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Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and percentages)

FDI flows	1990-2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
	(Annual average)					1990-2000	2005	2006	2007
						(Annual average)			
United Kingdom									
Inward	40 321	55 963	177 901	148 189	223 966	18.0	46.2	34.6	44.8
Outward	73 378	91 019	80 009	86 764	265 791	32.5	20.8	20.3	53.1
<i>Memorandum</i>									
France									
Inward	24 566	32 560	84 951	78 154	157 970	9.2	20.1	17.0	29.4
Outward	51 848	56 735	114 978	121 370	224 650	19.6	27.1	26.4	41.8
United States									
Inward	109 513	135 826	104 773	236 701	232 839	7.0	4.3	9.1	9.0
Outward	92 010	294 905	15 369	221 664	313 787	6.3	0.6	8.5	12.1
European Union									
Inward	209 482	214 342	498 400	562 444	804 290	11.9	18.2	18.6	22.6
Outward	280 398	368 006	609 267	640 542	1 142 229	16.0	22.2	21.2	32.1
Europe									
Inward	218 311	218 737	505 473	599 327	848 527	11.8	17.5	18.9	22.7
Outward	300 479	402 172	689 788	736 861	1 216 491	16.2	23.9	23.2	32.6
Developed economies									
Inward	357 219	403 687	611 283	940 861	1 247 635	7.3	8.9	12.8	15.6
Outward	438 258	786 004	748 885	1 087 186	1 692 141	9.1	10.9	14.8	21.2
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						as a percentage of gross domestic product			
	1990	1995	2000	2006	2007	1990	2000	2006	2007
United Kingdom									
Inward	203 905	199 772	438 631	1 133 437	1 347 688	20.6	30.4	47.3	48.6
Outward	229 307	304 865	897 845	1 440 058	1 705 095	23.1	62.3	60.0	61.5
<i>Memorandum</i>									
France									
Inward	97 814	191 434	259 775	771 545	1 026 081	7.9	19.6	34.3	40.1
Outward	112 441	204 431	445 091	1 054 841	1 399 036	9.1	33.5	46.9	54.7
United States									
Inward	394 911	535 553	1 256 867	1 843 885	2 093 049	6.8	12.8	14.0	15.1
Outward	430 521	699 015	1 316 247	2 454 674	2 791 269	7.4	13.4	18.6	20.2
European Union									
Inward	761 897	1 146 970	2 190 397	5 675 258	6 881 625	10.6	25.9	39.0	40.9
Outward	810 472	1 322 742	3 050 580	6 547 536	8 086 111	11.3	36.1	44.9	48.1
Europe									
Inward	808 943	1 223 394	2 308 607	5 995 244	7 267 144	10.7	26.0	39.2	41.2
Outward	887 519	1 487 921	3 329 712	7 201 496	8 848 414	11.8	37.5	47.0	50.2
Developed economies									
Inward	1 412 605	2 051 355	3 987 624	8 766 020	10 458 610	8.1	16.2	24.9	27.2
Outward	1 640 405	2 607 460	5 265 116	10 837 952	13 042 178	9.5	21.3	30.8	33.9
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 or 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
United Kingdom	26 879	214 637	201 652	207 151	24 379	113 406	125 747	269 709
<i>Memorandum</i>								
France	12 444	36 610	47 827	66 278	12 103	59 860	80 469	105 268
United States	45 361	143 140	229 993	439 993	34 873	173 575	209 185	370 378
European Union	75 313	539 490	530 040	734 550	68 135	477 530	509 018	847 882
Europe	78 579	558 579	552 223	766 394	76 186	522 526	576 820	893 010
Developed economies	142 124	774 191	921 784	1 424 211	130 113	784 411	937 747	1 414 753
World	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

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Country rankings by Inward FDI Performance Index, Inward FDI Potential Index and Outward FDI Performance Index, 2005-2007^a

Economy	Inward FDI Performance Index		Economy	Inward FDI Potential Index		Economy	Outward FDI Performance Index	
	2006	2007		2005	2006		2006	2007
Madagascar	72		24 United States	1		1 Ireland	9	11
Nigeria	30		25 Singapore	2		2 Sweden	13	12
Jamaica	23		26 United Kingdom	3		3 Spain	14	13
Netherlands	71		27 Canada	4		4 France	18	14
Namibia	46		28 Luxembourg	5		5 Estonia	17	15
United Kingdom	40		29 Germany	6		6 United Kingdom	21	16
Honduras	25		30 Qatar	8		7 Israel	15	17
Latvia	33		31 Sweden	9		8 Norway	16	18
Romania	21		32 Norway	7		9 Austria	23	19
Congo	32		33 Hong Kong, China	11		10 Denmark	33	20
United Arab Emirates	22		34 United Arab Emirates	12		11 Cyprus	19	21

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

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

^a Three-year moving averages, using data for the three previous years, including the year in question.

Presence in the Top 50 financial TNCs ranked by Spread Index, 2006^a

(Millions of dollars, number of employees)

Financial TNCs	Rank 2006	GSI ^b	Assets	Employees	Affiliates			
					Total	Number of foreign affiliates	I.I. ^c	Number of host countries
Hsbc Holdings Plc	14	52.3	1 857 520	300 920	985	574	58.3	47
Standard Chartered Plc	27	36.4	265 537	59 205	132	70	53.0	25
Barclays Plc	29	35.2	1 949 167	122 600	578	199	34.4	36
Aviva Plc	34	31.8	555 183	58 019	454	229	50.4	20
Royal Bank Of Scotland Group Plc	39	28.5	1 705 044	135 000	1173	353	30.1	27
Prudential Plc	47	24.0	454 266	39 814	209	71	34.0	17

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

For details, see annex table A.I.17. in *WIR08*.

^a All data are based on the companies' annual reports unless otherwise stated. Data on affiliates is based on the Dun and Bradstreet's "Who owns Whom" database

^b GSI, the "Geographical Spread Index", is calculated as the square root of the Internationalization Index multiplied by the number of host countries

^c I.I., the "Internationalization Index", is calculated as the number of foreign affiliates divided the number of all affiliates (Note: Affiliates counted in this table refer to only majority-owned affiliates).

Presence in the world's top 100 non-financial TNCs, ranked by foreign assets, 2006 ^a

(Millions of dollars and number of employees)

Corporation	Ranking by:			Foreign			TNI ^b (Per cent)	II ^c
	Foreign assets	TNI ^b	II ^c	Assets	Sales	Employment		
British Petroleum Company Plc	2	14	68	170 326	215 879	80 300	80.3	63.7
Royal Dutch/Shell Group ^d	4	34	79	161 122	182 538	90 000	69.7	55.9
Vodafone Group Plc	7	7	99	126 190	32 641	53 138	85.0	23.1
Xstrata PLC	37	2	15	45 284	15 038	26 506	91.7	90.1
Unilever ^d	50	19	61	34 433	45 078	135 000	79	66.3
Anglo American	55	35	94	30 976	21 894	123 000	70	39.0
BAE Systems Plc	63	28	96	26 195	20 171	51 583	73	36.9
WPP Group Plc	68	5	67	25 061	9 295	69 202	87	65.0
SAB Miller	69	27	13	24 504	14 247	40 555	74	90.7
National Grid Transco	76	85	98	23 526	7 908	8 761	46	23.6
Glaxosmithkline Plc	84	69	46	20 194	28 620	56 937	54	75.3
Diageo Plc	85	33	92	20 081	15 542	11 487	70	40.7
British American Tobacco Plc	86	43	43	19 871	11 125	78 478	66	77.5

Source: UNCTAD/Erasmus University database; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

For details, see annex table A.I.15. in *WIR08*.

^a All data are based on the companies' annual reports unless otherwise stated. Data of affiliates are from D&B Who Owns Whom database

^b TNI is calculated as the average of the following three ratios: foreign assets to total assets, foreign sales to total sales and foreign employment to total employment

^c II is calculated as the number of foreign affiliates divided by number of all affiliates (Note: Affiliates counted in this table refer to only majority-owned affiliates)

^d The United Kingdom and Netherlands.

Note: The list covers non-financial TNCs only. In some companies, foreign investors may hold a minority share of more than 10 per cent.

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