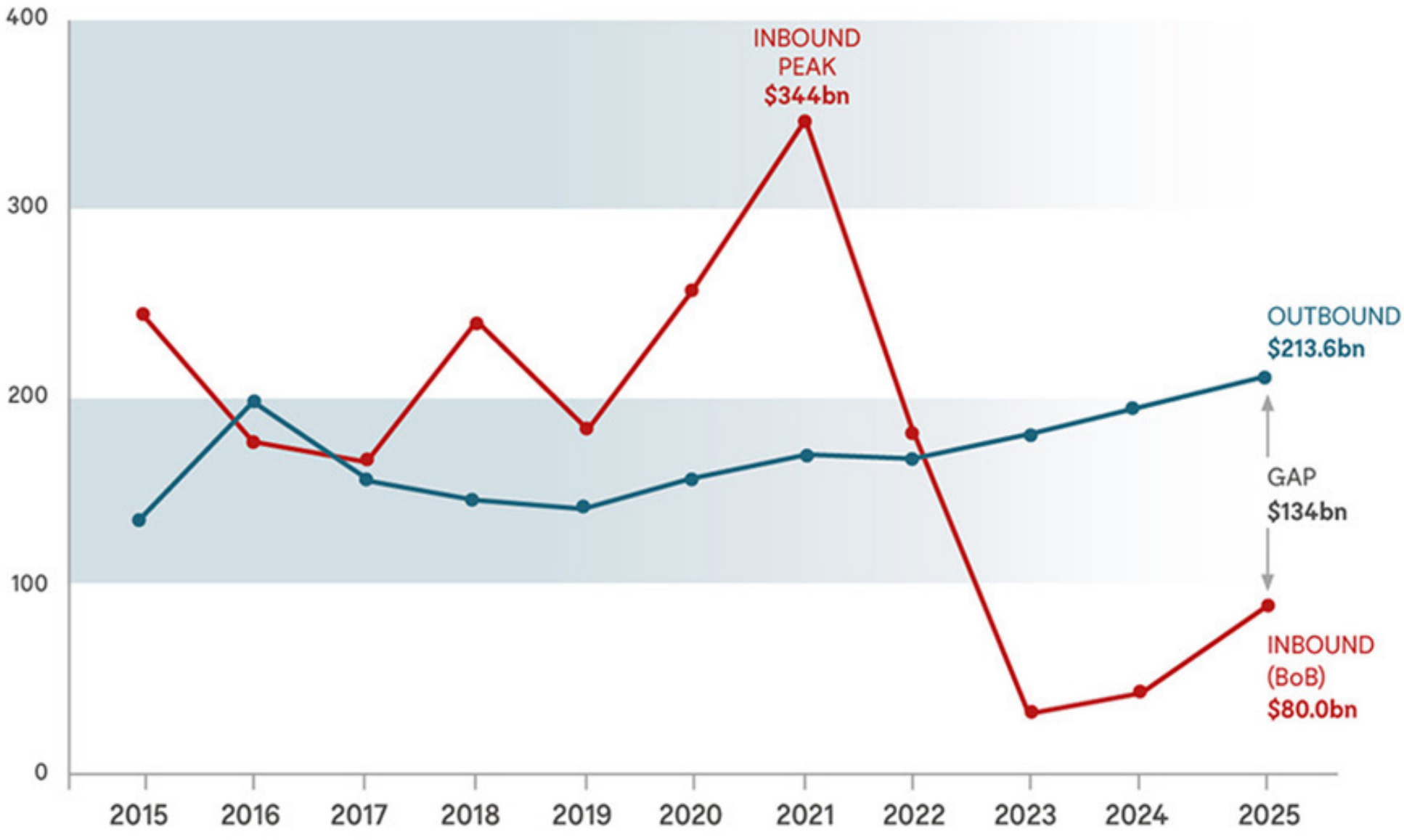
China FDI: China invests about 2.7 times as much abroad as it receives

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China's outbound vs inbound FDI flows
2015–2025 (US$ bn)



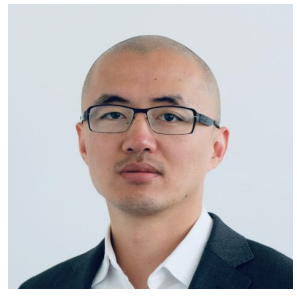
Source: MOFCOM, NBS, SAFE

Weekly Facts & Figures.

- **Outbound record high:** Chinese outbound FDI rose 11.1% to a record 213.6 bn USD in 2025, roughly 2.7 times inbound FDI. China was the world's second-largest outward investor.
- **Private players and greenfield:** Non-state firms accounted for 58.7% of non-financial outbound investment flows in 2025. Greenfield projects dominated with 122.7 bn USD, compared to 15.3 bn USD for acquisitions.
- **Inbound rebound but well below peak:** Inbound FDI rose to 80.0 bn USD, but remained 77% below the 2021 peak of 344.1 bn USD. The rebound stemmed mainly from lower withdrawals by foreign parent companies; net repayments of intra-group loans fell from 32 bn USD to 9 bn USD.
- **Foreign firms invest less:** Foreign-invested firms cut fixed-asset investment by 13.8% in 2025 while profits rose 4.2%. They still generated 23.6% of industrial profits.

What
This
Means.

"Chinese outbound investment is shifting increasingly toward emerging markets, while investors navigate an ever more complex geopolitical and regulatory environment in developed markets. As outbound investment grows in scale, protecting the economic interests of Chinese investors abroad has become a higher priority for Beijing."



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