

Russian Foreign Direct Investment Dropped 40% in 2014

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Overseas investment by Russian companies fell to \$56 billion last year, a 40 percent decline from 2013, even as China led a wider boom in foreign direct investment from emerging economies, according to a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released Monday.

The figure means that Russia last year was the world's sixth-largest foreign direct investor, equal with France, according to UNCTAD. In 2013, Russia placed fourth, with its companies investing \$95 billion overseas.

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While Russia slipped down the rankings, foreign direct investment from China and Hong Kong boomed to \$266 billion last year, an increase of 38 percent from the \$193 billion recorded by UNCTAD in 2013.

Total foreign investment by companies in emerging economies rose by 30 percent to almost half a trillion dollars last year, making up 36 percent of global foreign direct investment, the report said. The bulk of this, \$440 billion, came from developing Asia, UNCTAD said.

The United States remained the largest source of overseas investment last year, with its companies investing \$337 billion, according to UNCTAD.

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