



Press Release

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Foreign Investors' Stock and Bond Investment, April 2020

Foreign investors sold a net KRW5.3930 trillion of listed stocks but bought a net KRW7.3830 trillion of listed bonds in April 2020. The cumulative holdings of listed stocks came to KRW505.0 trillion in total, 31.5% of total market capitalization. Meanwhile, the bond holdings totaled KRW140.5 trillion, representing 7.3% of total listed bonds.

Table 1. Net Stock and Bond Investment, April 2020*

(In billions of KRW)

	2019			2020		Cumulative Holdings
	Year	H1	H2	Mar	Apr	
Stocks	1,637	5,225	-3,588	-13,450	-5,393	505,024
Bonds	9,219	10,939	-1,720	3,581	7,383	140,494
Total	10,856	16,164	-5,308	-9,869	1,990	645,518

*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, April 2020

(In billions of KRW)

Net-buying		Net-selling		Net Purchases by Region	
Saudi Arabia	251	Cayman Islands	-1,195	Middle East	336
China	164	U.S.	-999	U.S.	-999
Taiwan	69	France	-973	Europe	-2,068

Table 3. Net Stock Investment, April 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019		2020		
	Dec	Year	Feb	Mar	Apr
Net investment	810	1,637	-3,225	-13,450	-5,393
Stock bought	39,624	448,509	49,844	69,707	48,746
Stock sold	38,814	446,875	53,069	83,157	54,138
Cumulative holdings	593,191		545,067	468,739	505,024

Table 4. Bond Investment Status, April 2020*

(In billions of KRW)

Net Purchase by Region		Bond Type		Remaining Maturity	
Asia	5,364	Korean Treasury Bonds	4,194	Less than 1 year	5,217
Europe	898	Monetary Stabilization Bonds	2,756	1-5 years	1,112
Middle East	707	Corporate bonds	-7	More than 5 years	1,054

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



Table 5. Net Bond Investment, April 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019		2020		
	Dec	Year	Feb	Mar	Apr
Net investment	-2,491	9,219	570	3,581	7,383
Net purchases	4,050	54,443	3,479	7,399	9,321
Redemption	6,541	45,224	2,909	3,818	1,938
Cumulative holdings	123,651		128,717	133,326	140,494

Table 6. Net Stock Investment by Country, April 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	2020		
	Year	Feb	Mar	Apr
Saudi Arabia	-35	23	507	251
China	924	-147	-53	164
Taiwan	196	-83	90	69
Spain	-42	-14	-5	68
Kuwait	58	-31	135	60
Norway	688	-65	-168	48
Australia	-121	15	-568	-323
Netherlands	448	-202	-44	-647
Singapore	229	-196	-407	-782
France	1,183	3	-826	-973
U.S.	-5,569	-1,652	-5,545	-999
Cayman Islands	2,036	-223	-1,669	-1,195
Others	1,639	-654	-4,897	-1,135
Total	1,636	-3,225	-13,450	-5,393



Table 7. Cumulative Stock Holdings by Country, April 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2018	2019	April 2020
U.S.	218,293	251,678	214,588
U.K.	41,621	47,876	37,061
Luxembourg	31,963	38,479	32,444
Singapore	27,893	34,069	28,617
Ireland	18,684	22,391	20,788
Netherlands	15,627	18,003	17,092
Canada	14,926	17,296	15,056
Norway	12,270	15,007	13,586
Japan	12,487	13,987	12,073
Australia	11,062	14,482	11,825
China	10,066	12,534	10,913
Switzerland	7,672	9,162	8,253
Saudi Arabia	6,755	7,863	7,731
Cayman Islands	6,963	11,136	7,616
UAE	7,190	7,702	6,474
Hong Kong	5,902	8,012	6,071
France	4,505	5,836	5,342
Others	55,840	57,679	49,492
Total	509,720	593,191	505,024

Table 8. Net Bond Investment by Bond Type, April 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	April 2020	YTD 2020 ⁴
Korean Treasury Bonds	10,698	4,194	12,549
Agency bonds ¹	-1,501	3,196	3,619
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	-1,401	2,756	2,599
Corporate bonds	22	-7	-11
Municipal bonds ³	-	0	0
Total	9,219	7,383	16,157

¹ Issued by qualified state-affiliated enterprises;

² Issued by the Bank of Korea;

³ Issued by local government authorities;

⁴ As of January-April for cumulative holdings

Table 9. Cumulative Bond Holdings by Bond Type, April 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	April 2020
Korean Treasury Bonds	98,528	112,166
Agency bonds ¹	25,060	28,276
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	24,281	26,476
Corporate bonds	63	52
Municipal bonds ³	-	0
Total	123,651	140,494

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