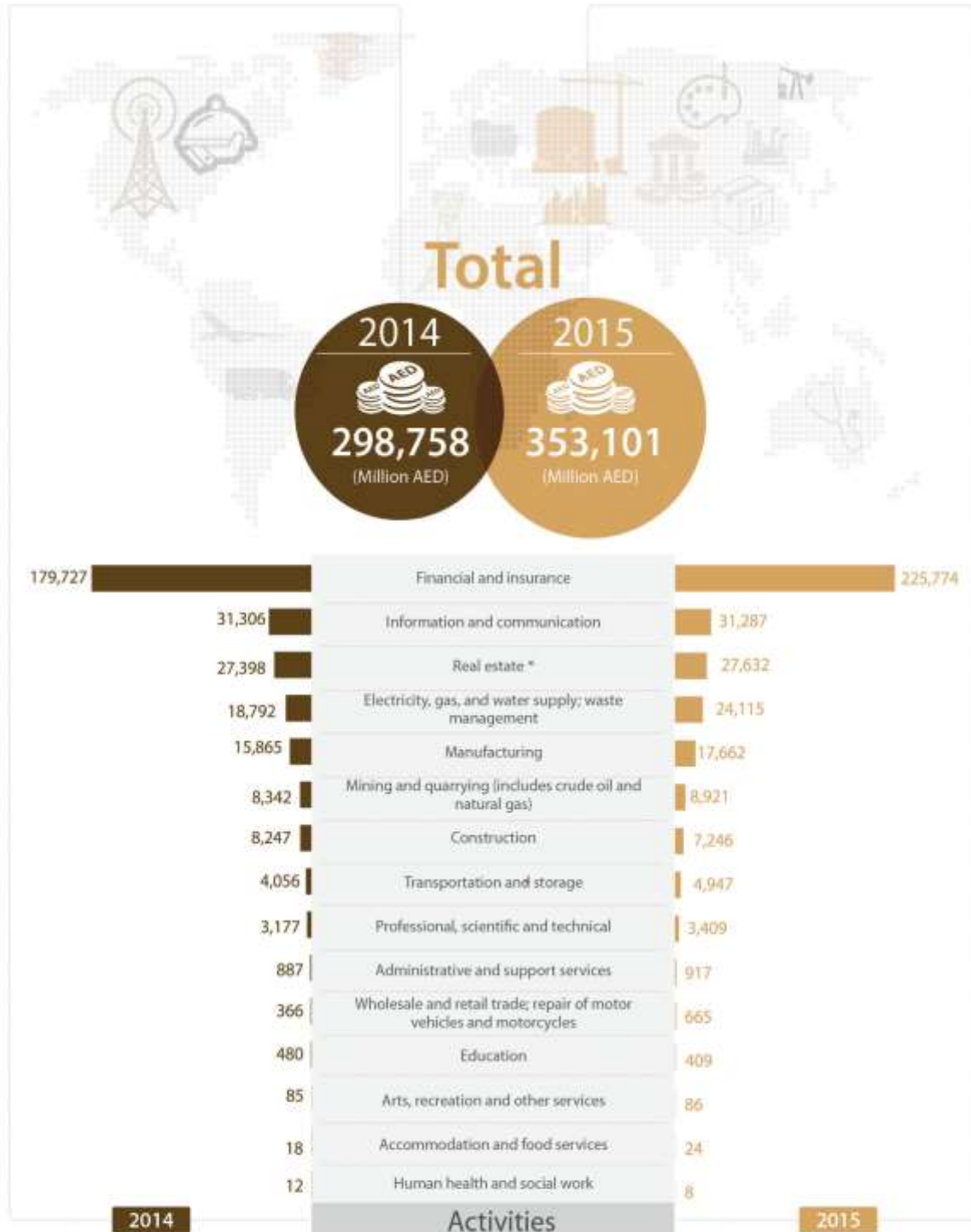
FI in the 'Real Estate' activity increased from AED 27,398 million or 9.2% of total FI at the end of 2014 to AED 27,632 million or 7.8% of total FI at the end of 2015.

FI in the 'Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management' activity increased from AED 18,792 million or 6.3% of total FI at the end of 2014 to 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 amounted to AED 8,342 million or 2.8% of total FI at the end of 2014, compared with AED 8,921 million or a share of 2.5% at the end of 2015.

FI in the 'Construction' activity decreased from AED 8,247 million or 2.8% of total FI at the end of 2014 to AED 7,246 million or 2.1% of total FI at the end of 2015.

## Total Stock of Foreign Investment by Economic Activity



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

\* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by Economic Activity

The value of FDI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased by 8.6% from AED 81,112 million at the end of 2014 to AED 88,095 million at the end of 2015.

This increase could mainly be attributed to the 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity which attracted FDI worth AED 13,338 million or 15.1% of total FDI at the end of 2015, compared with AED 12,731 million or 15.7% of total FDI at the end of 2014.

The 'Manufacturing' activity, increased from AED 15,502 million at the end of 2014 to AED 17,204 million at the end of 2015, while its share of total FDI rose from 19.1% to 19.5% over the same period. 'Transportation and storage' activity increased from AED 1,850 million or 2.3 % of total FDI at the end of 2014 to AED 3,523 million or 4.0 % at the end of 2015.

FDI in 'Electricity, gas and water' activities amounted to AED 8,279 million or 10.2% of total FDI at the end of 2014 compared with AED 10,190 million or a share of 11.6% at the end of 2015.



# Total



# Stock of Foreign Direct Investment by Economic Activity

2014	2015
23,513	23,793
15,502	17,204
12,731	13,338
8,279	10,190
7,045	8,354
7,281	6,379
1,850	3,523
3,015	3,198
875	908
295	559
460	393
151	139
85	86
18	24
12	8

## Activities

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

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi  
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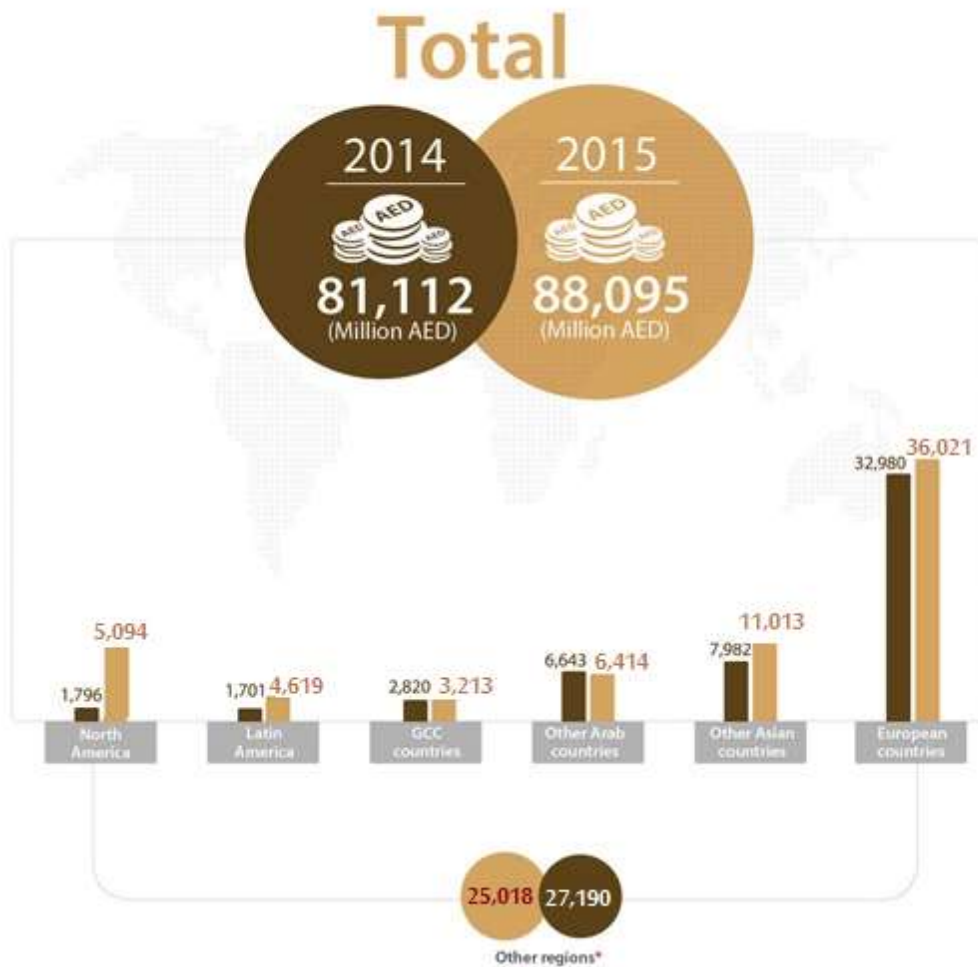
## FDI by Region

FDI from the GCC region amounted to AED 2,820 million or 3.5% of total FDI at the end of 2014 compared with AED 3,213 million or 3.6% at the end of 2015. Investments from other Arab countries totaled AED 6,643 million or 8.2 % of total FDI and AED 6,413 million or 7.3% of FDI for the years 2014 and 2015, respectively.

European countries accounted for the largest share of FDI into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Investment from these countries increased from AED 32,980 million at the end of 2014 or 40.7 % of total FDI to AED 36,021 million at the end of 2015 and a share of 40.9%.

FDI from other Asian countries into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 7,982 million at the end of 2014 to AED 11,013 million at the end of 2015. Investments from other regions (including real estate sales to non- residents) amounted to AED 27,190 million in 2014 compared with AED 25,018 million in 2015, contributing 33.5% of total FDI at the end of 2014 and 28.4% at the end of 2015.

## Foreign Direct Investment by Region

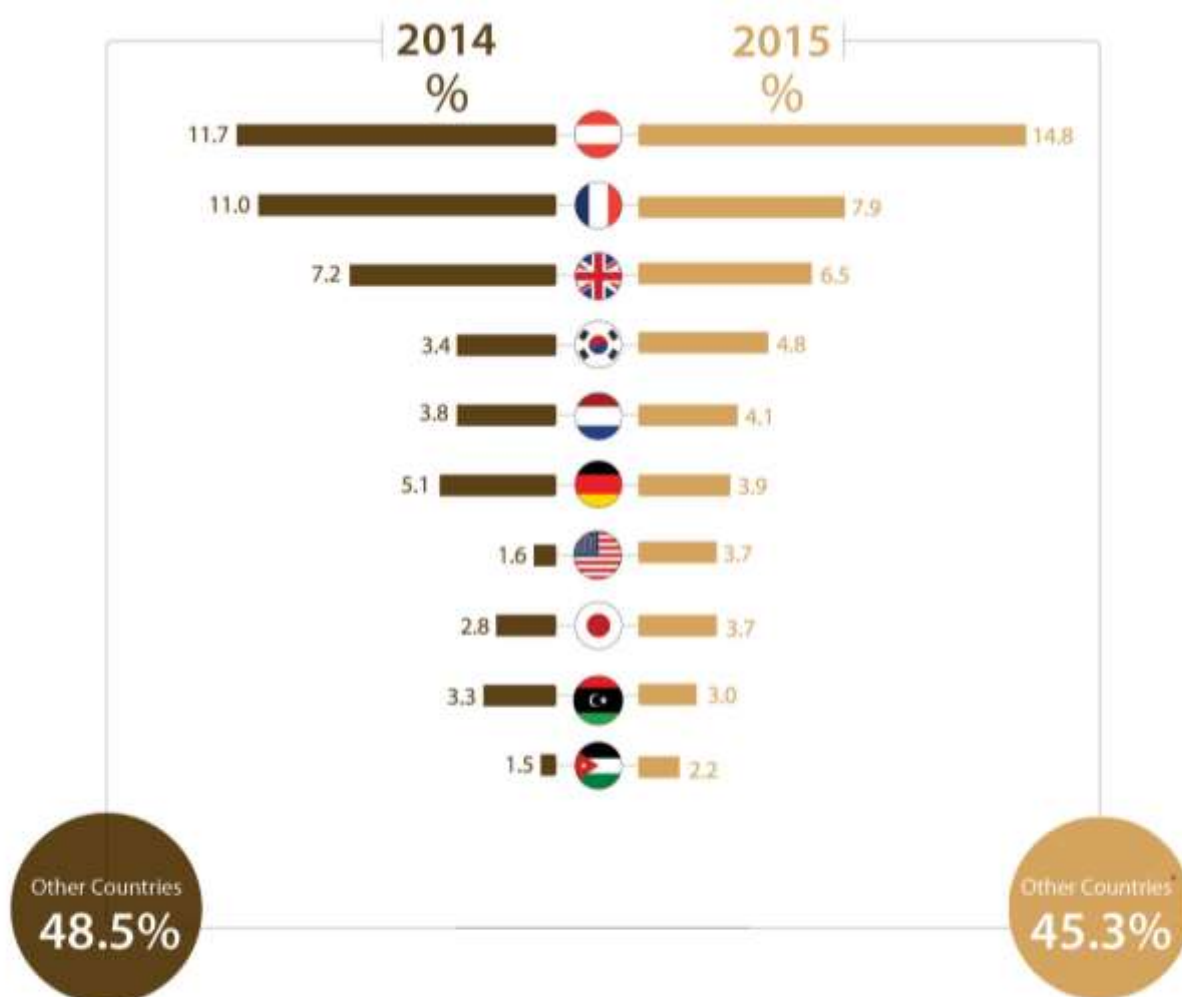


## FDI by Source Country

Austria ranked top among countries with FDI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, with investments amounting to AED 13,005 million or 14.8% at the end of 2015, compared with AED 9,503 million or 11.7% at the end of 2014. FDI from France decreased from AED 8,959 million or 11.0% of the total FDI in 2014 to AED 7,002 or 7.9% in 2015. United Kingdom invested AED 5,820 million and AED 5,740 million, or 7.2% and 6.5% of total FDI in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

FDI from Germany decreased from AED 4,109 million in 2014 to AED 3,439 million in 2015 or from 5.1% of total FDI to 3.9%.

### FDI, Percentage Distribution of Top Ten Countries



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi  
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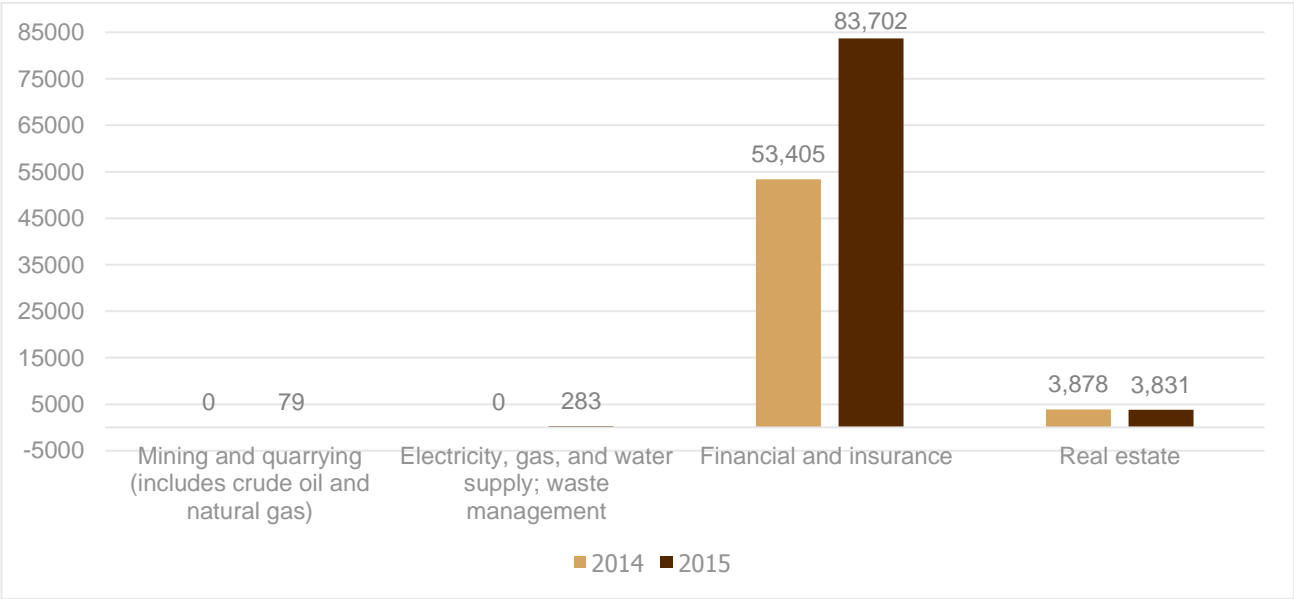
# Portfolio Investment by Economic Activity

Total portfolio investments into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, consisting of equity securities and debt securities, amounted to AED 87,895 million at the end of 2015. The 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity contributed the largest proportion of portfolio investments amounting to AED 83,702 million or 95.2% of the total at the end of 2015.

The second largest contributor was the 'Real estate and business services' activity, with investments amounting to AED 3,831 million or 4.4% at the end of 2015.

**Figure 1: Portfolio investment by economic activity (2014 , 2015 )**

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

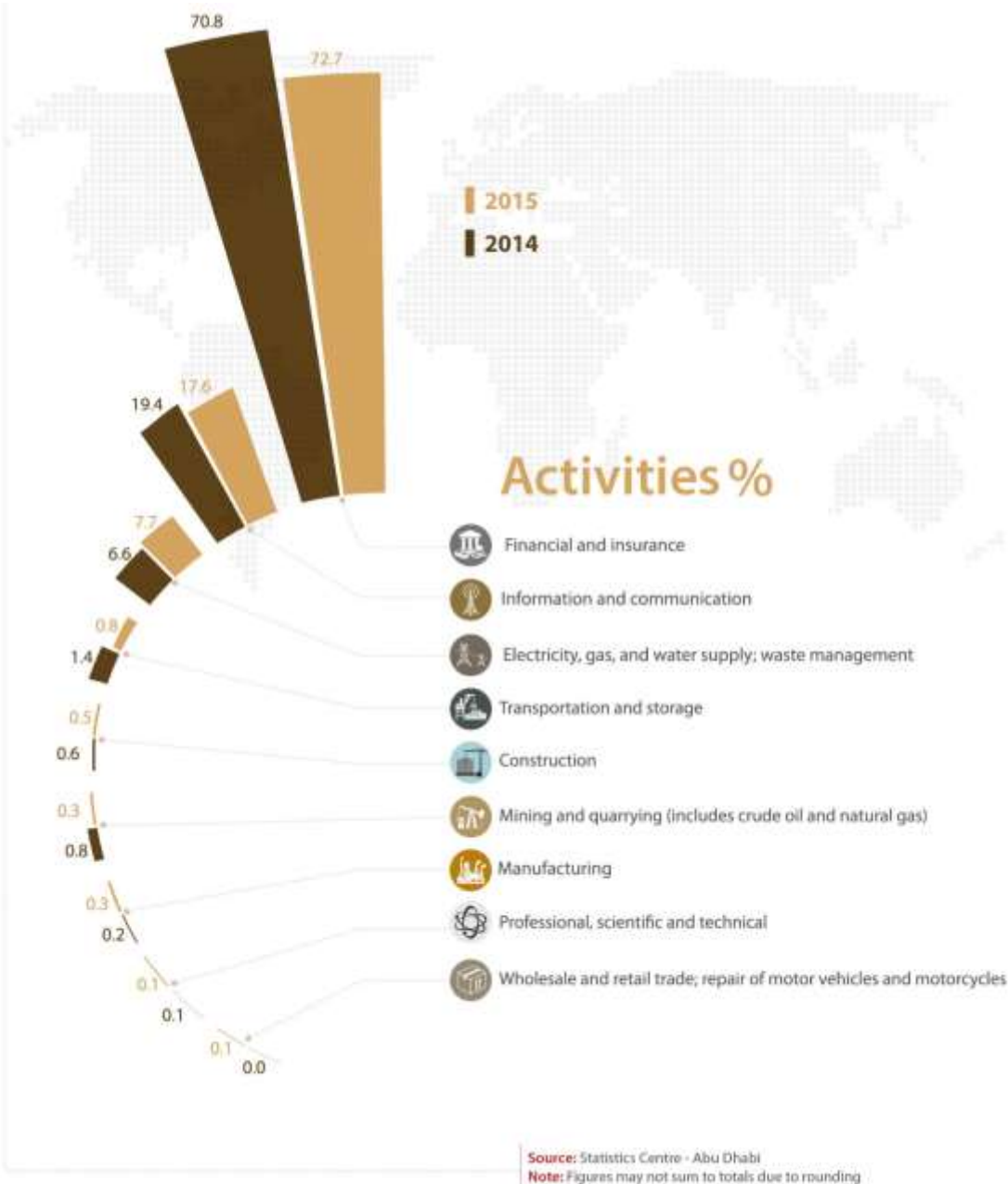


## Other Investment by Economic Activity

Other investments into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi amounted to AED 177,111 million in 2015. The 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity contributed the largest proportion of other investments amounting to AED 128,734 million or 72.7% of total other investments in 2015.

The second largest share of other investments was in the 'Information and communication' activity, which totaled AED 31,148 million or 17.6% of the total other investments at the end of 2015; followed by the 'Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management' activity which amounted to AED 13,642 million or 7.7% of total other investments at the end of 2015.

## Percentage Distribution of Other Investments by Economic Activity



## Statistical Tables

**Table 1: Stock of Foreign Investment by economic activity**

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>298,758</b>	<b>353,101</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	8,342	8,921
Manufacturing	15,865	17,662
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	18,792	24,115
Construction	8,247	7,246
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	366	665
Transportation and storage	4,056	4,947
Accommodation and food services	18	24
Information and communication	31,306	31,287
Financial institutions and insurance	179,727	225,774
Real estate *	27,398	27,632
Professional, scientific and technical	3,177	3,409
Administrative and support services	887	917
Education	480	409
Human health and social work	12	8
Arts, recreation and other services	85	86

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

\* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

**Table 2: Total stock of Foreign Investment by economic activity as a percentage of GDP at current prices**

(%)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>45.4</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0.9	1.1
Manufacturing	1.7	2.3
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	2.0	3.1
Construction	0.9	0.9
Transportation and storage	0.4	0.6
Information and communication	3.3	4.0
Financial institutions and insurance	18.7	29.0
Real estate *	2.9	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical	0.3	0.4
Administrative and support services	0.1	0.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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\* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

**Table 3: Stock of Foreign Direct Investment by economic activity**

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,112</b>	<b>88,095</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	7,045	8,354
Manufacturing	15,502	17,204
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	8,279	10,190
Construction	7,281	6,379
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	295	559
Transportation and storage	1,850	3,523
Accommodation and food services	18	24
Information and communication	151	139
Financial institutions and insurance	12,731	13,338
Real estate *	23,513	23,793
Professional, scientific and technical	3,015	3,198
Administrative and support services	875	908
Education	460	393
Human health and social work	12	8
Arts, recreation and other services	85	86

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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\* Includes real estate sales to non-residents



**Table 4: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by economic activity**

(%)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	8.7	9.5
Manufacturing	19.1	19.5
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	10.2	11.6
Construction	9.0	7.2
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.4	0.6
Transportation and storage	2.3	4.0
Information and communication	0.2	0.2
Financial institutions and insurance	15.7	15.1
Real estate *	29.0	27.0
Professional, scientific and technical	3.7	3.6
Administrative and support services	1.1	1.0
Education	0.6	0.4
Arts, recreation and other services	0.1	0.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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\* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

**Table 5: FDI by economic activity as a percentage of GDP at current prices**  
(%)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0.7	1.1
Manufacturing	1.6	2.2
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	0.9	1.3
Construction	0.8	0.8
Transportation and storage	0.2	0.5
Financial institutions and insurance	1.3	1.7
Real estate *	2.4	3.1
Professional, scientific and technical	0.3	0.4
Administrative and support services	0.1	0.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 6: Stock of FDI by region**

(Value in million AED)

Countries	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,112</b>	<b>88,095</b>
GCC countries	2,820	3,213
Other Arab countries	6,643	6,413
Other Asian countries	7,982	11,014
Other African countries	0	0
European countries	32,980	36,021
North America	1,796	5,094
Latin America	1,701	1,322
Other regions*	27,190	25,018

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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\* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

**Table 7: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by region**

(%)

Countries	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
GCC countries	3.5	3.6
Other Arab countries	8.2	7.3
Other Asian countries	9.8	12.5
Other African countries	0.0	0.0
European countries	40.7	40.9
North America	2.2	5.8
Latin America	2.1	1.5
Other regions*	33.5	28.4

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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\* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

**Table 8: Total stock of FDI by top ten countries**

(Value in million AED)

Countries	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,112</b>	<b>88,095</b>
Austria	9,503	13,005
France	8,959	7,002
United Kingdom	5,820	5,740
South Korea	2,719	4,199
Netherlands	3,112	3,644
Germany	4,109	3,439
United States	1,298	3,297
Japan	2,307	3,291
Libya	2,710	2,622
Jordan	1,211	1,916
Other *	39,364	39,939

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

**Table 9: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by the top ten countries**

(%)

Countries	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Austria	11.7	14.8
France	11.0	7.9
United Kingdom	7.2	6.5
South Korea	3.4	4.8
Netherlands	3.8	4.1
Germany	5.1	3.9
United States	1.6	3.7
Japan	2.8	3.7
Libya	3.3	3.0
Jordan	1.5	2.2
Other *	48.5	45.3

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 10: Total stock of FDI by source country**

(Value in million AED)

<b>Countries</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,112</b>	<b>88,095</b>
Bahrain	266	269
Kuwait	1,141	939
Qatar	36	28
Saudi Arabia	762	543
Oman	616	1,435
Jordan	1,211	1,916
Palestine	52	62
Algeria	990	957
Syria	20	18
Sudan	-9	-16
Lebanon	1,433	684
Libya	2,710	2,622
Egypt	236	170
Malaysia	629	918
China - including Hong Kong and Macau	848	1,093
Japan	2,307	3,291
India	467	562
Pakistan	471	445
Singapore	430	377
Turkey	22	19
South Korea	2,719	4,199
Bangladesh	89	108
Tawan	0	1
Germany	4,109	3,439
British Virgin Island	448	219
United Kingdom	5,820	5,740
Spain	124	80
Belgium	24	2
Greece	278	48
Austria	9,503	13,005
France	8,959	7,002
Cayman Islands	2,251	1,818
Cyprus	95	58
Liechtenstein	441	679
Ireland	-11	9
Denmark	29	0
Portugal	31	31
Switzerland	390	384
Italy	106	31
Netherlands	3,112	3,644
Slovenia	24	19
Norway	8	5
Brunei	32	26
Panama	1,156	1,213
United States	1,298	3,297
Bermuda	499	1,322
New Zealand	21	38
Australia	32	78
Brazil	67	24
Other *	24,886	25,293

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 11: Total stock of portfolio investment by economic activity**

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,283</b>	<b>87,895</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0	79
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	0	283
Financial institutions and insurance	53,405	83,702
Real estate	3,878	3,831

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 12: Percentage distribution of portfolio investment stock by economic activity**

(%)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0	0.1
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	0	0.3
Financial institutions and insurance	93.1	95.2
Real estate	6.8	4.4

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 13: Total stock of other investment by economic activity**

(Value in million AED)

<b>Activities</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,364</b>	<b>177,111</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	1,297	488
Manufacturing	364	458
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	10,512	13,642
Construction	966	867
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	71	106
Transportation and storage	2,206	1,424
Information and communication	31,154	31,148
Financial institutions and insurance	113,591	128,734
Real estate	7	8
Professional, scientific and technical	162	211
Administrative and support services	12	9
Education	20	16

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 14: Percentage distribution of other investment stock by economic activity**  
(%)

Activities	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0.8	0.3
Manufacturing	0.2	0.3
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	6.6	7.7
Construction	0.6	0.5
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.0	0.1
Transportation and storage	1.4	0.8
Information and communication	19.4	17.6
Financial institutions and insurance	70.8	72.7
Real estate	0.0	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical	0.1	0.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding



## Technical notes

### Foreign investment in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi conducted a field survey for the reference year 2015. 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.

## **Definition of 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.

## **Definition of 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.

## **Definition of 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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