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INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY



Investment trends and prospects

Global FDI fell below \$1 trillion, lowest level for 15 years

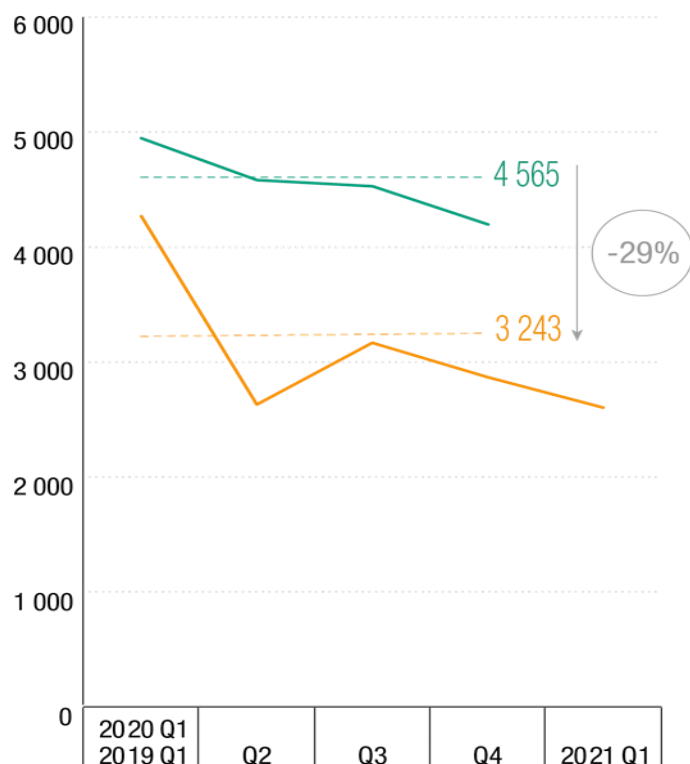
FDI inflows, global and by group of economies, 2007–2020 (Billions of dollars and per cent)



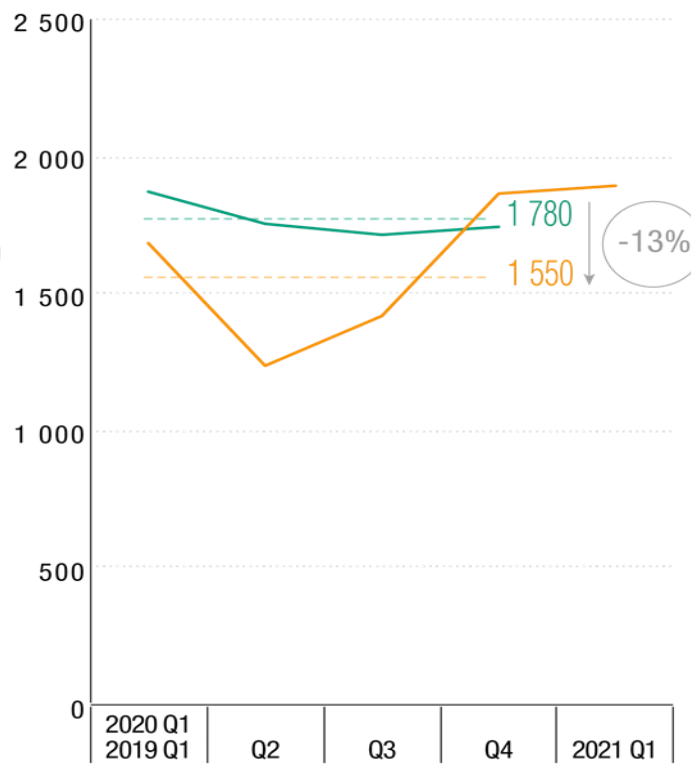
Investment fell across all types – greenfield still not showing signs of recovery

Announced greenfield projects, cross-border M&As and international project finance deals, 2019 Q1–2021 Q1

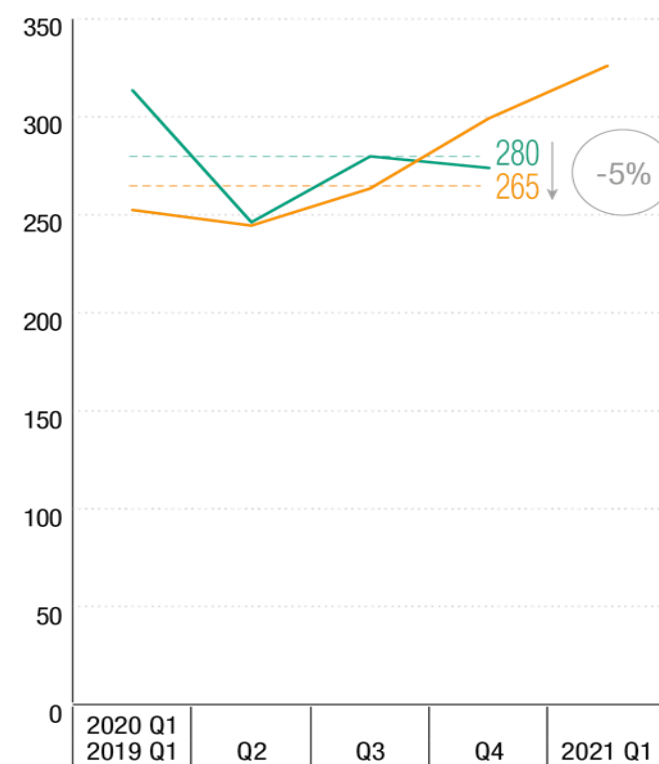
a. Greenfield projects



b. Cross-border M&As



c. International project finance deals

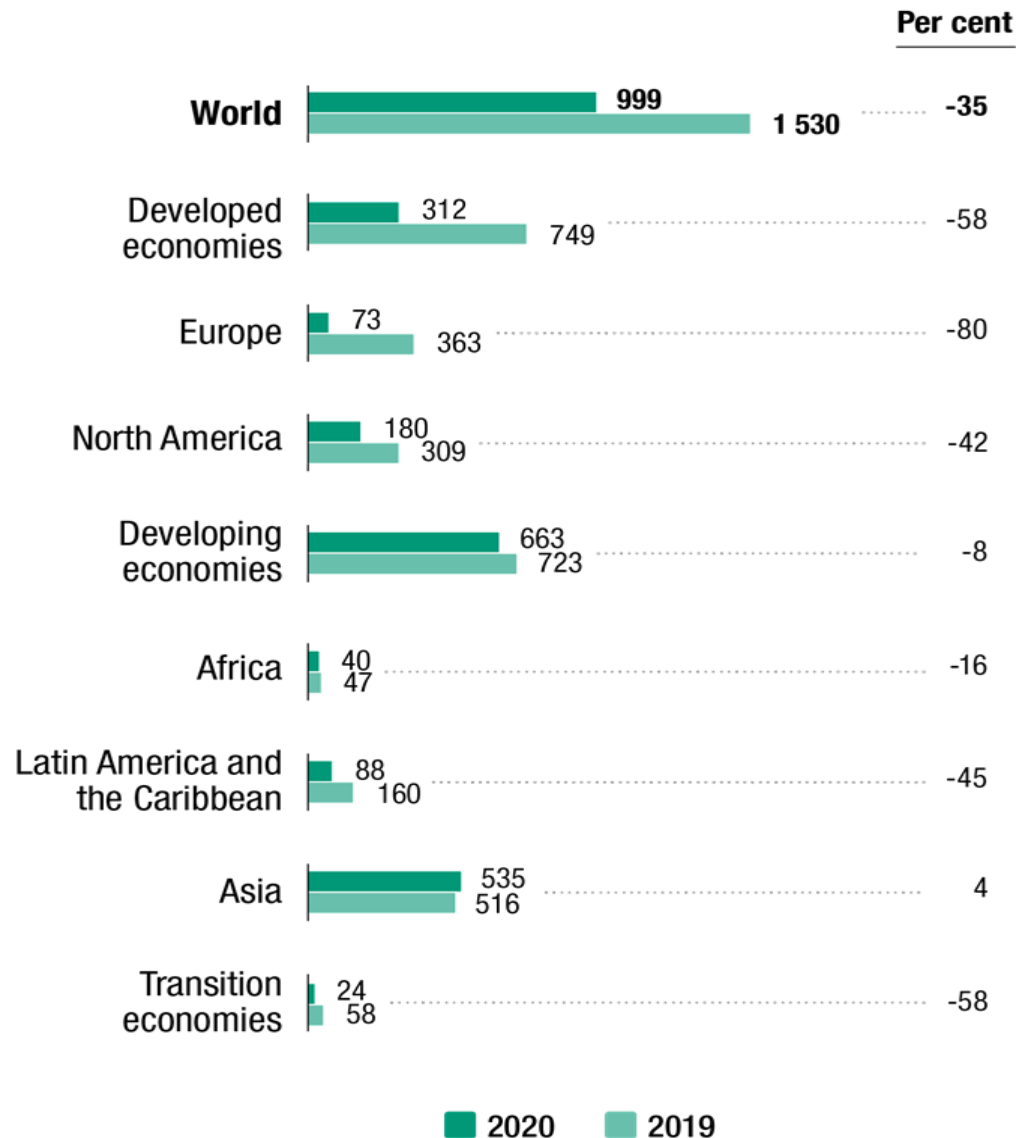


— 2019 quarterly - - - 2019 average — 2020 quarterly - - - 2020 average

Contrasting trends in developed and developing economies

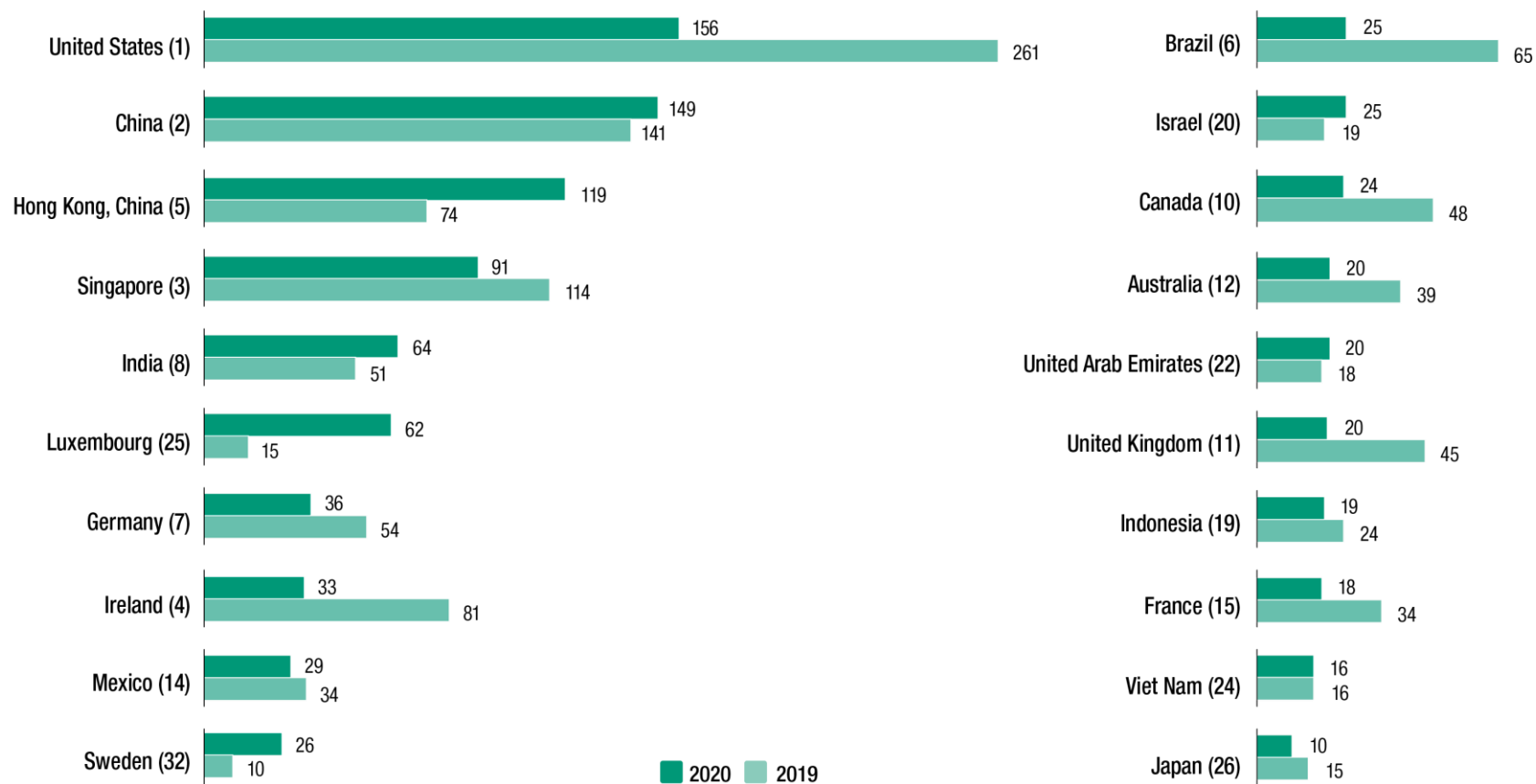
FDI inflows, by region, 2019 and 2020

(Billions of dollars and per cent)



FDI inflows, top 20 economies, 2019 and 2020 (billions of dollars)

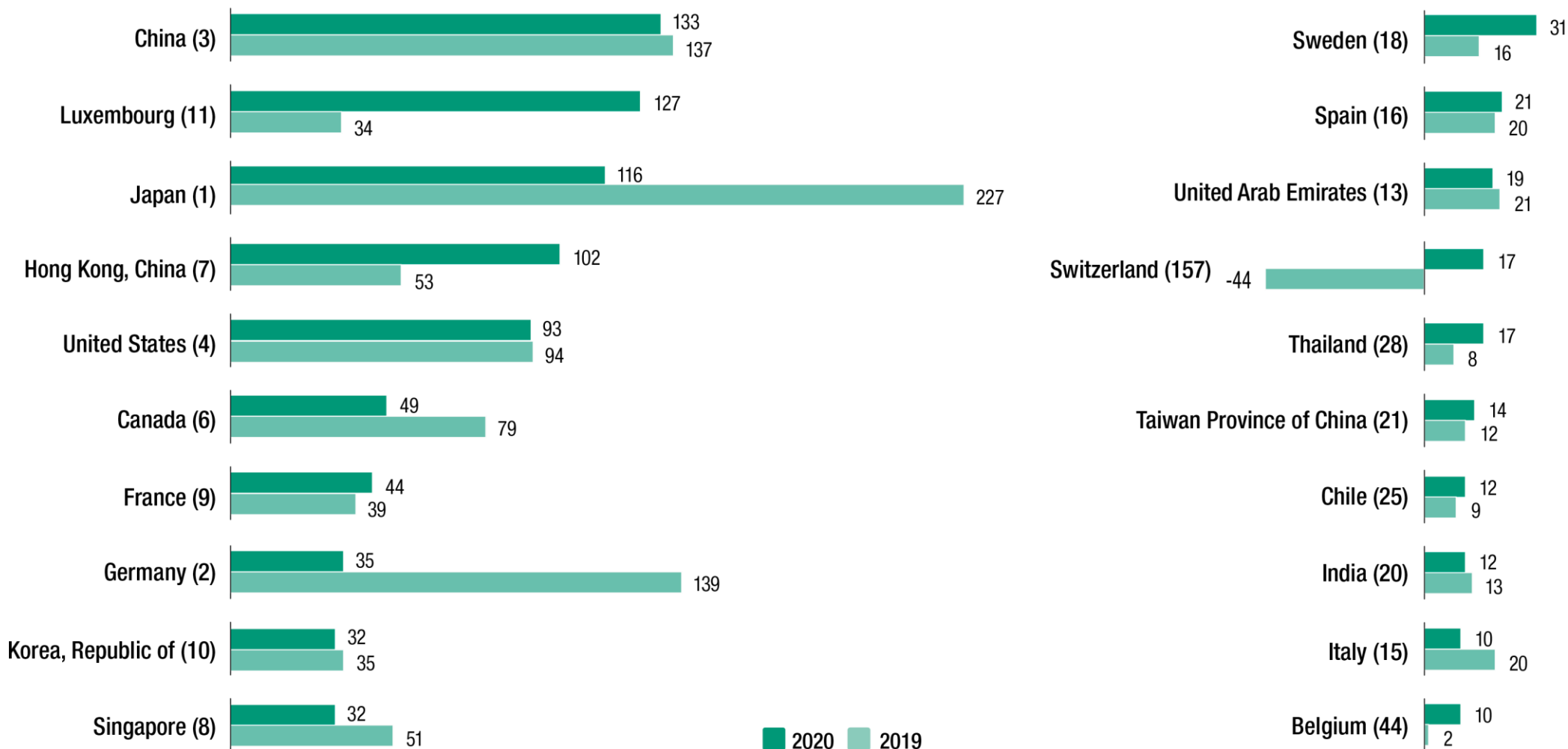
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■ 2020 ■ 2019

FDI outflows, top 20 economies, 2019 and 2020 (billions of dollars)

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Progress since 2015 in promoting investment in the SDGs has been largely undone by the pandemic

Announced greenfield and project finance, change in value, 2019–2020 (Per cent)

Infrastructure

Transport infrastructure, power generation and distribution (except renewables), telecommunication



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Health

Investment in health infrastructure, e.g. new hospitals



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Renewable energy

Installations for renewable energy generation, all sources



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Food and agriculture

Investment in agriculture, research, rural development



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WASH

Provision of water and sanitation to industry and households



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Education

Infrastructural investment, e.g. new schools

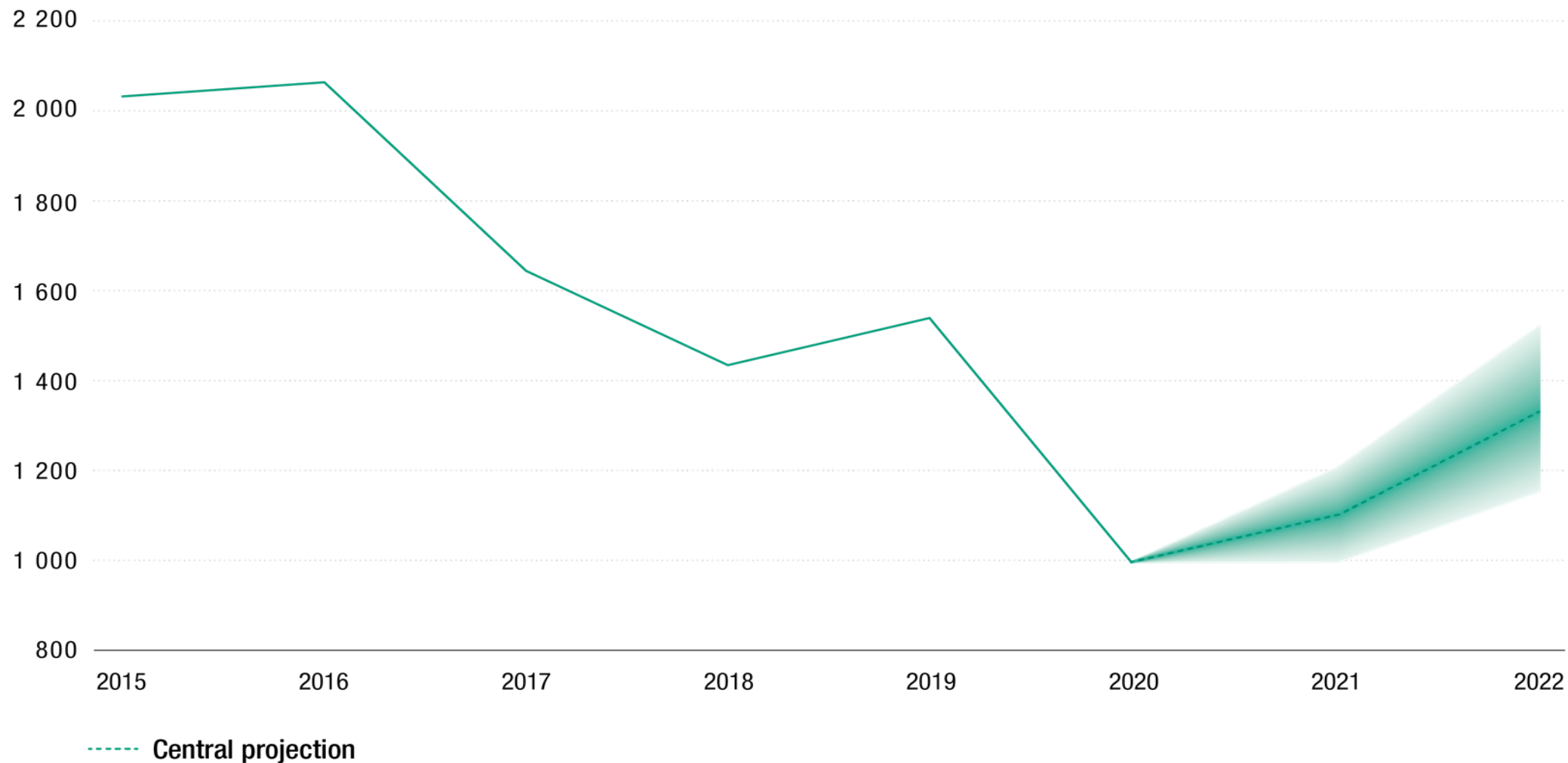


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UNCTAD expects a bottoming out of FDI in 2021, and an initial recovery

Global FDI inflows, 2015–2020 and 2021–2022 forecast

(Billions of dollars)



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