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The two-year period beginning in 2015 should be Mexico's best ever for attracting foreign direct investment, a top Economy Secretariat official said Thursday.

Rocío Ruiz Chávez, undersecretary for regulations and competitiveness, said the increased investment will be a direct result of the constitutional changes enacted by the various structural reforms promoted by President Enrique Peña Nieto during the

FDI hike seen for 2015-16

first year of his administration.

"I think those will be the best years because the structural reforms, especially in energy, will be fully reflected," she told the Notimex news agency.

Ruiz Chávez predicted that the sectors that will receive the strongest influx will be energy, telecommunications and the finance sector.

She predicted that the final figures for foreign investment in Mexico should reach \$30 billion, thanks in part to the sale of Grupo Modelo, the giant beer producer. The figures are expected to be released before February 25.

She also cited the recent upgrade by Moody's of Mexico's sovereign rating, also the result of the recent

reforms, as a factor in her optimistic outlook for foreign investment next year.

"All signs, including the new ranking, indicate that our country is being noticed and taken into consideration," the undersecretary said. "Investors are receiving clear signals that Mexico is a good option for them."