

flows was 34 per cent during the latter half of the 1980s, compared to trade which grew at an average rate of about 12 per cent.

Table 1 Total Global Investment Stocks & Flows, 1980-1993
(Millions of U.S. dollars)

DATE	Stock		Stock	
	Total FDI	FDI Flows	Total DIA	DIA Flows
1980	502,688		506,604	
1981	551,302		540,157	
1982	599,917		573,710	
1983	648,531		607,264	
1984	697,146		640,817	
1985	745,760		674,370	
1986	937,736		869,344	
1987	1,129,713	126,882	1,064,319	136,974
1988	1,321,689	159,101	1,259,293	168,073
1989	1,513,666	196,132	1,454,268	222,395
1990	1,705,642	207,912	1,649,242	231,509
1991	1,826,873	162,214	1,790,771	191,889
1992	1,948,104	158,413	1,932,300	171,129
1993	2,069,335	133,664	2,073,829	140,939

Source: World Investment Report 1994.

Investment flows appear to be significantly affected by general global economic conditions. In 1990, global investment inflows and outflows were relatively large at more than 10 per cent of the corresponding investment stocks. However, the global recession of 1990 had a sharply negative effect on investment flows (both incoming foreign direct investment and outgoing direct investment abroad) starting in 1990. As a result, the global inflows of foreign direct investment, which were more than U.S. \$200 billion in 1990 had declined to less than U.S. \$134 billion by 1993. This sharp decline in investment flows has had a serious impact on the investment inflows in each of the economies selected for this report.