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STATISTICS OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) IN MALAYSIA AND MALAYSIA'S DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD (DIA) 2025

Malaysia recorded RM65.9 billion in FDI, driven by ICT growth amid global digitalisation

PUTRAJAYA, 24 JUNE 2026 – Foreign investment into Malaysia recorded net inflows of RM65.9 billion in 2025, while Malaysian companies continued expanding international footprint with net outflows of RM12.4 billion in investment abroad. The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of **Statistics of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia** and **Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) for 2025**. The statistics describe investment transactions with the rest of the world in the form of financial instruments.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, the Chief Statistician of Malaysia stated, "FDI recorded a net inflow of RM65.9 billion in 2025, an increase of 41.2 per cent from RM46.7 billion in the previous year. The performance was underpinned by both equity injections from foreign investors and inflows in debt instruments. Reflecting the sustained confidence of foreign investors in Malaysia's economy, the cumulative FDI position expanded to RM1,087.9 billion at the end of 2025, accounting for 53.7 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as against 51.4 per cent in 2024."

In terms of outward investment, Malaysia's DIA recorded net outflows of RM12.4 billion in 2025, moderating from RM35.5 billion in the previous year. Subsequently, the total DIA position stood at RM589.3 billion as at the end of 2025, representing 29.1 per cent of GDP (2024: 32.2 per cent). Correspondingly, these investments generated income returns during the year, whereby foreign companies operating in Malaysia posted RM98.2 billion, while Malaysian enterprises abroad recorded earnings of RM39.9 billion.

Looking at FDI flows composition by sector, the Services was the top recipient in 2025, recording a net inflow of RM59.5 billion. Trailing behind were Mining & quarrying sector with RM3.0 billion and Manufacturing RM2.6 billion. Within the Services sector, Information & communication sub-sector attracted the largest share 53.6 per cent of total services, reflecting the global shift toward digitalisation and the expansion of data centre infrastructure. In addition, the Financial activities also registered notable inflows of RM26.1 billion, supported by continued investor confidence in Malaysia's financial landscape. Meanwhile, the Manufacturing sector was the leading contributor to FDI income, generating RM55.5 billion. As at the end of 2025, both Services and Manufacturing sectors maintained high positions in Malaysia's FDI stock, valued at RM596.7 billion and RM419.3 billion, respectively.

From a geographical perspective, the Asia region remained the largest source of FDI inflows in 2025 with a value of RM73.2 billion. This region also continued to account for the largest share of Malaysia's FDI position, with a total investment of RM679.2 billion as at the end of 2025. Within the Asia region, Singapore and Hong Kong were the main source countries for FDI. Meanwhile, the Americas emerged as the leading region in terms of FDI income with RM45.6 billion, with the United States of America as the main investor.

Commenting further on Malaysia's investments abroad, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "The net outflows of DIA in 2025 were largely attributed by the Services sector with a value of RM15.6 billion, mainly in Financial activities and Transportation sub-sector. This sector also accounted for the largest share of income, totalling RM25.3 billion, followed by Mining & quarrying RM7.8 billion. Similarly, the Services sector remained the major contributor to DIA position with a cumulative value of RM440.2 billion, while Mining & quarrying followed at RM68.9 billion".

In the context of regional distribution, Africa was the main destination of DIA flows in 2025 with a value of RM7.0 billion, with investments largely concentrated in the oil and gas industry. Meanwhile, Asia recorded as the highest DIA income at RM22.8 billion and remained the largest region in terms of DIA position, amounting to RM339.0 billion as at the end of 2025.

On average, the return on investment (ROI) for FDI companies was RM0.09 for every RM1.00 invested. Concurrently, Malaysian companies earned RM0.07 for every RM1.00 of investment made abroad.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed **"*Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat*"**. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation's economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** globally in the biennial **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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Chart 1: Malaysia's investment performance, 2010 – 2025

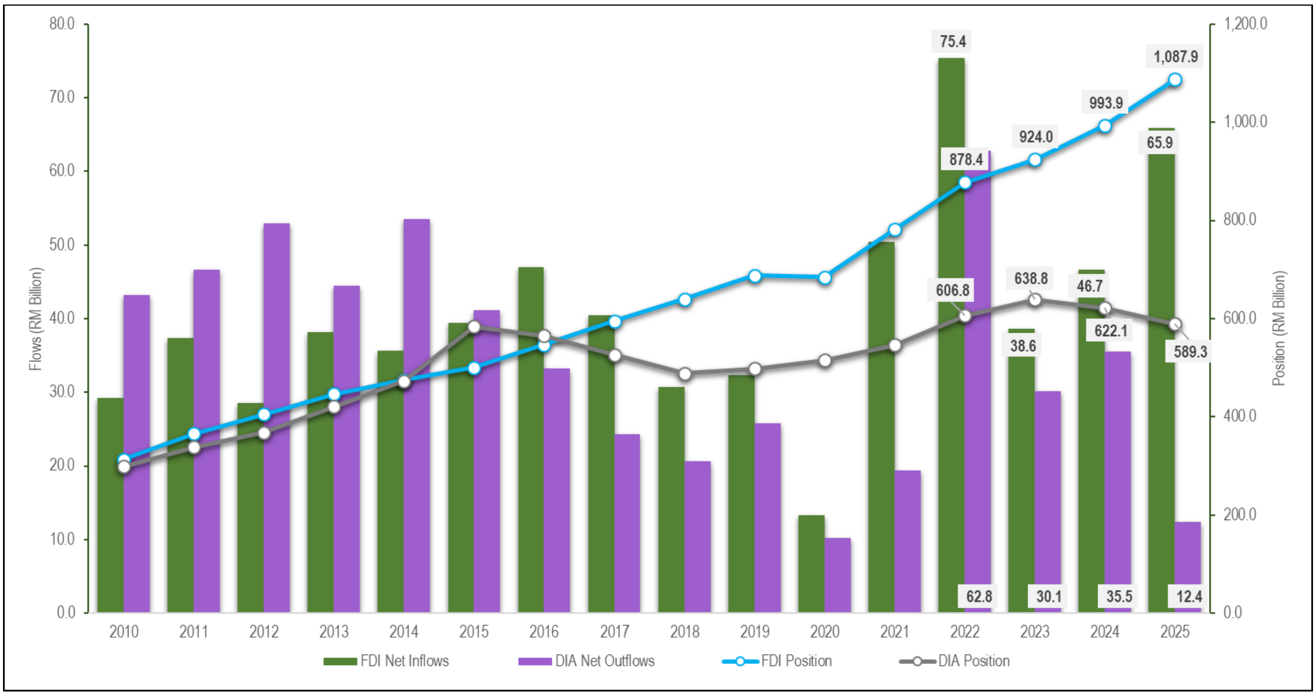
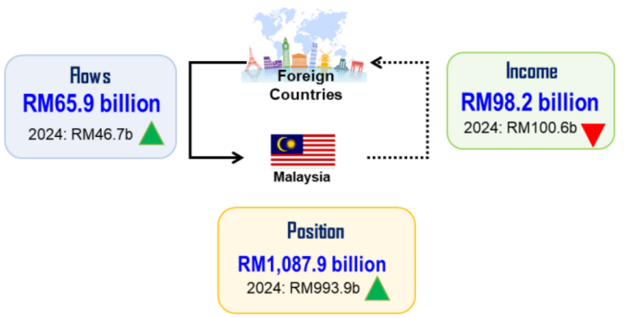


Exhibit 1: Direct investment of Malaysia, 2025

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), 2025

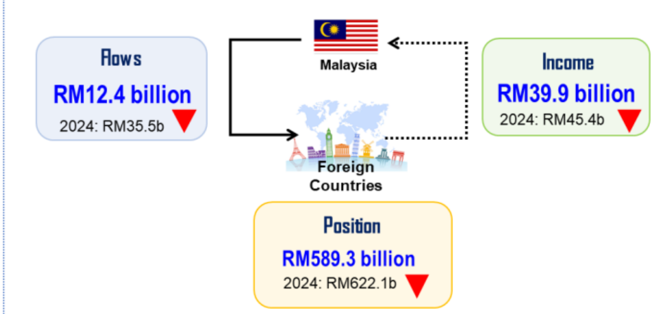


FDI Components, 2025

RM billion

Components	Flows	Position	Income	Components
Equity & investment fund shares	49.6	918.9	93.7	Income on equity & investment fund shares
Debt instrument	16.4	169.0	4.5	Interest
Total	**65.9**	**1,087.9**	**98.2**	**Total**

Direct Investment Abroad (DIA), 2025



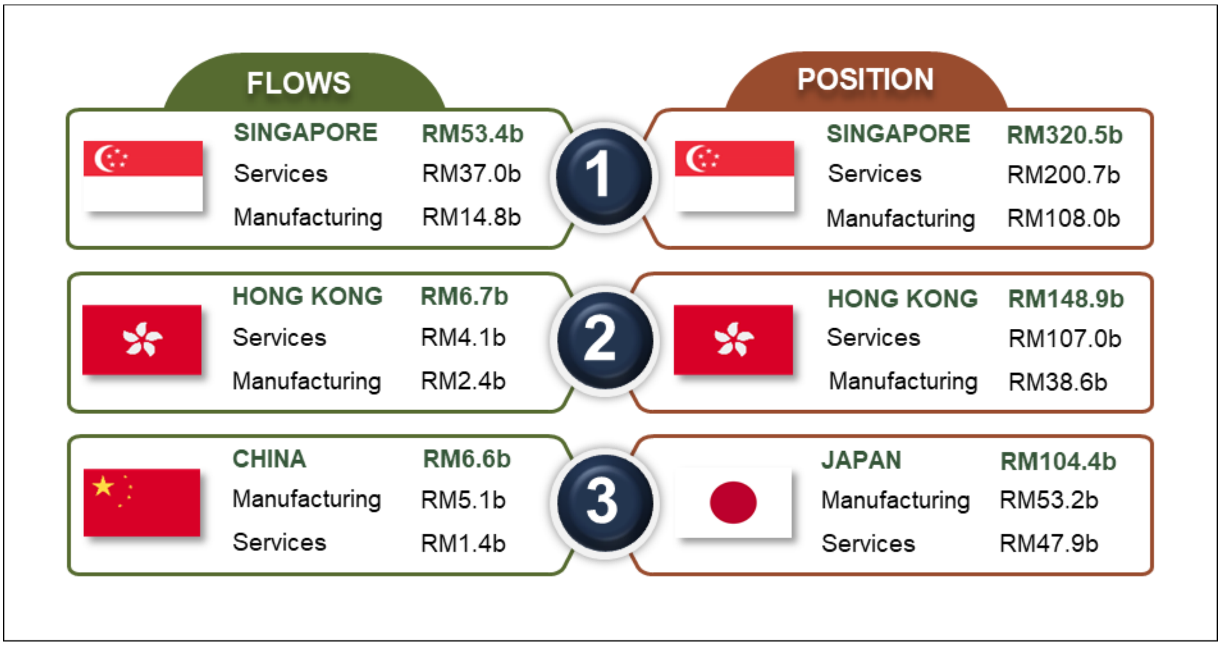
DIA Components, 2025

RM billion

Components	Flows	Position	Income	Components
Equity & investment fund shares	-29.0	447.5	34.7	Income on equity & investment fund shares
Debt instrument	16.6	141.8	5.2	Interest
Total	**-12.4**	**589.3**	**39.9**	**Total**

Note: Negative value refers to net outflows

Exhibit 2: FDI by Major Countries and Sectors, 2025



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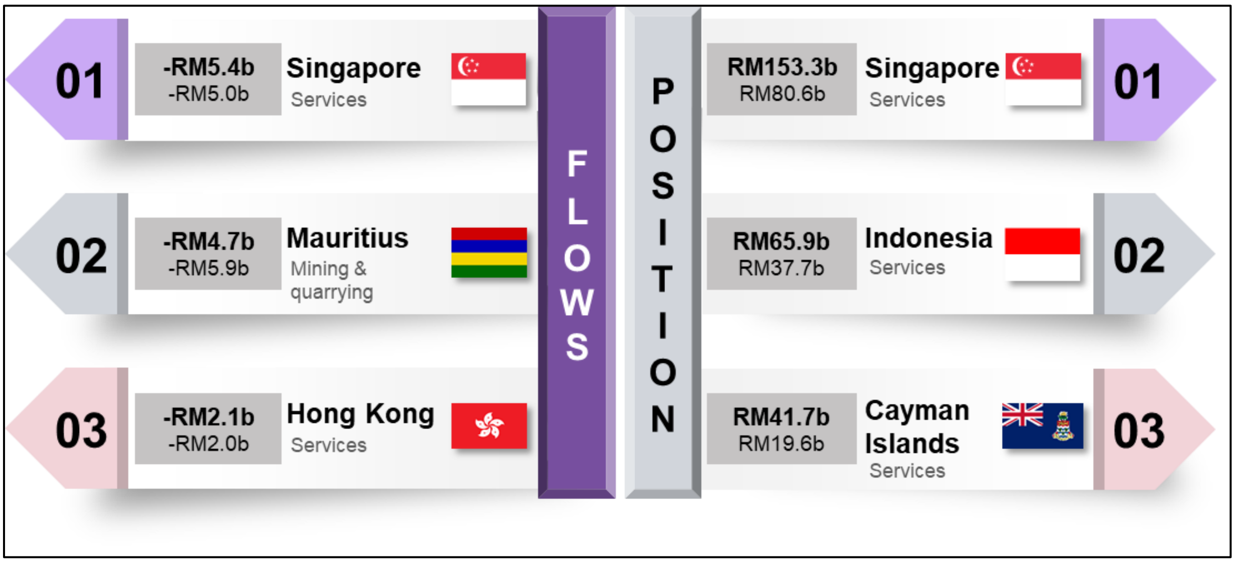

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