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Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and percentages)

FDI flows	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2004	2005	2006	2007	<i>as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation</i>			
						1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007
<b>Cameroon</b>									
Inward	40	319	225	309	284	3.0	6.7	7.8	6.2
Outward	12	2	- 9	- 1	- 2	0.6	- 0.3	-	- 0.1
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Angola									
Inward	602	1 449	- 1 304	- 38	- 1 500	32.7	- 52.7	- 0.6	- 17.8
Outward	..	35	219	191	331	..	8.9	3.1	3.9
Gabon									
Inward	- 124	194	60	268	269	- 10.0	3.3	13.1	11.2
Outward	13	- 25	65	106	57	1.1	3.6	5.2	2.4
Central Africa									
Inward	183	2 685	3 466	3 232	4 084	4.0	28.3	21.8	24.0
Outward	35	- 19	74	126	75	0.8	1.1	1.5	0.8
Africa									
Inward	6 884	18 020	29 459	45 754	52 982	7.1	16.3	21.4	21.3
Outward	1 913	2 050	2 282	7 829	6 055	2.2	1.5	4.1	2.7
Developing economies									
Inward	130 755	283 641	316 444	412 990	499 747	9.2	11.4	12.5	12.6
Outward	52 928	120 008	117 579	212 258	253 145	3.8	4.3	6.5	6.4
World									
Inward	492 605	717 695	958 697	1 411 018	1 833 324	7.7	9.7	12.9	14.8
Outward	492 535	920 151	880 808	1 323 150	1 996 514	7.9	9.0	12.2	16.2
FDI stocks	1990	1995	2000	2006	2007	<i>as a percentage of gross domestic product</i>			
						1990	2000	2006	2007
<b>Cameroon</b>									
Inward	1 044	1 062	1 600	3 511	3 796	7.3	17.2	19.0	18.4
Outward	150	227	254	253	250	1.0	2.7	1.4	1.2
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Angola									
Inward	1 024	2 922	7 978	12 171	12 207	10.0	87.4	25.7	19.9
Outward	1	-	2	462	793	-	-	1.0	1.3
Gabon									
Inward	1 208	751	..	448	717	22.0	..	4.7	6.3
Outward	167	249	280	340	398	3.0	5.6	3.6	3.5
Central Africa									
Inward	3 808	4 045	5 805	22 125	26 209	10.1	20.2	34.4	36.3
Outward	372	590	648	713	767	1.6	3.5	1.5	1.5
Africa									
Inward	59 004	87 638	152 614	335 435	393 429	11.5	25.2	30.8	31.0
Outward	19 826	31 501	44 156	66 762	72 752	4.5	8.1	6.9	6.5
Developing economies									
Inward	528 638	851 534	1 738 255	3 303 169	4 246 739	13.6	25.2	26.7	29.8
Outward	144 862	329 400	861 842	1 702 304	2 288 073	4.0	12.9	14.2	16.5
World									
Inward	1 941 252	2 914 356	5 786 700	12 470 085	15 210 560	9.1	18.1	25.5	27.9
Outward	1 785 267	2 941 198	6 148 211	12 756 149	15 602 339	8.5	19.4	26.3	28.9

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; [www.unctad.org/wir](http://www.unctad.org/wir) or [www.unctad.org/fdistatistics](http://www.unctad.org/fdistatistics)  
For details, see "definitions and sources" in annex B and annex tables B. 1-B.3 in *WIR08*.

## Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 1990-2007

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales				Purchases			
	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	-	..	-	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Angola	..	175	1	-	..	-	-	-
Gabon	448	-	-	82	229	-	-	-
Central Africa	173	60	74	1 763	229	-	-	203
Africa	824	12 246	30 806	18 236	1 457	3 949	23 106	13 086
Developing economies	16 531	122 473	171 811	179 221	12 806	90 479	151 605	178 438
World	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107

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## Country rankings by Inward FDI Performance Index, Inward FDI Potential Index and Outward FDI Performance Index, 2005-2007<sup>a</sup>

Economy	Inward FDI Performance Index		Economy	Inward FDI Potential Index		Economy	Outward FDI Performance Index	
	2006	2007		2005	2006		2006	2007
			TFY Rep. of					
Malawi	79		109 Macedonia	109		107 Mali	107	110
Qatar	94		110 Paraguay	108		108 Mozambique	110	111
Taiwan Province of China	122		111 Guyana	104		109 Kyrgyzstan	29	112
South Africa	124		112 Kyrgyzstan	116		110 Burkina Faso	117	113
Sri Lanka	111		113 Honduras	112		111 Malta	120	114
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>114 Cameroon</b>	<b>115</b>		<b>112 Cameroon</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>115</b>
United States	114		115 Ghana	110		113 Benin	116	116
Paraguay	118		116 Sierra Leone	127		114 Niger	103	117
Rwanda	129		117 Gambia	113		115 Guinea	119	118
Algeria	116		118 Nicaragua	111		116 Dominican Republic	118	119
Norway	106		119 Uganda	114		117 Georgia	125	120

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For details, see annex table A.I.10. in *WIR08*.

Note: Ranking is that of the latest year available. Covering 141 economies. The potential index is based on 12 economic and policy variables

<sup>a</sup> Three-year moving averages, using data for the three previous years, including the year in question.

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