

Table 1 : Position and flow of inward direct investment (DI) of Hong Kong at market value by selected major investor country/territory[#], 2017 - 2018

HK\$ billion

Major investor country/territory	Position [^] at end of year		DI inflow during the year	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
(i) Inward DI under "directional principle"				
British Virgin Islands	4,980.1	4,909.8	329.9	281.1
The mainland of China	3,872.4	4,121.6	179.2	296.6
Cayman Islands	1,193.5	1,250.2	161.8	-10.1
United Kingdom	287.8	1,206.8	-14.8	80.0
Bermuda	656.8	809.4	17.6	50.3
Singapore	383.0	316.1	82.8	-1.8
United States of America	325.9	291.1	12.0	19.5
Japan	252.1	242.8	16.4	24.7
Cook Islands	94.7	123.7	13.0	11.5
Taiwan	100.9	106.0	-4.6	7.9
Other countries/territories	3,042.6	2,003.3	69.4	57.6
Sum of all countries/territories*	15,189.8	15,380.6	862.6	817.1
(ii) Total inward DI under "asset/liability principle"				
Direct investment liabilities*	16,943.5	17,120.7	979.6	760.5

Notes: # Selected based on the position of Hong Kong's inward DI from individual investor countries/territories in recent years.

[^] Refers to the value of the stock of inward DI.

* According to international standards, "directional principle" should be adopted when analysing the DI statistics by country/territory while the "asset/liability principle" should be adopted in the analyses on aggregate DI statistics. Owing to the adoption of different presentation principles, the total stocks and flows of inward DI (i.e. the direct investment liabilities) are different from the sum of inward DI of all countries/territories. In calculating the shares of individual investor countries/territories, the sum of all countries/territories compiled based on the "directional principle" should be referred to.

(1) Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

(2) Country/Territory here refers to the immediate source economy. It does not necessarily reflect the country/territory from which the funds are initially mobilised.

(3) Negative inflow does not necessarily relate to equity withdrawal. It may be the result of repayment of loans owed to non-resident affiliates.

Table 2 : Position and flow of inward direct investment (DI) of Hong Kong at market value by major economic activity of Hong Kong enterprise groups, 2017 - 2018

HK\$ billion

Major economic activity of Hong Kong enterprise group	Position [^] at end of year		DI inflow during the year	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
(i) Inward DI under "directional principle"				
Investment and holding, real estate, professional and business services	10,584.4	10,680.0	537.9	479.7
Banking	1,731.5	1,816.9	128.1	137.4
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	1,352.3	1,376.7	88.4	129.4
Financing (except banking, investment and holding companies)	409.8	431.7	54.8	3.7
Construction	293.9	308.2	28.1	44.9
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services	207.7	197.1	-7.5	-3.5
Insurance	212.9	172.2	27.5	13.9
Information and communications	97.1	98.3	4.4	4.3
Manufacturing	84.6	62.6	5.5	1.6
Accommodation and food services	32.9	39.6	-0.2	-0.9
Other activities	182.7	197.2	-4.4	6.7
Sum of all economic activities*	15,189.8	15,380.6	862.6	817.1
(ii) Total inward DI under "asset/liability principle"				
Direct investment liabilities*	16,943.5	17,120.7	979.6	760.5

Notes: [^] Refers to the value of the stock of inward DI.

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- (1) Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.
- (2) A Hong Kong enterprise group (HKEG) mainly consists of a Hong Kong parent company, its Hong Kong subsidiaries, associates and branches.
- (3) For an enterprise group, economic activity here refers to the major economic activity of the whole enterprise group in Hong Kong. If an HKEG is engaged in a wide variety of activities, its economic activity is determined on the basis of the economic activity in respect of which the operating revenue is predominant.
- (4) Negative inflow does not necessarily relate to equity withdrawal. It may be the result of repayment of loans owed to non-resident affiliates.

Table 3 : Position and flow of outward direct investment (DI) of Hong Kong at market value by selected major recipient country/territory[#], 2017 - 2018

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Major recipient country/territory	Position [^] at end of year		DI outflow during the year	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
(i) Outward DI under "directional principle"				
The mainland of China	5,420.1	5,822.8	243.3	397.0
British Virgin Islands	4,881.3	4,841.8	81.7	199.3
Cayman Islands	543.3	522.7	1.7	16.1
Bermuda	288.1	344.2	49.1	18.0
Singapore	215.7	255.0	64.7	6.5
United Kingdom	179.9	191.8	10.7	31.0
Netherlands	248.7	162.0	200.4	-70.3
Australia	133.7	119.4	-17.1	18.4
United States of America	92.0	110.7	6.9	24.5
Luxembourg	84.4	91.3	-1.0	4.9
Other countries/territories	2,081.9	1,869.8	35.4	-1.0
Sum of all countries/territories*	14,169.1	14,331.2	675.7	644.3
(ii) Total outward DI under "asset/liability principle"				
Direct investment assets*	15,922.9	16,071.3	792.7	587.7

Notes: # Selected based on the position of Hong Kong's outward DI to individual recipient countries/territories in recent years.

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(1) Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

(2) Country/Territory here refers to the immediate destination economy. It does not necessarily reflect the country/territory in which the funds are ultimately used.

(3) Negative outflow does not necessarily relate to equity withdrawal. It may be the result of repayment of loans by non-resident affiliates.

Table 4 : Position and flow of outward direct investment (DI) of Hong Kong at market value by major economic activity of Hong Kong enterprise groups, 2017 - 2018

HK\$ billion

Major economic activity of Hong Kong enterprise group	Position [^] at end of year		DI outflow during the year	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
(i) Outward DI under "directional principle"				
Investment and holding, real estate, professional and business services	11,403.5	11,527.2	480.0	472.6
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	980.4	1,062.7	43.9	86.9
Banking	355.0	403.6	54.2	64.0
Manufacturing	320.1	327.6	17.0	30.7
Insurance	318.0	263.1	66.5	-19.2
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services	185.4	162.1	17.0	4.9
Information and communications	93.9	103.8	-7.6	2.6
Accommodation and food services	96.3	91.9	5.8	5.0
Construction	88.8	68.9	9.2	4.1
Financing (except banking, investment and holding companies)	79.9	68.9	11.0	-1.1
Other activities	247.8	251.3	-21.2	-6.2
Sum of all economic activities*	14,169.1	14,331.2	675.7	644.3
(ii) Total outward DI under "asset/liability principle"				
Direct investment assets*	15,922.9	16,071.3	792.7	587.7

Notes: [^] Refers to the value of the stock of outward DI.

* According to international standards, "directional principle" should be adopted when analysing the DI statistics by economic activity while the "asset/liability principle" should be adopted in the analyses on aggregate DI statistics. Owing to the adoption of different presentation principles, the total stocks and flows of outward DI (i.e. the direct investment assets) are different from the sum of outward DI of all economic activities. In calculating the shares of individual economic activities, the sum of all economic activities compiled based on the "directional principle" should be referred to.

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