

## Direct Investment by Country and Industry: 2017

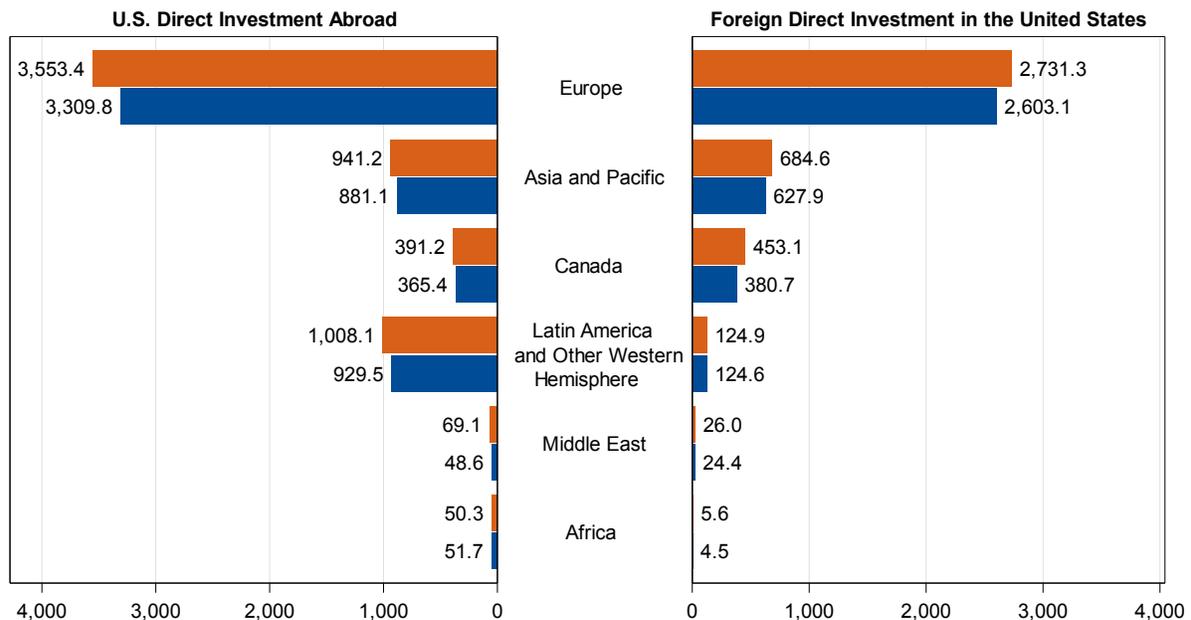
The **U.S. direct investment abroad** position, or cumulative level of investment, increased \$427.3 billion to \$6,013.3 billion at the end of 2017 from \$5,586.0 billion at the end of 2016. The increase mainly reflected a \$243.6 billion increase in the position in Europe, primarily in Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Netherlands. By industry, affiliates in manufacturing and holding companies accounted for the largest increases.

The **foreign direct investment in the United States** position increased \$260.4 billion to \$4,025.5 billion at the end of 2017 from \$3,765.1 billion at the end of 2016. The increase mainly reflected a \$128.2 billion increase in the position from Europe, primarily Ireland, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. By industry, affiliates in manufacturing and wholesale trade accounted for the largest increases.

### Direct Investment Positions, 2016-2017

Billion \$

■ 2017 ■ 2016



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Highlights of the direct investment statistics by industry for 2017:

- The U.S. direct investment abroad position was highly concentrated in holding companies, which accounted for nearly half of the position in 2017. By industry of the U.S. parent, investment by manufacturing multinational enterprises accounted for 55.6 percent of the position.
- The foreign direct investment position in the United States was concentrated in the U.S. manufacturing sector, which accounted for 39.9 percent of the position.

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NOTE: The next release in this series will present data for 2018 and will be available July 2019.