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Summary: China's direct investment liabilities, a gauge of foreign capital flowing into the country, totalled about \$33bn in 2023, according to data released late on Sunday by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange. This was an 82% decline from the previous year and the lowest annual figure since 1993. Financial Times calculations based on Chinese commerce ministry data compiled by Wind show that FDI fell 34% to Rmb72.8bn (\$10bn) year on year in September, the biggest decline since monthly figures became available in 2014. The commerce ministry data is a narrower gauge than the SAFE measure, covering only new inbound investments. The latest SAFE reading offered some grounds for optimism. In the fourth quarter of 2023, there were \$17.4bn of investments. This followed a deficit, the first ever, in the third quarter, SAFE data showed. Related: Foreign Direct Investment is Exiting China, New Data Show and The Rise and Fall of Foreign Direct Investment in China and Singapore Asks Banks to Keep Quiet on Wealth Inflows During China Boom

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