



# **FDI into Dubai**

**January 2012 to June 2012**

## Key indicators

Between January 2012 and June 2012 a total of 115 FDI projects were recorded, equating to a 1.5% share of global FDI. These projects represent a total capital investment of USD 4.49 billion and a total of 9,678 jobs were created.

Compared to January to June 2011, the number of projects shows a 20% decrease while Capital investment increased by 7% and jobs created increased by 18%, indicating the attractiveness of larger projects in 2012.

The largest number of projects was announced in April 2012, with 26 projects that month equating to a 2% share of global FDI, while average capital investment peaked in January 2012, which is when the largest investments were launched.

Key indicators			
	Jan to Jun 2012	Jan to Jun 2011	% change
No of FDI projects	115	145	-21%
Share of global FDI projects	1.5%	1.5%	-
Total jobs created	9,678	8,179	18%
Average project size (jobs)	84	56	50%
Total capital investment	USD 4,494.3 m	USD 4,203.1 m	7%
Average project size	USD 39.10 m	USD 29.00 m	35%

Source: fDi Intelligence from The Financial Times Ltd

## Source countries

The top FDI source countries are in line with the first half year of 2011, including India, Qatar, Germany, USA, Switzerland, UK, Saudi and France.

Out of a total of 28 source countries, the top 10 account for 83 projects (72% of total projects), USD 4.23 Billion which represents 94% of total invested capital and 8,355 jobs which represent 86% of total jobs created.

While the UK generated 24 projects, mainly in Business services, representing 21% of total projects into Dubai, India generated the largest capital investment and created the most jobs, mainly in Real estate.

## Sector analysis

Out of a total of 24 sectors, Business Services accounted for 20.9% of projects. Project volume in this sector peaked during April, with eight projects tracked. Total jobs creation and capital investment in this sector was 581 jobs and USD 192.50 million respectively.

Top FDI sectors are quite consistent with the first half year of 2011, with the emergence of Real estate back into the top 10 sectors list as the sector, slowly but surely, starts regaining its strength.

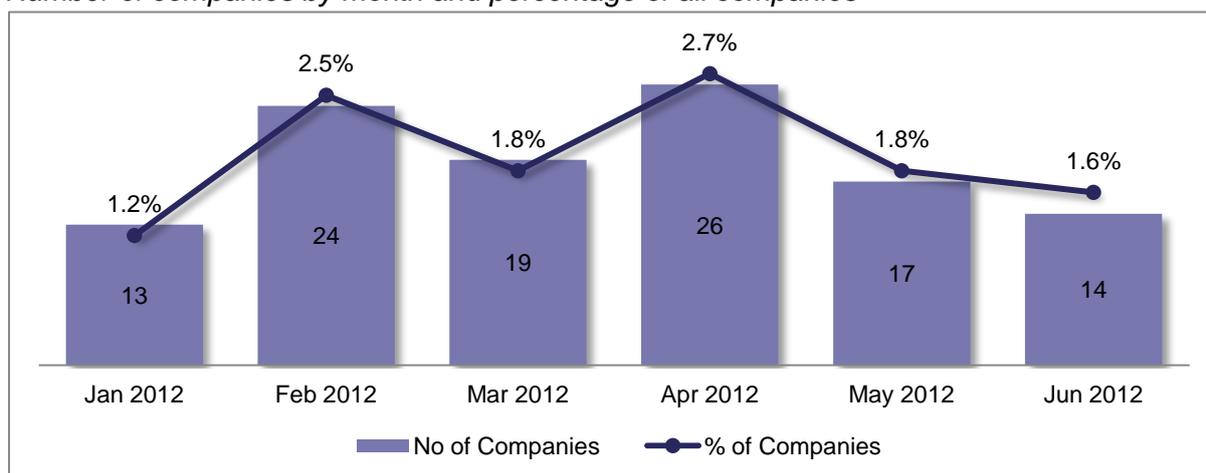
The top 10 sectors include Real estate, Leisure and entertainment, Chemicals, Financial services, Business services, Food and Tobacco, Healthcare, IT services, Communications and Metals.

These sectors attracted a total of 77 projects (67% of total projects into Dubai). Their total capital investment reached USD 4.17 Billion which represents 93% of total capital invested, and they created a total of 7,619 jobs.

## Company analysis

A total of 113 companies invested in Dubai and Not Specified between January 2012 and June 2012, out of a total 4,515 companies investing in FDI globally.

*Number of companies by month and percentage of all companies*



Source: fDi Intelligence from The Financial Times Ltd

The top 10 investors, which represent 9% of total investors, have created a total of 11 projects. These investors created a combined total of 6,071 jobs, which represents 63% of the overall total and the combined capital investment from these companies reached USD 3.54 billion, representing 79% of the total for all companies.

During the period January 2012 to June 2012, 52 projects (45.2%) were announced by 50 companies (44.2%) that had not previously had a project recorded in our databases into Dubai since 2003.

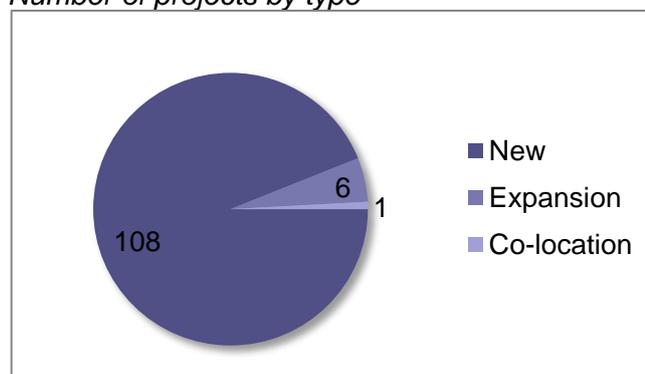
These investments created a total of 5,220 jobs and generated USD 3,163.20 million capital investment. To provide perspective on the size of these companies, the majority of these companies have a turnover of USD 30 million or less.

## Project analysis

In terms of project type, 93.9% of projects are new investments, compared to 88% attracted in the first half of 2011. New projects have an average capital investment of USD 40.60 million and job creation of 83 per project.

The average capital investment for expansion and co-location is USD 15.20 million and USD 13.60 million respectively. The average number of jobs created in these project types is 93 and 105 respectively.

*Number of projects by type*



Source: fDi Intelligence from The Financial Times Ltd

## In summary

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Dubai shows an overall growth in investments attracted in the first half of 2012. The sectors of strength of Dubai are still the main attractions for Foreign Direct Investment, with the re-emergence of Real estate among the top 10 sectors as the sector witnesses noticeable growth since the beginning of the year.

Dubai remains the investment destination of choice for the main FDI investor countries, but seems to be attracting larger projects in 2012, as the confidence in the emirate's economic health is regained. Dubai remains the main hub to a growing region, linking east and west, and offering a world-class infrastructure and a distinguished lifestyle that appeals to both businesses and residents.

## About this report

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This report is based on data collected by fDI Intelligence and Dubai FDI. All investment project data and information is based on public information on company investment announcements, or is otherwise estimated by fDI Intelligence based on a widely tested algorithm.