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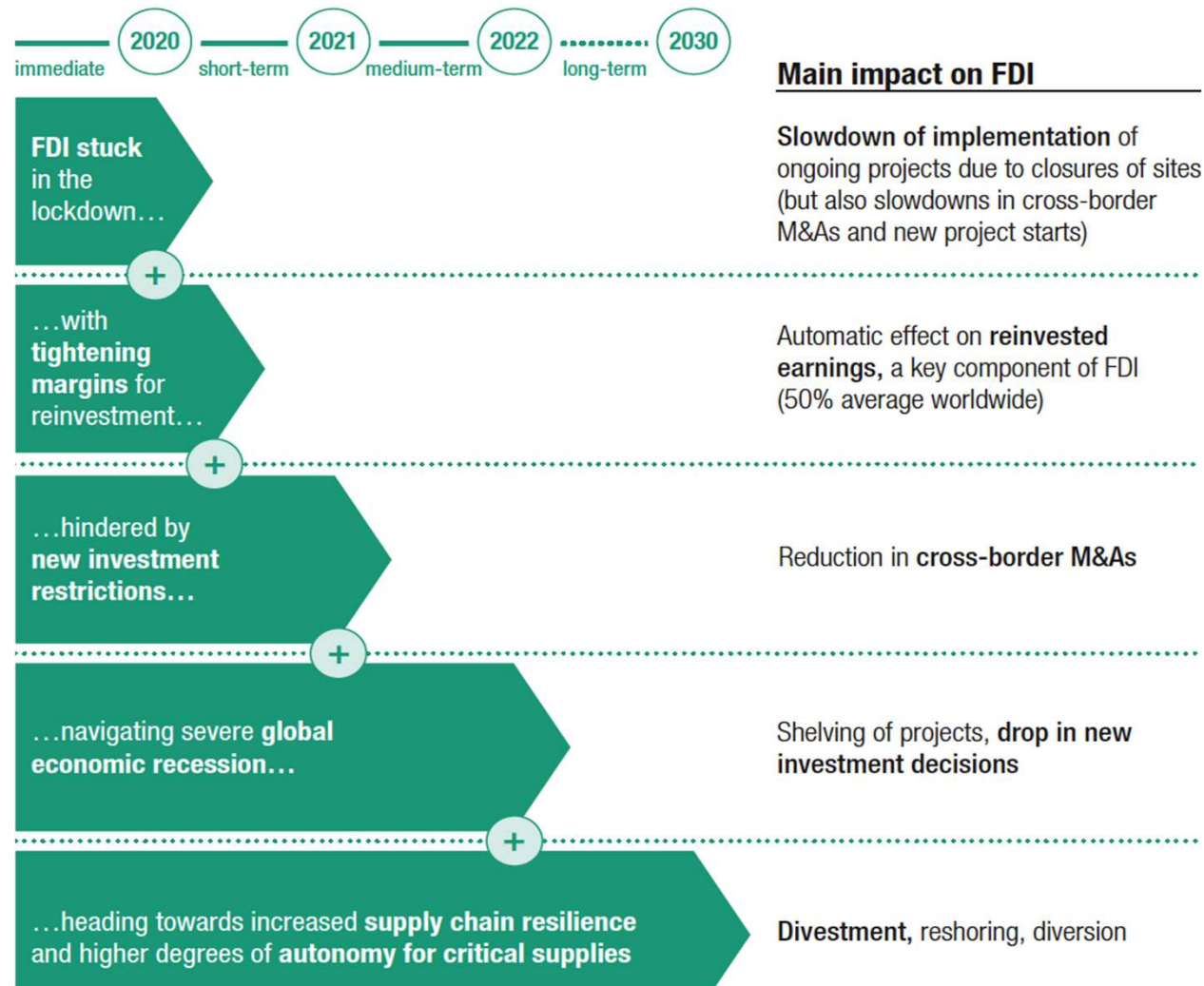
PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL FDI TRENDS

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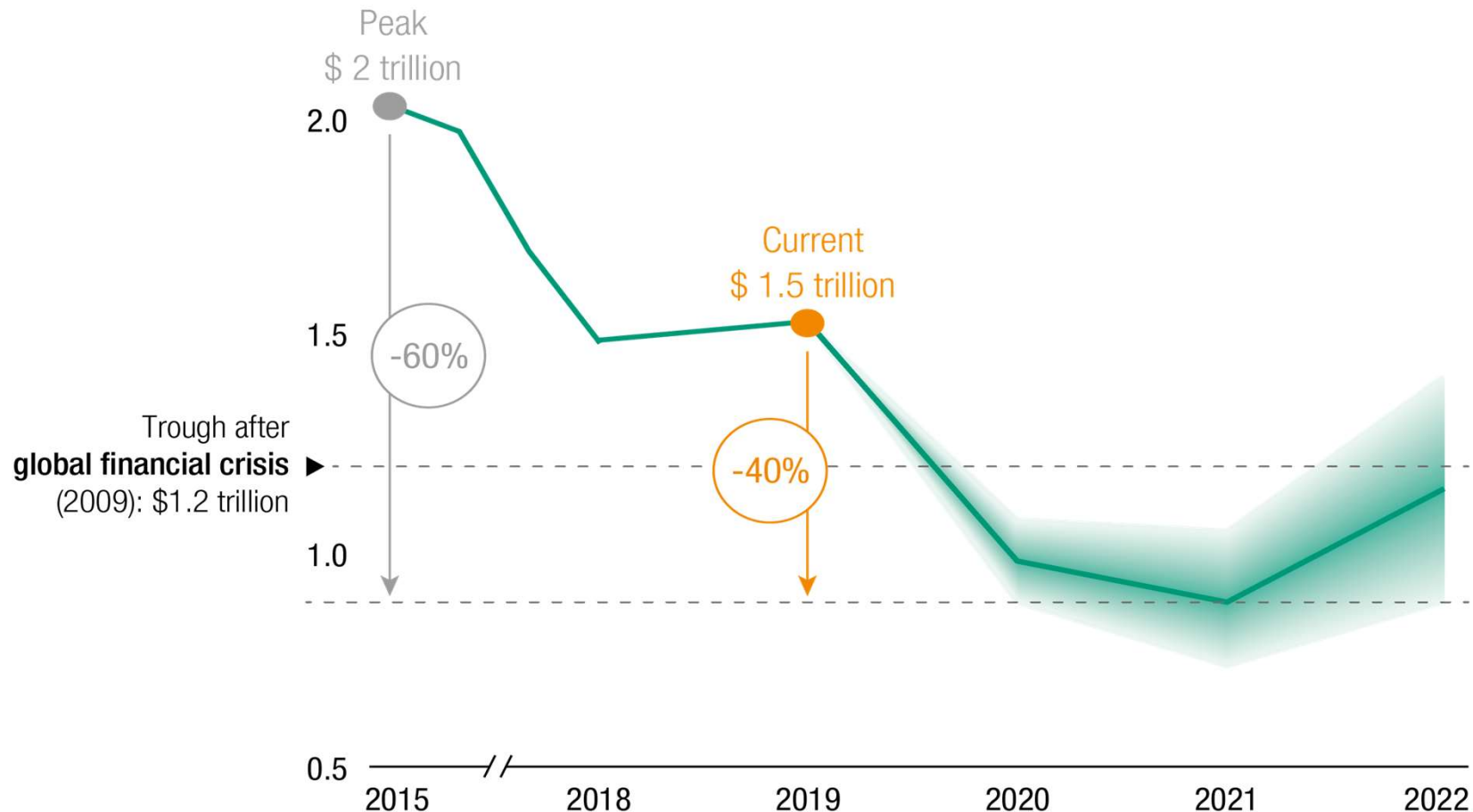
The COVID-19 pandemic is a supply, demand and policy shock

Impact of the pandemic on FDI: transmission mechanisms



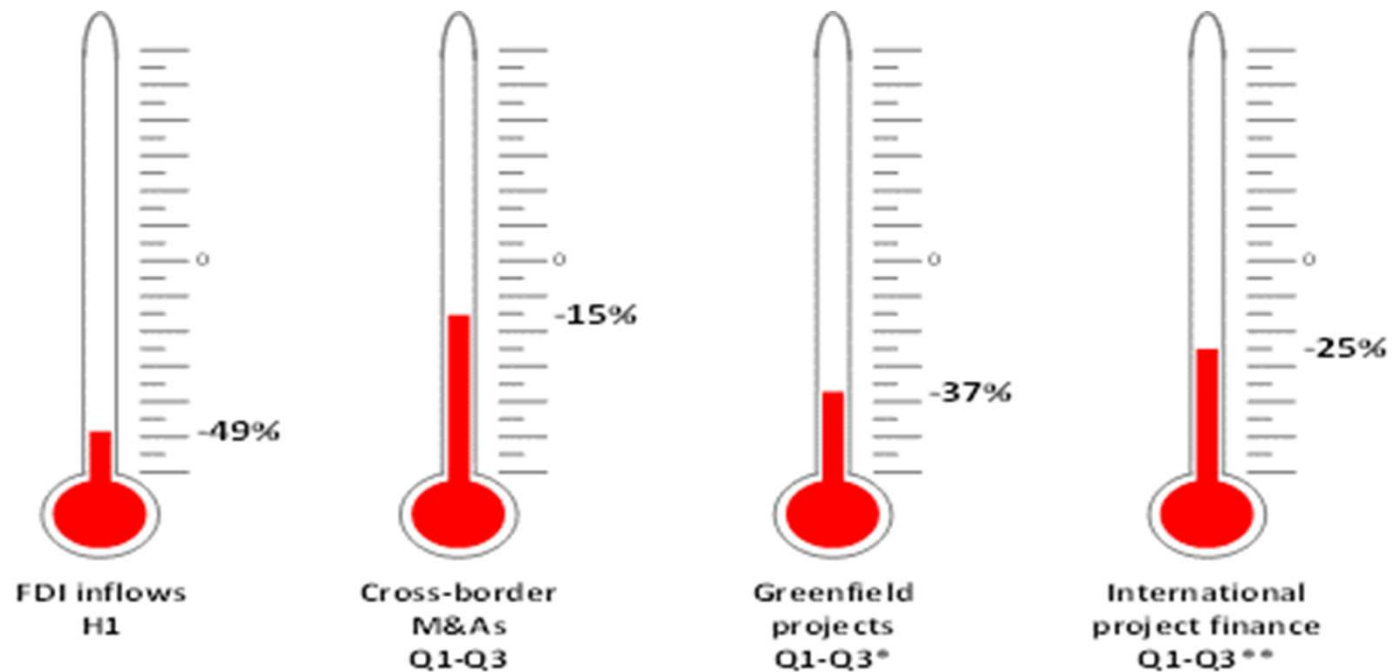
The COVID-19 crisis is forecast to have an immediate impact on FDI with potentially lasting consequences

Global FDI inflows, 2015–2019 and 2020–2022 forecast



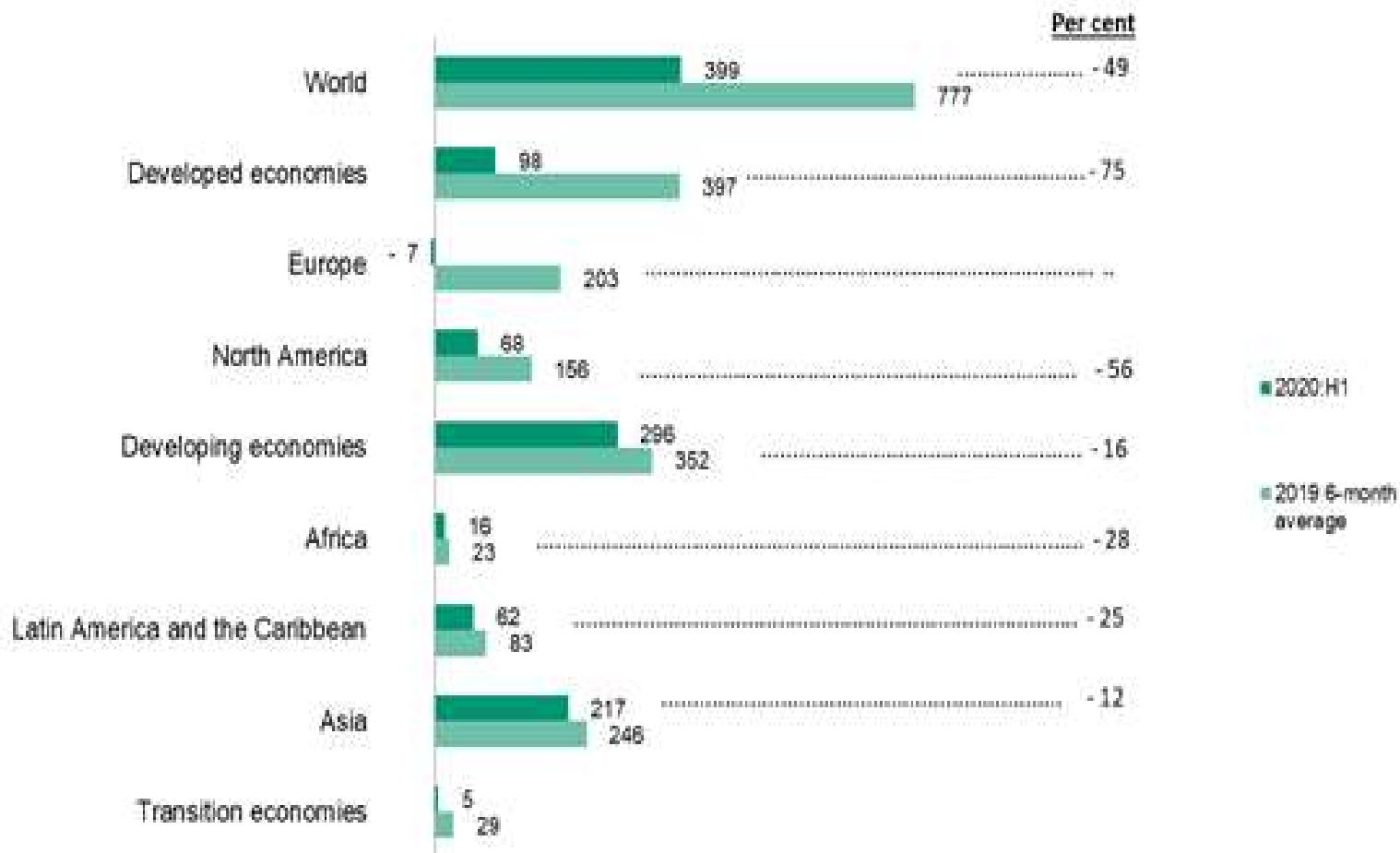
Preliminary indicators confirm the immediacy of the impact

Global investment thermometers, 2020 Q1-Q3
(from *Global Investment Trends Monitor*, October 27th)



Stronger impact in developed economies

FDI inflows by region, 2020 H1 vs 2019 6 months-average, billions of dollars



Fall across all industries, with some more affected

Greenfield projects by selected industries, 2020 Q1 – Q3, percent change vs 2019

Sector/industry	Value	Number
Total	-37	-37
Primary	-33	-41
Manufacturing	-49	-46
Services	-25	-29
<i>Top 10 industries in value terms:</i>		
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1	-2
Information and communication	-1	-26
Chemicals and chemical products	5	-48
Computer, electronic optical products and electrical equipment	-23	-37
Construction	-47	-22
Motor vehicles and other transport equipment	-57	-55
Transportation and storage	-46	-28
Financial and insurance activities	-4	-34
Trade	-1	-28
Accommodation and food service activities	-66	-64

FDI remain the most important source of finance for developing countries

Developing economies: sources of external finance, 2010 – 2020, billions of dollars

