INTERNATIONAL DIRECT INVESTMENT STATISTICS YEARBOOK - 1993

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The 1993 yearbook shows that FDI outflows from OECD countries rose dramatically in the 1980s from $25 billion in 1982 to $215 billion in 1990, before declining to about $140 billion in 1992. Stocks abroad reached $1,720 billion in 1990, up from $440 billion ten years earlier. FDI has shifted into services and higher value-added industries, contributing considerably to the structural transformation of the world economy.

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