



## Press Release

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### Foreign Investors' Stock and Bond Investment, December 2019

Foreign investors bought a net KRW810.0 billion of listed stocks and sold a net KRW2.4910 trillion of listed bonds in December 2019. The cumulative holdings of listed stocks came to KRW593.2 trillion in total, 33.3% of total market capitalization. Meanwhile, the bond holdings totaled KRW123.7 trillion, representing 6.8% of total listed bonds.

**Table 1. Net Stock and Bond Investment, December 2019\***

(In billions of KRW)

	2018			2019		Cumulative Holdings
	Year	H1	H2	Nov	Dec	
Stocks	-6,678	-3,900	-2,778	-2,839	<b>810</b>	<b>593,191</b>
Bonds	15,625	12,021	3,604	-1,776	<b>-2,491</b>	<b>123,651</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,947</b>	<b>8,121</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>-4,615</b>	<b>-1,681</b>	<b>716,842</b>

\*The net total figures on stocks are from on-exchange trading and the net total figures on bonds are from both on- and off-exchange trading.

**Table 2. Stock Investment Status, December 2019**

(In billions of KRW)

Net-buying		Net-selling		Net Purchases by Region	
U.K.	1,198	U.S.	-2,904	Europe	3,014
France	869	Singapore	-356	Asia	-172
Cayman Islands	522	Japan	-340	U.S.	-2,904

**Table 3. Net Stock Investment, December 2019**

(In billions of KRW)

	2018		2019		
	Dec	Year	Oct	Nov	Dec
Net investment	116	-6,678	-348	-2,839	<b>810</b>
Stock bought	38,034	541,476	36,817	39,359	<b>39,624</b>
Stock sold	37,918	548,154	37,166	42,198	<b>38,814</b>
Cumulative holdings	509,720		560,579	558,406	<b>593,191</b>

**Table 4. Bond Investment Status, December 2019\***

(In billions of KRW)

Net Purchase by Region		Bond Type		Remaining Maturity	
Asia	-247	Korean Treasury Bonds	-975	Less than 1 year	-4,872
Middle East	-423	Monetary Stabilization Bonds	-1,486	1-5 years	2,204
Europe	-734	Corporate bonds	10	More than 5 years	177

\*Figures include both KOSPI and KOSDAQ trading, but exclude ETF trading; the figures are aggregated on a settlement basis.



**Table 5. Net Bond Investment, December 2019**

(In billions of KRW)

	2018		2019		
	Dec	Year	Oct	Nov	Dec
Net investment	1,479	15,625	-189	-1,776	<b>-2,491</b>
Net purchases	5,956	50,930	3,164	1,387	<b>4,050</b>
Redemption	4,477	35,305	3,353	3,163	<b>6,541</b>
Cumulative holdings	113,797		126,537	124,776	<b>123,651</b>

**Table 6. Net Stock Investment by Country, December 2019**

(In billions of KRW)

	2018	2019		
	Year	Oct	Nov	Dec
U.K.	-8,806	1,342	462	<b>1,198</b>
France	544	-70	-102	<b>869</b>
Cayman Islands	-2,806	-353	-560	<b>522</b>
Hong Kong	1,015	-36	79	<b>492</b>
Australia	45	-71	-311	<b>397</b>
Ireland	359	3	380	<b>317</b>
UAE	-118	-61	32	<b>-67</b>
Mexico	-28	1	1	<b>-80</b>
Germany	139	80	159	<b>-270</b>
Japan	769	7	64	<b>-340</b>
Singapore	2,862	53	-375	<b>-356</b>
U.S.	7,317	-2,094	-2,386	<b>-2,904</b>
Others	-7,970	851	-282	<b>1,032</b>
Total	-6,678	-348	-2,839	<b>810</b>



**Table 7. Cumulative Stock Holdings by Country, December 2019**

(In billions of KRW)

	2017	2018	December 2019
U.S.	265,118	218,293	<b>251,678</b>
U.K.	48,323	41,621	<b>47,876</b>
Luxembourg	40,986	31,963	<b>38,479</b>
Singapore	32,631	27,893	<b>34,069</b>
Ireland	24,020	18,684	<b>22,391</b>
Netherlands	20,014	15,627	<b>18,003</b>
Canada	18,995	14,926	<b>17,296</b>
Norway	14,689	12,270	<b>15,007</b>
Australia	13,280	11,062	<b>14,482</b>
Japan	15,278	12,487	<b>13,987</b>
China	11,661	10,066	<b>12,534</b>
Cayman Islands	10,823	6,963	<b>11,136</b>
Switzerland	8,870	7,672	<b>9,162</b>
Hong Kong	11,211	5,902	<b>8,012</b>
Saudi Arabia	11,903	6,755	<b>7,863</b>
UAE	9,380	7,190	<b>7,702</b>
France	6,080	4,505	<b>5,836</b>
Others	72,669	55,840	<b>57,678</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>635,930</b>	<b>509,720</b>	<b>593,191</b>

**Table 8. Net Bond Investment by Bond Type, December 2019**

(In billions of KRW)

	2018	December 2019	YTD 2019 <sup>4</sup>
Korean Treasury Bonds	8,506	<b>-975</b>	<b>10,698</b>
Agency bonds <sup>1</sup>	7,185	<b>-1,526</b>	<b>-1,501</b>
Monetary Stabilization Bonds <sup>2</sup>	6,966	<b>-1,486</b>	<b>-1,401</b>
Corporate bonds	-66	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>
Municipal bonds <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,625</b>	<b>-2,491</b>	<b>9,219</b>

<sup>1</sup> Issued by qualified state-affiliated enterprises;

<sup>2</sup> Issued by the Bank of Korea;

<sup>3</sup> Issued by local government authorities;

<sup>4</sup> As of year-end 2019 for cumulative holdings



**Table 9. Cumulative Bond Holdings by Bond Type, December 2019**

(In billions of KRW)

	2018	December 2019
Korean Treasury Bonds	<b>86,646</b>	<b>98,528</b>
Agency bonds <sup>1</sup>	<b>27,107</b>	<b>25,060</b>
Monetary Stabilization Bonds <sup>2</sup>	<b>26,227</b>	<b>24,281</b>
Corporate bonds	<b>43</b>	<b>63</b>
Municipal bonds <sup>3</sup>	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,797</b>	<b>123,651</b>

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