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KOREAN FDI, Q4 AND 2021 FULL YEAR

2021 KOREAN FDI HIT AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF US \$75.87 BILLION

The 2021 Korean FDI amounted to US \$75.87 billion, rising 32.8 percent compared with the previous year and reached an all-time high record. Korean FDI net outflows were US \$58.42 billion, up 38.1 percent from a year ago.

Korean FDI, 2021

(US\$ billion)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Amount invested (A)	40.47	45.02	51.46	64.85	57.13	75.87
Change (% , y-o-y)	33.2	11.2	14.3	26.0	-11.9	32.8
Amount flowed back (B)	10.21	9.59	9.79	13.65	14.84	17.45
Net amount invested (A-B)	30.26	35.43	41.67	51.20	42.29	58.42
Change (% , y-o-y)	37.8	17.1	17.6	22.9	-17.4	38.1

By industry, Korean FDI focused on finance and insurance (US \$29.32 billion), manufacturing (US \$18.17 billion), real estate and renting (US \$7.01 billion), information and communications services (US 6.67 billion), and wholesale and retail (US \$3.59 billion).

By region, Korean FDI went to North America (US \$30.29 billion), Asia (US \$18.33 billion), Central and South America (US \$12.72 billion), Europe (US \$12.33 billion), Oceania (US \$1.66 billion), Africa (US \$0.31 billion) and the Middle East (US \$0.23 billion).

By country, the top three destinations for Korean FDI were the US (US \$27.59 billion), the Cayman Islands (US \$10.63 billion), China (US \$6.67 billion), and Luxembourg (US \$4.37 billion). Meanwhile, Korean FDI to Canada (US \$2.70 billion) dropped 8.5% from a year ago, which in 2020 large amount of investment were made by the public institutions.

Korean FDI for Q4, 2021

Korean FDI for the fourth quarter of 2021 posted US \$30.21 billion, rising 62.7 percent from a year ago. Korean FDI net outflows were US \$26.06 billion, up 82.7 percent from a year ago.

Korean FDI, Q4 2021

(US\$ billion)

	2019				2020				2021			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Amount invested (A)	15.03	17.05	15.23	17.54	14.74	13.06	10.77	18.57	11.33	16.98	17.36	30.21
Change (% , y-o-y)	51.2	23.5	10.2	26.2	-1.9	-23.4	-29.3	5.9	-23.1	30.0	61.3	62.7
Amount flowed back (B)	1.66	2.70	3.25	6.04	3.15	4.86	2.53	4.30	4.24	4.59	4.47	4.15
Net amount invested (A-B)	13.37	14.35	11.98	11.50	11.59	8.20	8.23	14.27	7.09	12.39	12.89	26.06
Change (% , y-o-y)	75.5	19.3	3.9	9.6	-13.3	-42.8	-31.3	24.1	-38.9	51.0	56.6	82.7

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By industry, Korean FDI focused on finance and insurance (*US \$10.46 billion*), manufacturing (*US \$8.22 billion*), information and communications (*US \$3.84 billion*), real estate and renting (*US \$2.34 billion*), and gas and electricity supply (*US \$1.42 billion*).

By region, Korean FDI went to North America (*US \$10.67 billion*), Asia (*US \$7.56 billion*), Central and South America (*US \$5.83 billion*), Europe (*US \$5.67 billion*), Oceania (*US \$0.33 billion*), and the Middle East (*US \$0.12 billion*).

By country, the top destinations for Korean FDI were the US (*US \$10.03 billion*), the Cayman Islands (*US \$5.07 billion*), China (*US \$3.51 billion*), Luxembourg (*US \$1.71 billion*), and France (*US \$1.04 billion*).