





Foreign Investment Statistics

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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 2013 and 2014. 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 264,123 million at the end of 2013 to AED 298,758 million at the end of 2014. The contribution of the 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity to total foreign investment was 60.5% at the end of 2013 compared with 60.2% at the end of 2014, while 'Real estate' represented 11.8% at the end of 2013 and 9.2% at the end of 2014.
- The stock of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 71,931 million at the end of 2013 to AED 81,112 million at the end of 2014 or by 12.8%.
- FDI from Europe into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, increased from AED 26,684 million at the end of 2013 to AED 32,980 million at the end of 2014.
- Austria ranked top among countries with FDI into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, with AED 7,997 million or 11.1% of total FDI at the end of 2013, and 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 marginally from AED 57,125 million at the end of 2013 to AED 57,362 million at the end of 2014.
- Other Investment into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 135,066 million at the end of 2013 to AED 160,364 million at the end of 2014.

Total Stock of Foreign Investment (FI) by Economic Activity

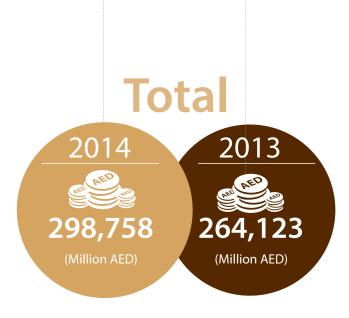
The value of FI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased by 13.1% from AED 264,123 million at the end of 2013 to AED 298,758 million at the end of 2014. This increase could mainly be attributed to the 'Information and communication' activity, which attracted FI worth AED 31,306 million or 10.5% of total FI at the end of 2014, compared with AED 7,139 million or 2.7% of total FI at the end of 2013.

'Financial institutions and insurance' activity increased from AED 159,900 million or a share of 60.5% at the end of 2013 to AED 179,727 million or 60.2% of total FI at the end of 2014.

FI in the 'Manufacturing' activity decreased from AED 25,086 million or 9.5% of total FI at the end of 2013 to AED 15,865 million or 5.3% of total FI at the end of 2014 .

FI in the 'Construction' activity increased from AED 6,390 million or 2.4% of total FI at the end of 2013 to AED 8,247 million or 2.8% of total FI at the end of 2014. FI in 'Professional, scientific and technical' activities amounted to AED 3,177 million or 1.1% of total FI at the end of 2014, compared with AED 1,938 million or a share of 0.7% at the end of 2013. FI in the 'Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management' activity increased form AED 17,961 million at the end of 2013 or 6.8% of total FI to AED 18,792 million at the end of 2014 or 6.3% of total FI.

Total Stock of Foreign Investment by Economic Activity



179,727		Financial institutions and insurance	159,90
	31,306	Information and communication	7,139
	27,398	Real estate *	31,157
	18,792	Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	17,961
	15,865	Manufacturing	25,086
	8,342	Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	9,046
	8,247	Construction	6,390
	4,056	Transportation and storage	4,158
	3,177	Professional, scientific and technical services	1,938
	887	Administrative and support services	355
	480	Education	461
	366	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	459
	85	Arts, recreation and other services	48
	18	Accommodation and food services	14
	12	Human health and social work	11
2014		Activities	2013

Note: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding
*Includes real estate sales to non-residents

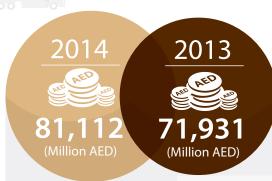
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by Economic Activity

The value of FDI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased by 12.8% from AED 71,931 million at the end of 2013 to AED 81,112 million at the end of 2014. This increase could mainly be attributed to the 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity which attracted FDI worth AED 12,731 million or 15.7% of total FDI at the end of 2014, compared with AED 10,137 million or 14.1% of total FDI at the end of 2013.

The 'Manufacturing' activity, increased from AED 13,043 million at the end of 2013 to AED 15,502 million at the end of 2014, while its share of total FDI rose from 18.1% to 19.1% over the same period.

'Construction' activity increased from AED 5,891 million or 8.2% of total FDI at the end of 2013 to AED 7,281 million or 9.0% at the end of 2014. 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 6,904 million or a share of 9.6% at the end of 2013.

Total



Total Stock of Foreign Direct Investment by Economic Activity

2014	2013
23,513	23,599
15,502	13,043
12,731	10,137
8,279	6,904
7,281	5,891
7,045	7,267
3,015	1,782 •
1,850 •	1,992 •
875 •	355 •
460 •	452 •
295 •	293 •
151 ·	145 •
85	46
18	14
12	11

Activities

Real estate *

Manufacturing

Financial institutions and insurance

Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management

Construction

Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)

Professional, scientific and technical services

Transportation and storage

Administrative and support services

Education

Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

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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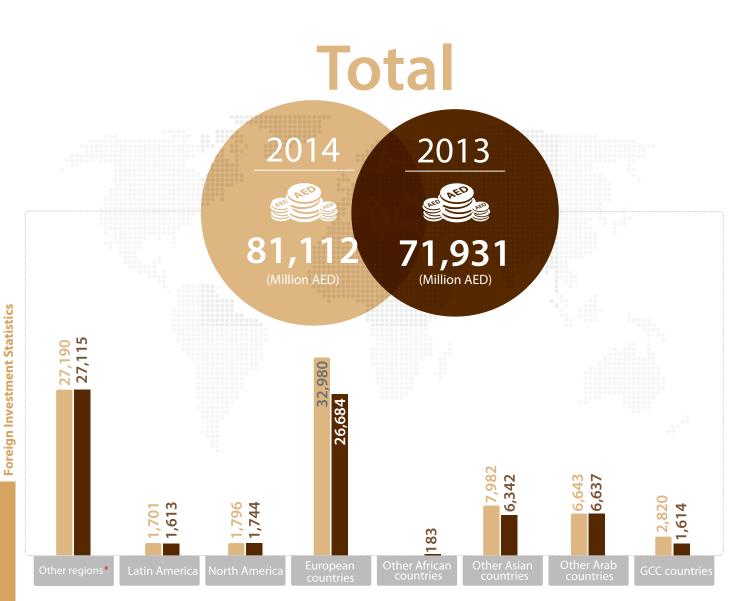
FDI by Region

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 1,614 million or 2.2% at the end of 2013. Investments from other Arab countries totaled AED 6,637 million or 9.2% of total FDI and AED 6,643 million or 8.2% of FDI for the years 2013 and 2014, respectively.

European countries accounted for the largest share of FDI into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Investment from these countries increased from AED 26,684 million at the end of 2013 or 37.1% to AED 32,980 million at the end of 2014 or 40.7% of total FDI.

FDI from other Asian countries into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi increased from AED 6,342 million at the end of 2013 to AED 7,982 million at the end of 2014. Investments from other regions (including real estate sales to non-residents) amounted to AED 27,190 million in 2014 compared with AED 27,115 million in 2013, contributing 37.7% of total FDI at the end of 2013 and 33.5% at the end of 2014.

Stock of Foreign Direct Investment by Region



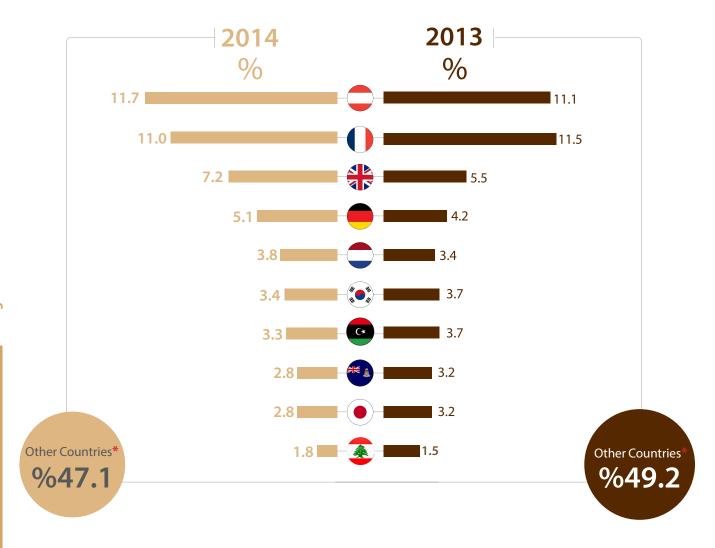
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FDI by Source Country

Austria ranked top among countries with FDI in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, with investments amounting to AED 9,503 million or 11.7% at the end of 2014, compared with AED 7,997 million or 11.1% at the end of 2013. FDI from France increased from AED 8,275 million or 11.5% of the total FDI in 2013 to AED 8,959 or 11.0% in 2014. United Kingdom invested AED 3,930 million and AED 5,820 million, or 5.5% and 7.2% of total FDI in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

FDI from Germany increased from AED 3,007 million in 2013 to AED 4,109 million in 2014 or from 4.2% of total FDI to 5.1%.

Percentage Distribution of Foreign Direct Investment by the top ten countries



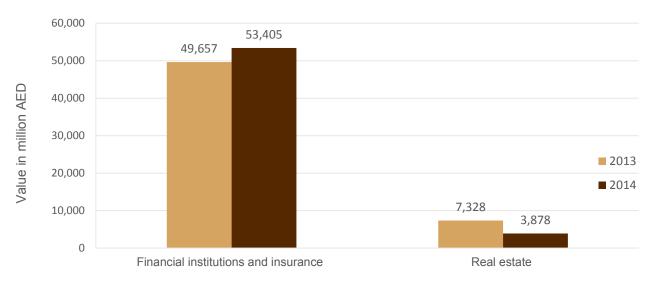
Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi Note: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding * Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Portfolio Investment by Economic Activity

Total portfolio investments into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, consisting of equity securities and debt securities, amounted to AED 57,362 million at the end of 2014. The 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity contributed the largest proportion of portfolio investments amounting to AED 53,405 million or 93.1% of the total at the end of 2014.

The second largest contributor was the 'Real estate and business services' activity, with investments amounting to AED 3,878 million or 6.8% at the end of 2014.

Figure 1: Portfolio investment by economic activity (2013, 2014)



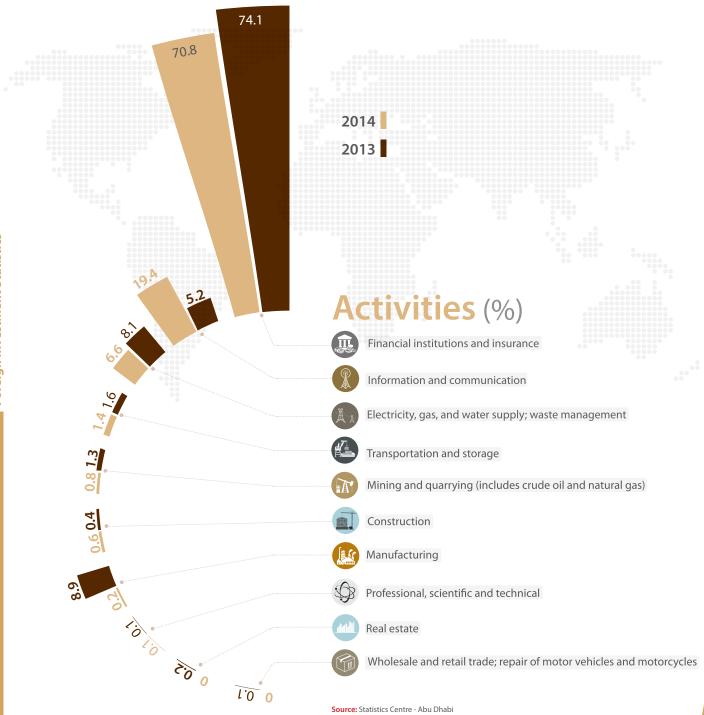
Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Other Investment by Economic Activity

Other investments into the Emirate of Abu Dhabi amounted to AED 160,364 million in 2014. The 'Financial institutions and insurance' activity contributed the largest proportion of other investments amounting to AED 113.591 million or 70.8% of total other investments in 2014.

The second largest share of other investments was in the 'Information and communication' activity, which totaled AED 31,154 million or 19.4% of the total other investments at the end of 2014; followed by the 'Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management' activity which amounted to AED 10,512 million or 6.6% of total other investments at the end of 2014.

Percentage distribution of other investments by economic activity



Statistical Tables

Table 1: Stock of Foreign Investment by economic activity

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2013	2014
Total	264,123	298,758
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	9,046	8,342
Manufacturing	25,086	15,865
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	17,961	18,792
Construction	6,390	8,247
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	459	366
Transportation and storage	4,158	4,056
Accommodation and food services	14	18
Information and communication	7,139	31,306
Financial institutions and insurance	159,900	179,727
Real estate *	31,157	27,398
Professional, scientific and technical	1,938	3,177
Administrative and support services	355	887
Education	461	480
Human health and social work	11	12
Arts, recreation and other services	48	85

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 % of GDP at current prices

(%)

Activities	2013	2014
Total	28.3	31.1
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	1.0	0.9
Manufacturing	2.7	1.7
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	1.9	2.0
Construction	0.7	0.9
Transportation and storage	0.4	0.4
Information and communication	0.8	3.3
Financial institutions and insurance	17.2	18.7
Real estate *	3.3	2.9
Professional, scientific and technical	0.2	0.3
Administrative and support services	0.0	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	2013	2014
Total	71,931	81,112
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	7,267	7,045
Manufacturing	13,043	15,502
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	6,904	8,279
Construction	5,891	7,281
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	293	295
Transportation and storage	1,992	1,850
Accommodation and food services	14	18
Information and communication	145	151
Financial institutions and insurance	10,137	12,731
Real estate *	23,599	23,513
Professional, scientific and technical	1,782	3,015
Administrative and support services	355	875
Education	452	460
Human health and social work	11	12
Arts, recreation and other services	46	85

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^{*} Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Table 4: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by economic activity (%)

Activities	2013	2014
Total	100	100
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	10.1	8.7
Manufacturing	18.1	19.1
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	9.6	10.2
Construction	8.2	9.0
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.4	0.4
Transportation and storage	2.8	2.3
Information and communication	0.2	0.2
Financial institutions and insurance	14.1	15.7
Real estate *	32.8	29.0
Professional, scientific and technical	2.5	3.7
Administrative and support services	0.5	1.1
Education	0.6	0.6
Arts, recreation and other services	0.1	0.1

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

Note2: The results for 2013 and 2014 are based on ISIC 4

* Includes real estate sales to non-residents

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

Activities	2013	2014
Total	7.7	8.4
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	0.8	0.7
Manufacturing	1.4	1.6
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	0.7	0.9
Construction	0.6	0.8
Transportation and storage	0.2	0.2
Financial institutions and insurance	1.1	1.3
Real estate *	2.5	2.4
Professional, scientific and technical	0.2	0.3
Administrative and support services	0.1	0.0

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

^{*} Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Table 6: Stock of FDI by region

(Value in million AED)

Countries	2013	2014
Total	71,931	81,112
GCC countries	1,614	2,820
Other Arab countries	6,637	6,643
Other Asian countries	6,342	7,982
Other African countries	183	0
European countries	26,684	32,980
North America	1,744	1,796
Latin America	1,613	1,701
Other regions*	27,115	27,190

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

Table 7: Percentage distribution of FDI stock by region

(%)

Countries	2013	2014
Total	100	100
GCC countries	2.2	3.5
Other Arab countries	9.2	8.2
Other Asian countries	8.8	9.8
Other African countries	0.3	0.0
European countries	37.1	40.7
North America	2.4	2.2
Latin America	2.2	2.1
Other regions*	37.7	33.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 8: Total Stock of FDI by top ten countries

(Value in million AED)

Countries	2013	2014
Total	71,931	81,112
Austria	7,997	9,503
France	8,275	8,959
United Kingdom	3,930	5,820
Germany	3,007	4,109
Netherlands	2,425	3,112
South Korea	2,660	2,719
Libya	2,669	2,710
Japan	2,272	2,307
Cayman Islands	2,288	2,251
Lebanon	1,051	1,433
Other *	35,357	38,189

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	2013	2014
Total	100	100
Austria	11.1	11.7
France	11.5	11.0
United Kingdom	5.5	7.2
Germany	4.2	5.1
Netherlands	3.4	3.8
South Korea	3.7	3.4
Libya	3.7	3.3
Japan	3.2	2.8
Cayman Islands	3.2	2.8
Lebanon	1.5	1.8
Other *	49.2	47.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

^{*} Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Table 10:Total Stock of FDI by source country (Value in million AED)

(Value in million AED)		
Countries	2013	2014
Total	71,931	81,112
Bahrain	358	266
Kuwait	283	1,141
Qatar	40	36
Saudi Arabia	606	762
Oman	327	616
Jordan	1,721	1,211
Palestine	43	52
Algeria	975	990
Syria	6	20
Sudan	45	-9
Lebanon	1,051	1,433
Libya	2,669	2,710
Egypt	127	236
Malaysia	10	629
China - including Hong Kong and Macau	616	848
Japan	2,272	2,307
India	280	467
Pakistan	358	471
Singapore	36	430
Turkey	27	22
South Korea	2,660	2,719
Bangladesh	83	89
Germany	3,007	4,109
British Virgin Island	590	448
United Kingdom	3,930	5,820
Spain	51	124
Belgium	4	24
Greece	187	278
Austria	7,997	9,503
France	8,275	8,959
Cayman Islands	2,288	2,251
Cyprus	227	95
Liechtenstein	431	441
Ireland	14	-11
Denmark	4	29
Portugal	31	31
Switzerland	46	390
Italy	60	106
Netherlands	2,425	3,112
Panama	1,018	1,156
United States	1,200	1,298
Bermuda	612	499
New Zealand	36	21
Australia	36	32
Brazil	87	67
Other *	24,781	24,886

^{*} Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Table 11: Total Stock of portfolio investment by economic activity

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2013	2014
Total	57,125	57,362
Construction	140	0
Financial institutions and insurance	49,657	53,405
Real estate	7,328	3,878

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

Note2: The results for 2013 and 2014 are based on ISIC 4

Table 12: Percentage distribution of portfolio investment stock by economic activity (%)

Activities	2013	2014
Total	100	100
Construction	0.2	0.0
Financial institutions and insurance	86.9	93.1
Real estate	12.8	6.8

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

Table 13: Total Stock of other investment by economic activity

(Value in million AED)

Activities	2013**	2014
Total	135,066	160,364
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	1,779	1,297
Manufacturing	12,043	364
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	10,916	10,512
Construction	498	966
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	166	71
Transportation and storage	2,166	2,206
Information and communication	6,994	31,154
Financial institutions and insurance	100,107	113,591
Real estate	230	7
Professional, scientific and technical	156	162
Administrative and support services	9	12
Education	2	20

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

^{**}There is an additional number of companies within the framework of foreign investment enterprises that received external loans classified as other investments.

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

Activities	2013**	2014
Total	100	100
Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)	1.3	0.8
Manufacturing	8.9	0.2
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	8.1	6.6
Construction	0.4	0.6
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.1	0.0
Transportation and storage	1.6	1.4
Information and communication	5.2	19.4
Financial institutions and insurance	74.1	70.8
Real estate	0.2	0.0
Professional, scientific and technical	0.1	0.1

^{**}There is an additional number of companies within the framework of foreign investment enterprises that received external loans classified as other investments.

Technical notes

Foreign investment in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi conducted a field survey for the reference year 2014. 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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