International investment resumes retreat; FDI flows fall back to crisis levels

Global investment activity fell by 28% in the second quarter of 2013, after two consecutive quarters of increases, according to preliminary estimates in the October issue of *FDI in Figures*. This marks a return to the steady downward trend that started in the first quarter of 2012. Download the data used to prepare this report in *Excel format*.

Pension funds achieve high returns in most OECD countries in 2012

After showing an average negative rate of return on investment across the OECD zone in 2011, pension fund assets achieved high returns in almost all OECD countries in 2012, with a real return greater than 5% in 18 countries, according to the latest edition of *Pension Markets in Focus*. Access the statistical data used to prepare this report.

Annual survey of pension funds’ long-term investments

Throwing a light on the role that institutional investors can play in providing a source of stable long-term capital, this *survey* monitors and compares the investment behaviour, operating costs, and performances of 86 pension funds from more than 35 countries around the world, accounting for over USD 9.7 trillion of assets under management.

Institutional investors and green infrastructure investments

Building into an extensive project on long-term investment, this *paper* examines how institutional investors can access green infrastructure, the extent to which this is currently happening, and the barriers to scaling up these investment flows. It draws broad lessons for governments on the policy settings which may support these investments.

Better policies for board nomination and election in Asia

This *report* by the *Asian Roundtable on Corporate Governance* describes the current policy framework in Asia and summarises the challenges to establishing a formal and transparent board nomination and election process. It proposes policy options to improve the transparency of this process in order to establish more effective boards.

Are SOEs in the MENA region engines of development and competitiveness?

State-owned enterprises are an important feature of the economic landscape in the Middle East North Africa region. This *report* examines their role and contribution to industrial development, diversification, poverty elimination, and the provision of goods and services more generally, making recommendations based on these observations.

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