


The United Arab Emirates: Inward and Outward FDI

Population (million)	9.6	
Area (Km ²)	83,600	
Coastline (Km)	1,318	
Natural resources	Petroleum and Natural Gas	

I – Inward Investments

In 2014, the UAE succeeded in attracting FDIs worth 10066 million dollars according to UNCTAD estimations, which represent 22.9% of the Arab total for the same year.

FDI balances incoming to the UAE amounted to some 115.6 billion dollars by the end of 2014, which represent 14.6% of the Arab total for the same period.

As for the United Arab Emirates' activity in terms of new FDIs (greenfield), the FDI Markets database published by the Financial Times for the period from January 2003 to May 2015 shows the following:

- 3880 FDI projects are being implemented in the UAE by 3219 Arab and foreign companies. It is estimated that the total investment cost of these projects, which employ roughly 352,000 workers is about \$ 142.3 billion.
- India, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Kuwait, South Korea, France, Australia and Singapore respectively were on the list of the most important countries investing in the UAE, in terms of investment cost of the projects. The share of India, the United States and the United Kingdom accounted for around 40% of the total.
- Arab and foreign investments incoming to the UAE are concentrated in the real estate sector with a percentage of 22.7%, while 15.2% are in the hotels and tourism sector, 12.7% in the oil and gas sector and 6.3% in the financial services sector.
- Sabha Group came on top of the list of the 10 most important companies investing in the UAE as it implements 4 huge projects with an investment cost estimated at around 5 billion dollars.

II – Outward Investments

In 2014, the UAE succeeded in exporting FDIs worth 3072 million dollars according to UNCTAD estimations, which represent 9.2% of the Arab total for the same year.

Outward FDI balances from the UAE amounted to some 66.3 billion dollars by the end of 2014, which represent 26.4% of the Arab total for the same period.

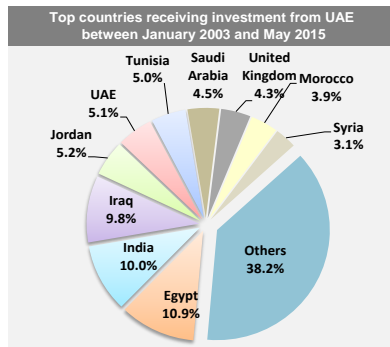
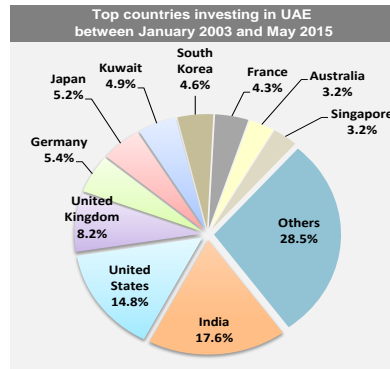
As for the United Arab Emirates' investment activity abroad according to the FDI Markets database published by the Financial Times for the period from January 2003 to May 2015, it was as follows:

- The number of Emirati FDI projects abroad amounted to 2456 projects that are being implemented by Emirati companies. Estimations reveal that the overall investment cost of those projects, which employ some 572.3 thousand workers, is close to 297.4 billion dollars.
- Egypt, India, Iraq, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, Morocco and Syria respectively were on the list of the most important countries receiving Emirati investments, in terms of investment cost of the projects. The share of Egypt, India and Iraq accounted for around 31% of the total.
- Emaar Group, which operates in the real estate sector, came on top of list of the most important Emirati companies investing abroad, as it is implementing 55 projects with an investment cost estimated at 27 billion dollars approximately.



UAE: FDI Greenfield Projects

Inward investment in UAE between January 2003 and May 2015					
Rank	Exporting Countries	No. Companies	No. Projects	No. Jobs	Cost (Million \$)
1	India	273	339	38,257	25,065
2	United States	724	880	53,007	21,121
3	United Kingdom	551	644	31,998	11,720
4	Germany	193	243	23,172	7,691
5	Japan	95	106	8,222	7,373
6	Kuwait	44	62	21,138	7,039
7	South Korea	30	41	14,137	6,480
8	France	166	215	17,089	6,051
9	Australia	62	68	10,261	4,602
10	Singapore	38	47	10,400	4,545
11	Saudi Arabia	55	61	14,491	4,293
12	Switzerland	98	123	14,304	3,475
13	Holland	64	81	6,487	3,017
14	Canada	56	69	7,450	2,796
15	Belgium	27	33	3,097	2,521
16	Italia	84	100	9,703	2,425
17	Spain	80	85	5,455	2,068
18	China	37	47	2,354	1,448
19	Pakistan	14	18	6,420	1,354
20	Bahrain	19	23	4,743	1,179
21	Lebanon	20	25	3,297	1,169
22	Hong Kong	31	39	2,906	1,078
23	Qatar	19	24	4,330	983
24	Jordan	12	13	3,562	965
25	Thailand	13	14	2,078	964
26	Egypt	16	22	2,007	937
27	Russia	28	32	3,155	883
28	Turkey	18	22	1,791	810
29	Malaysia	26	28	3,858	782
30	Bahamas	2	2	2,788	665
	Others	324	374	20,252	6,766
	Total	3,219	3,880	352,209	142,262

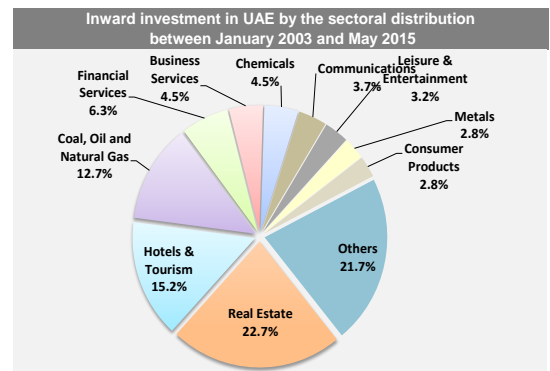


UAE Outwards' Investment between January 2003 and May 2015					
Rank	Hosting Countries	Companies	Projects	Jobs Created	Cost (Million \$)
1	Egypt	64	99	44,827	32,378
2	India	135	354	101,083	29,692
3	Iraq	33	48	17,445	29,135
4	Jordan	39	59	22,490	15,447
5	UAE	25	26	11,561	15,280
6	Tunisia	14	16	4,295	14,839
7	Saudi Arabia	135	201	32,140	13,489
8	United Kingdom	55	169	15,410	12,658
9	Morocco	25	46	21,120	11,693
10	Syria	17	21	22,388	9,275
11	China	42	66	18,484	9,074
12	Qatar	100	135	21,609	7,897
13	Indonesia	14	19	10,886	7,897
14	Lebanon	44	53	18,509	7,308
15	Pakistan	28	60	15,831	7,202
16	Bahrain	71	104	16,353	6,582
17	United States	47	69	12,897	5,395
18	Turkey	24	26	11,013	5,184
19	Oman	81	127	19,013	3,036
20	Nigeria	14	17	4,459	2,957
21	Australia	15	33	4,303	2,754
22	Kuwait	57	79	10,027	2,620
23	Russia	14	18	7,851	2,204
24	Malaysia	25	34	8,837	2,068
25	Spain	14	22	3,594	1,943
26	Germany	17	26	4,358	1,930
27	Peru	1	2	3,836	1,850
28	Senegal	5	7	4,814	1,743
29	Djibouti	4	4	2,545	1,695
30	Georgia	7	12	5,353	1,383
	Others		504	74,965	30,759
	Total	2,456	572,296	297,365	

Top 10 companies investing in UAE between January 2003 and May 2015				
Rank	Company	Projects	Jobs Created	Cost (Million \$)
1	Sobha (Sobha Developers)	4	4,942	4,929
2	Sunland Group	4	6,912	3,213
3	Larsen & Toubro (L&T)	4	573	2,668
4	Accor	11	2,175	1,857
5	Marriott International	11	2,022	1,775
6	Sumitomo Group	4	176	1,506
7	Rezidor Hotel Group	8	1,536	1,406
8	CapitaLand	5	4,345	1,396
9	Whitbread	9	1,639	1,270
10	InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG)	7	1,344	1,230
	Other Companies	3,813	326,545	121,012
	Total	3,880	352,209	142,262

Top important UAE companies investing abroad between January 2003 and May 2015				
Rank	Company	Projects	Jobs Created	Cost (Million \$)
1	Emaar Properties	55	57,464	27,142
2	Dubai Holding	129	17,467	23,278
3	Al Maabar International	5	10,750	21,627
4	Dubai World	76	49,356	15,414
5	DAMAC Holding	29	18,881	13,400
6	DP World	33	24,958	11,057
7	Dana Gas	11	1,967	9,655
8	International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC)	31	5,235	8,129
9	Al-Futtaim Group	39	17,674	8,102
10	Majid Al Futtaim Group (MAF Group)	39	34,828	7,908
	Other Companies	2,009	333,716	151,654
	Total	2,456	572,296	297,365

Inward investment in UAE by the sectoral distribution between January 2003 and May 2015						
Rank	Sector	Companies	Projects	Jobs Created	Cost (Million \$)	% of Total
1	Real Estate	120	150	86,178	32,284	23
2	Hotels & Tourism	114	176	28,751	21,591	15
3	Coal, Oil and Natural Gas	65	71	6,380	18,055	13
4	Financial Services	382	498	12,309	8,925	6
5	Business Services	598	677	19,382	6,378	4
6	Chemicals	65	78	9,909	6,371	4
7	Communications	182	210	11,790	5,309	4
8	Leisure & Entertainment	27	34	12,062	4,570	3
9	Metals	96	105	18,958	3,967	3
10	Consumer Products	144	184	33,814	3,925	3
	Others	1,426	1,697	112,676	30,887	22
	Total	3,219	3,880	352,209	142,262	

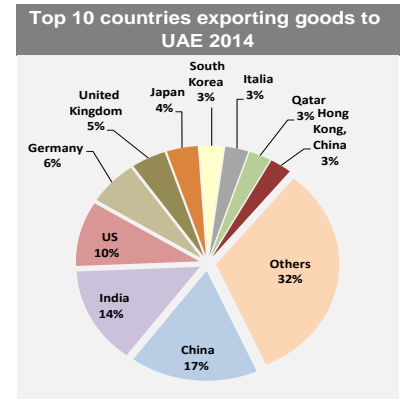


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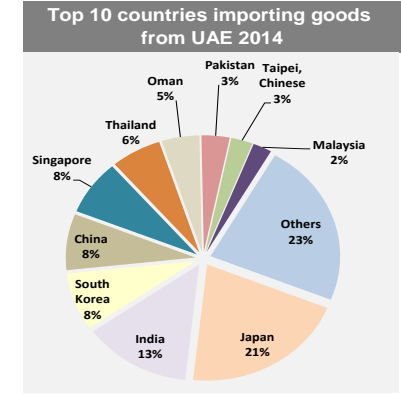


UAE : Imports and Exports of Goods

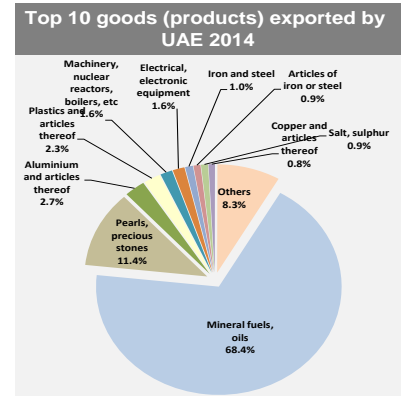
Top 10 countries exporting goods to UAE 2014			
Rank	Exporting Country	UAE Imports	
		Value (thousand \$)	% Imports
1	China	39,042,019	16.8
2	India	32,919,602	14.2
3	US	22,105,579	9.5
4	Germany	15,075,925	6.5
5	United Kingdom	10,538,681	4.5
6	Japan	9,492,941	4.1
7	South Korea	7,224,509	3.1
8	Italia	7,057,088	3.0
9	Qatar	6,667,409	2.9
10	Hong Kong, China	6,605,923	2.8
	Others	75,508,989	31.9
	Total	232,238,665	



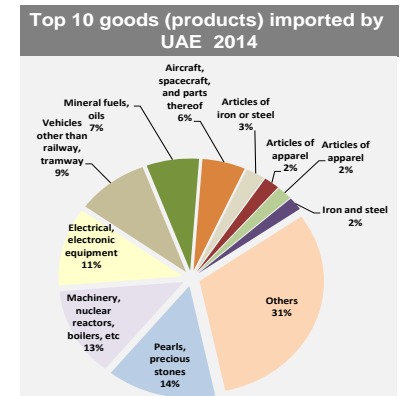
Top 10 countries importing goods from UAE 2014			
Rank	Importing Country	UAE Exports	
		Value (thousand \$)	% Exports
1	Japan	41,619,813	20.6
2	India	27,287,867	13.5
3	South Korea	16,196,064	8.0
4	China	15,760,114	7.8
5	Singapore	15,401,906	7.6
6	Thailand	12,718,491	6.3
7	Oman	9,515,135	4.7
8	Pakistan	7,077,180	3.5
9	Taipei, Chinese	5,485,989	2.7
10	Malaysia	4,756,332	2.4
	Others	46,103,575	22.2
	Total	201,922,466	



Top 10 goods (products) exported by UAE 2014			
Rank	Exported Goods	Exports	
		Value (thousand \$)	% World Exports
1	Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products, etc	138,052,238	4.5
2	Pearls, precious stones, metals, coins, etc	23,115,120	3.8
3	Aluminium and articles thereof	5,546,020	3.2
4	Plastics and articles thereof	4,548,147	0.7
5	Machinery, nuclear reactors, boilers, etc	3,209,560	0.1
6	Electrical, electronic equipment	3,166,384	0.1
7	Iron and steel	2,080,645	0.5
8	Articles of iron or steel	1,864,900	0.6
9	Salt, sulphur, earth, stone, plaster, lime and cement	1,862,668	4.0
10	Copper and articles thereof	1,701,710	1.1
	Others	16,759,291	20.8
	Total	201,906,683	



Top 10 goods (products) imported by UAE 2014			
Rank	Imported Goods	Imports	
		Value (thousand \$)	% World Imports
1	Pearls, precious stones, metals, coins, etc	32,842,739	6.2
2	Machinery, nuclear reactors, boilers, etc	29,593,781	1.4
3	Electrical, electronic equipment	26,132,505	1.0
4	Vehicles other than railway, tramway	21,651,764	1.6
5	Mineral fuels, oils, distillation products, etc	15,776,039	0.5
6	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	12,951,159	3.5
7	Articles of iron or steel	5,896,432	1.9
8	Articles of apparel, accessories, knit or crochet	4,708,616	2.2
9	Articles of apparel, accessories, not knit or crochet	4,653,128	2.2
10	Iron and steel	4,345,018	1.0
	Others	72,724,557	27.0
	Total	231,275,738	



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UAE: Overall Performance and Position in DIAI

Capital:	Abu Dhabi		2013	2014
Currency:	UAE dirham (AED)	Exchange rate (LCU per USD):	3.673	3.672

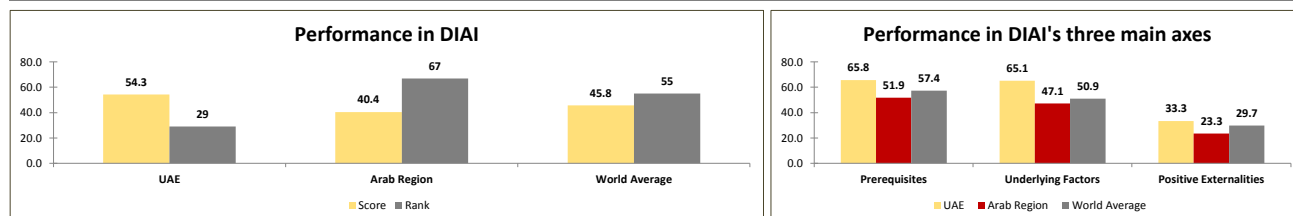
Basic Information:	Unit	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nominal GDP	USD billion	402.3	401.6	363.7	392.1
Real GDP Growth	%	5.2	3.6	3.2	3.2
GDP per Capita	USD	44,552.0	43,179.8	37,962.1	39,786.9
Inflation (average consumer prices)	%	1.1	2.3	2.1	2.3
General Government Total Expenditure and Net Lending (% of GDP)	%	29.4	30.3	33.6	31.4
Current Account Balance	USD billion	64.7	48.5	19.3	28.2
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	%	16.1	12.1	5.3	7.2
Exports of Goods and Services	USD billion	395.9	400.9	380.7	425.8
Imports of Goods and Services	USD billion	312.5	346.7	360.4	399.1
Gross Official Reserves	USD billion	68.1	70.2	74.7	86.0
Total reserves in months of imports	Month	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6
Total Gross External Debt (% of GDP)	%	42.5	45.3	51.6	48.7
Population	Million people	9.0	9.3	9.6	9.9
Unemployment (% of total labor force)	%	--	--	--	--

Source: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Foreign direct investment (FDI)	Unit	2011	2012	2013	2014	
FDI Flow	Inward	USD million	7,679	9,602	10,488	10,066
	Outward	USD million	2,178	2,536	2,952	3,072
FDI Stock	Inward	USD million	85,406	95,007	105,495	115,561
	Outward	USD million	57,738	60,274	63,226	66,298

Source: UNCTAD

Performance in Dhaman Investment Attractiveness Index (DIAI) 2015



Performance in DIAI's Core Components

