

Economic Flows Dashboard: UAE to Latin America FDI, exports and imports



Objective

- The objective of the dashboard is to provide a detailed analysis of foreign direct investment (FDI) outflows, **imports** and **exports** from China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Latin America.
- Additionally, the panel aims to track the **evolution** of these flows over time, both in a general sense and specifically regarding flows to Latin America.

Data Sources

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) provides a global database with detailed information on FDI, obtained from the **Coordinated Direct Investment Survey (CDIS)**.
- The **Outward Direct Investment (ODI)** indicator was used, which reflects the investment made by a given country in other countries. It is important to note that, in some cases, there are missing data due to confidentiality restrictions or empty records.
- For import and export data, the **Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS)** dataset was used. Specifically:
 - Exports are defined using the FOB (Free on Board) method.
 - Imports are defined using the CIF (Cost, Insurance, and Freight) method.

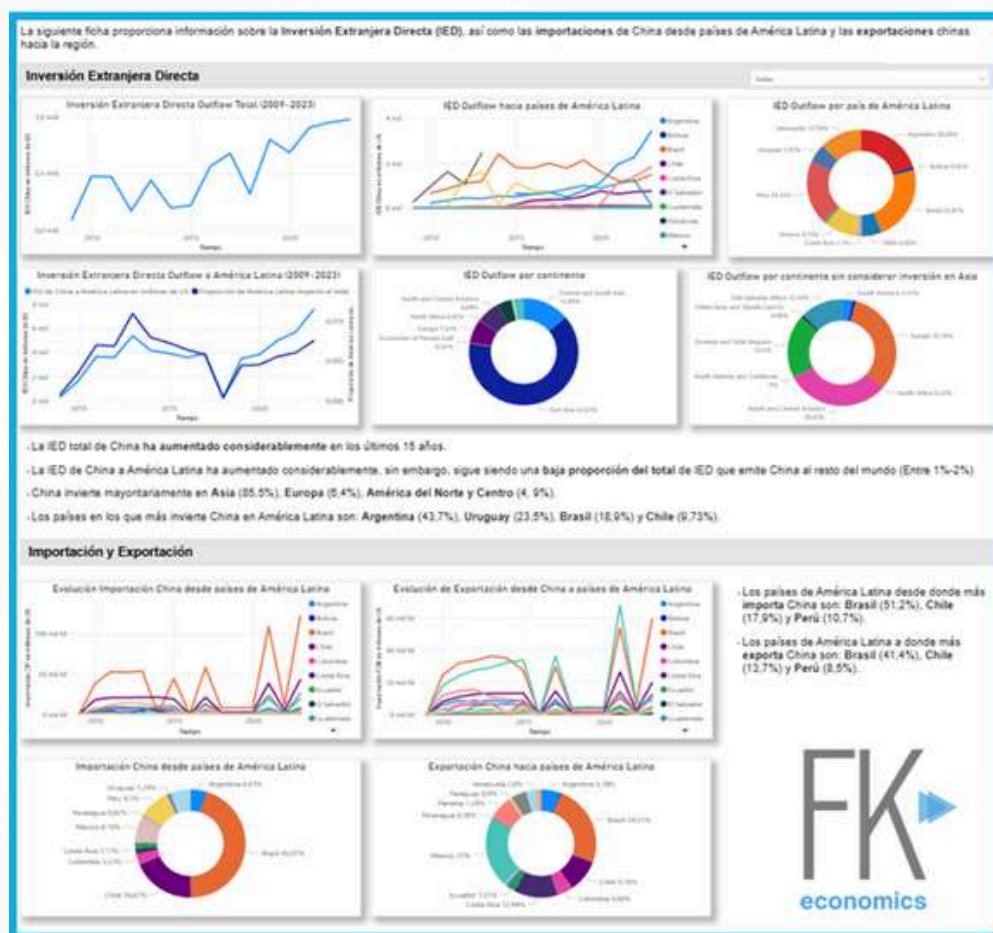
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Data considerations

- For FDI, the **Outflow Direct Investment Positions Derived, US Dollars** indicator is used. This metric applies the mirror estimation method, which derives outflows based on the inflows reported by other countries.
- Confidential data marked as "C" have been removed from the analysis.
- The proportion of South America does not include Central American countries.
- The countries classified as Latin America in this panel are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.
- If a country is not listed, it means there is no available information on its economic flows.

Dashboard overview

- The dashboard is divided into two **sections**: Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Imports and Exports.



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Imports and exports

- At the bottom of the dashboard, each **page** contains information specific to each country in the sample (China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the UAE).

Dashboard overview

Foreign Direct Investment

- The FDI section includes the following components:
 - Total FDI Outflow: overall outward direct investment.
 - FDI Outflow to Latin American countries: amount of investment directed specifically to countries in Latin America.
 - Proportion of FDI to South America over total FDI: share of investment allocated to South America compared to the total FDI outflow.
 - FDI percentage by Latin American country: distribution of FDI across individual Latin American nations.
 - FDI by continent: investment distribution across different continents.
 - FDI by continent (excluding East Asia): investment flows, removing East Asia to better highlight trends in other regions.

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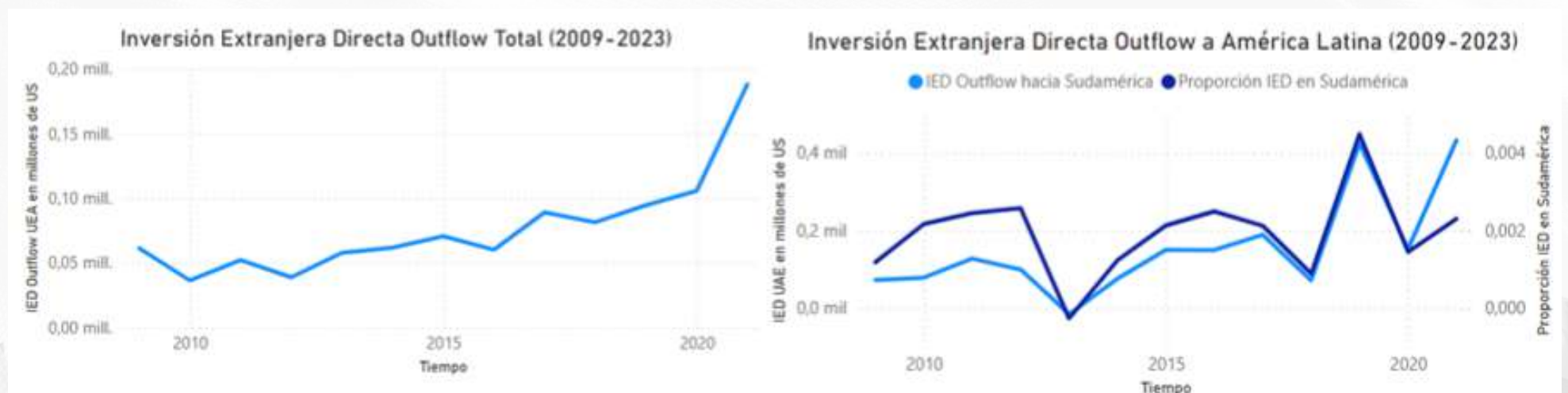
Imports and Exports

- The Imports and Exports section includes the following components:
 - Evolution of Imports from Latin American countries: Trends in imports by China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the UAE from Latin American countries over time.
 - Evolution of Exports to Latin American countries: Trends in exports from China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the UAE to Latin America countries over time.
 - Import Percentage by Latin American countries: The share of imports coming from each Latin American country.
 - Export Percentage to Latin American countries: The share of exports directed to each Latin American country.

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Total FDI trend

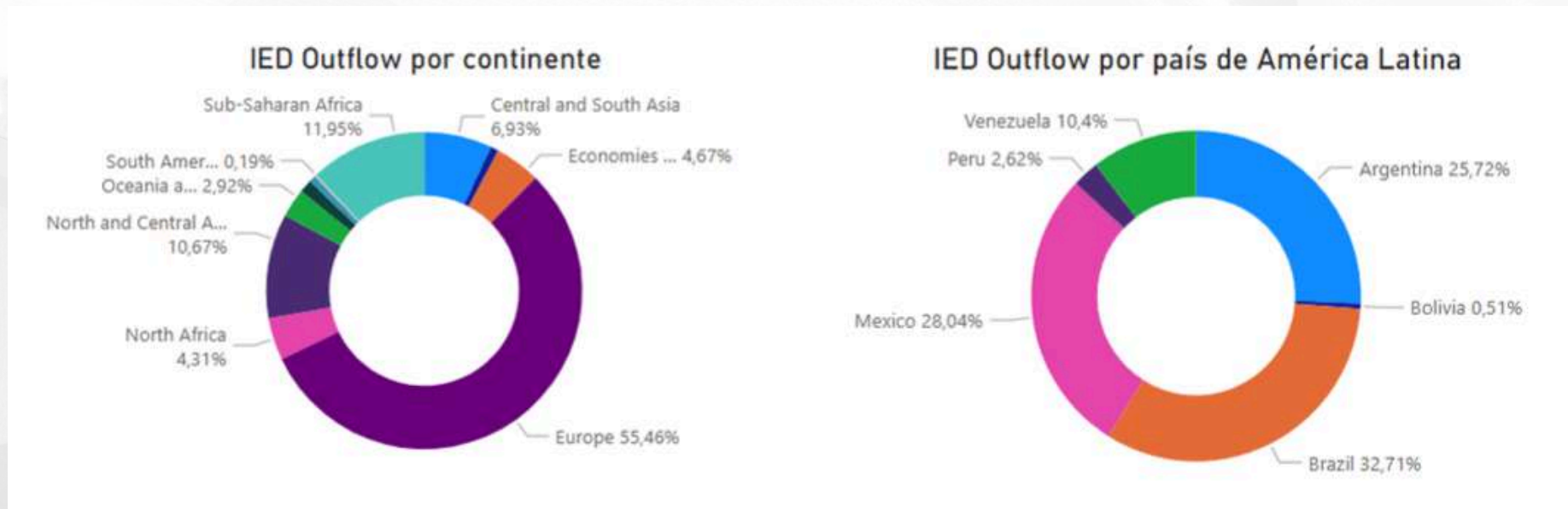
- UAE's FDI has steadily increased over the past 15 years, with rapid growth since 2020.
- However, investment in South America remains minimal, accounting for only ~0.2% of the total.



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UAE's FDI by Continent and towards Latin America

- Most investment goes to Europe (55.5%), Sub-Saharan Africa (11.9%), and North America (10.6%).

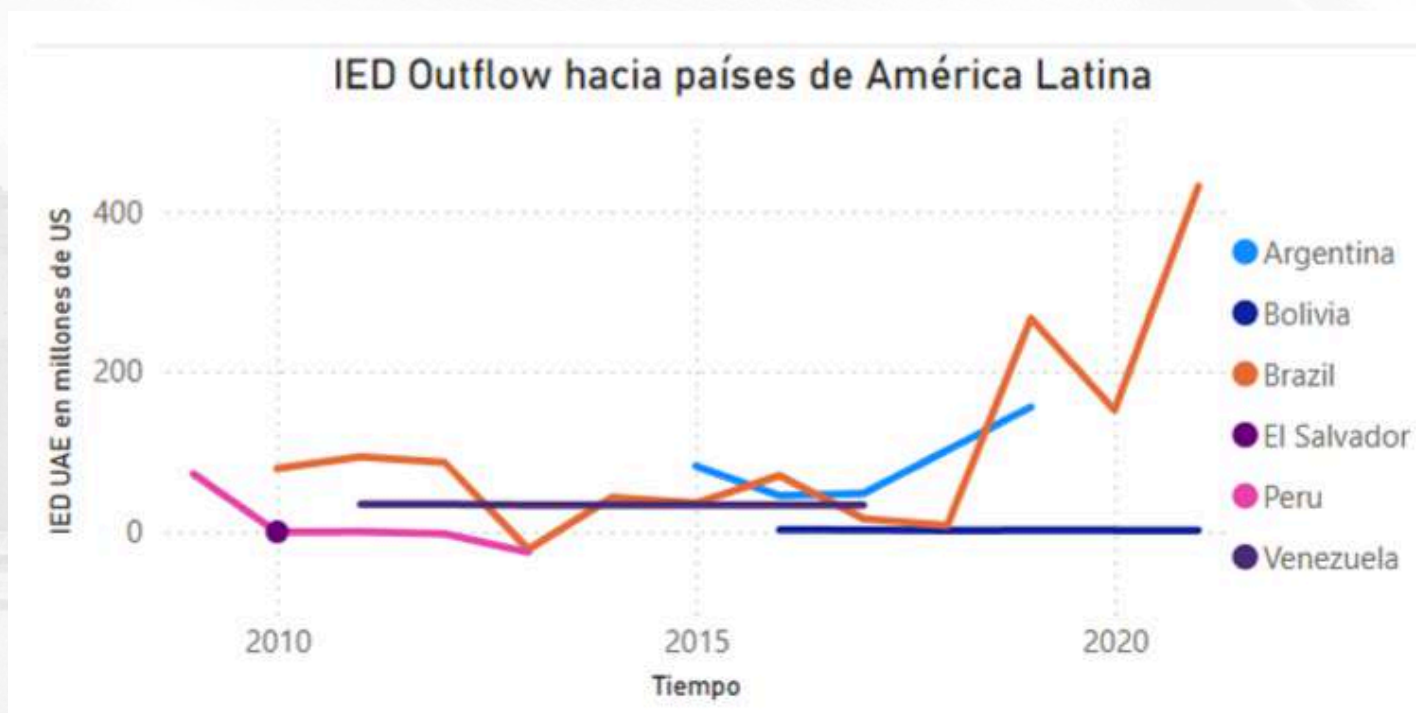


- Top Latin American FDI recipients: Brazil (32.7%), Mexico (28.1%), Argentina (25.7%).

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- For most Latin American countries, FDI data is either unavailable, confidential, or very limited. However, since 2018, there has been a significant increase in FDI directed toward Brazil.

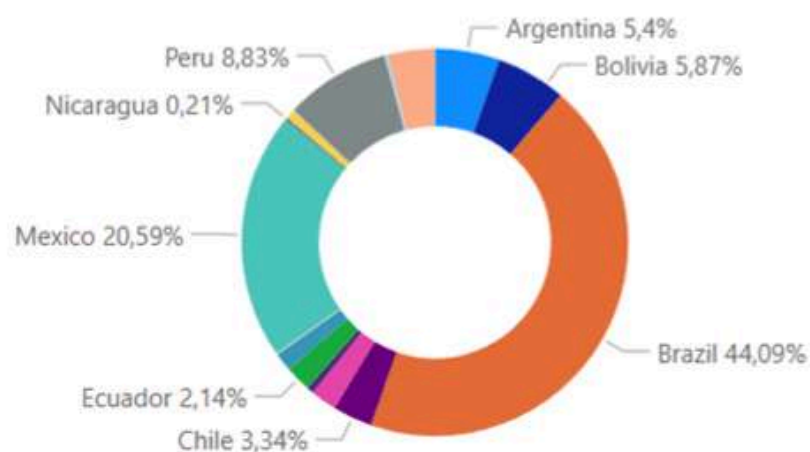


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Trade flows

- Brazil is UAE's top Latin American import source (44.1%), followed by Mexico (20.6%) and Peru (8.8%).
- UAE exports mostly to Brazil (47.2%) and Mexico (24.9%).

Importación Singapore desde países de América Latina



Exportación Singapore hacia países de América Latina

