

# SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): UAE

## What is SelectUSA?

SelectUSA is the U.S. government program to promote and facilitate business investment in the United States.

## How do we help?

We work with companies and U.S. economic development organizations to provide information, facilitate direct connections, and resolve questions regarding federal regulations. We also provide a promotional platform for U.S. state and local governments.

# \$35.0 Billion

Total 2023 stock of FDI from  
the United Arab Emirates  
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

## 33,200

Number of U.S. workers employed by  
U.S. affiliates of majority  
Emirati-owned firms in 2022.



Investing in Innovative R&D

## \$1.5 billion

Value of research and development (R&D)  
spending by U.S. affiliates of majority  
Middle Eastern-owned firms  
in 2022.\*



Expanding U.S. Exports

## \$1.9 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority  
Emirati-owned firms  
operating in the United States in 2022.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of February 12, 2025), fDi Markets (data from January 2015 - December 2024)

\*Regional data is used when market-specific data has been suppressed or has not met a certain threshold.

## Emirati FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Position (UBO)</b>	\$35,223	\$31,674	\$31,541	\$38,161	<b>\$34,999</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$3,027	\$2,931	\$709	\$5,958	<b>-\$923</b>

## U.S. FDI in the United Arab Emirates (in USD millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Position</b>	\$15,741	\$16,054	\$15,000	\$15,831	<b>\$16,106</b>
<b>Flow</b>	-\$725	\$501	\$200	\$1,834	<b>\$477</b>

## TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Emirati FDI  
projects in the USA

- #1 Transportation
- #2 Business Services
- #3 Software & IT Services
- #4 Real Estate
- #5 Food & Beverages
- #6 Semiconductors

TERMINOLOGY - UBO: Ultimate Beneficial Owner; the entity at the top of an affiliate's ownership chain.

Position/Stock: Snapshot of cumulative FDI taken at year end. Flow: FDI coming into a country over a period of time.

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