



Press Release

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Foreign Investors' Stock and Bond Investment, May 2020

Foreign investors sold a net KRW4.0620 trillion of listed stocks but bought a net KRW2.8210 trillion of listed bonds in May 2020. The cumulative holdings of listed stocks came to KRW520.6 trillion in total, 30.9% of total market capitalization. Meanwhile, the bond holdings totaled KRW143.1 trillion, representing 7.3% of total listed bonds.

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

(In billions of KRW)

	2019		2020		Cumulative Holdings	
	Year	H1	H2	Apr		May
Stocks	1,637	5,225	-3,588	-5,393	-4,062	520,583
Bonds	9,219	10,939	-1,720	7,383	2,821	143,050
Total	10,856	16,164	-5,308	1,990	-1,241	663,633

*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, May 2020

(In billions of KRW)

Net-buying		Net-selling		Net Purchases by Region	
Saudi Arabia	563	U.S.	-1,806	Middle East	202
China	285	U.K.	-683	Europe	-1,198
Norway	100	Cayman Islands	-590	U.S.	-1,806

Table 3. Net Stock Investment, May 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019		2020		
	Dec	Year	Mar	Apr	May
Net investment	810	1,637	-13,450	-5,393	-4,062
Stock bought	39,624	448,509	69,707	48,746	42,221
Stock sold	38,814	446,875	83,157	54,138	46,284
Cumulative holdings	593,191		468,739	505,024	520,583

Table 4. Bond Investment Status, May 2020*

(In billions of KRW)

Net Purchase by Region		Bond Type		Remaining Maturity	
Asia	1,816	Korean Treasury Bonds	2,403	Less than 1 year	836
Middle East	-18	Monetary Stabilization Bonds	-162	1-5 years	930
Europe	-916	Corporate bonds	0	More than 5 years	1,056

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



Table 5. Net Bond Investment, May 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019		2020		
	Dec	Year	Mar	Apr	May
Net investment	-2,491	9,219	3,581	7,383	2,821
Net purchases	4,050	54,443	7,399	9,321	6,294
Redemption	6,541	45,224	3,818	1,938	3,473
Cumulative holdings	123,651		133,326	140,494	143,050

Table 6. Net Stock Investment by Country, May 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	2020		
	Year	Mar	Apr	May
Saudi Arabia	-35	507	251	563
China	924	-53	164	285
Norway	688	-168	48	100
Germany	-403	-151	-100	92
Netherlands	448	-44	-647	41
Japan	-325	22	47	33
Singapore	229	-407	-782	-231
France	1,183	-826	-973	-287
UAE	-735	-47	24	-385
Cayman Islands	2,036	-1,669	-1,195	-590
U.K.	569	-1,892	-217	-683
U.S.	-5,569	-5,545	-999	-1,806
Others	2,625	-3,177	-1,016	-1,195
Total	1,636	-13,450	-5,393	-4,062



Table 7. Cumulative Stock Holdings by Country, May 2020

(In billions of KRW)

	2018	2019	May 2020
U.S.	218,293	251,678	220,438
U.K.	41,621	47,876	37,796
Luxembourg	31,963	38,479	33,473
Singapore	27,893	34,069	29,692
Ireland	18,684	22,391	21,520
Netherlands	15,627	18,003	17,536
Canada	14,926	17,296	15,371
Norway	12,270	15,007	14,322
Japan	12,487	13,987	12,720
Australia	11,062	14,482	12,465
China	10,066	12,534	11,655
Switzerland	7,672	9,162	9,070
Saudi Arabia	6,755	7,863	8,526
Cayman Islands	6,963	11,136	7,435
Hong Kong	5,902	8,012	6,972
UAE	7,190	7,702	6,455
France	4,505	5,836	4,925
Others	55,840	57,679	50,212
Total	509,720	593,191	520,583

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

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	May 2020	YTD 2020 ⁴
Korean Treasury Bonds	10,698	2,403	14,952
Agency bonds ¹	-1,501	418	4,037
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	-1,401	-162	2,437
Corporate bonds	22	0	-11
Municipal bonds ³	-	0	0
Total	9,219	2,821	18,978

¹ Issued by qualified state-affiliated enterprises;

² Issued by the Bank of Korea;

³ Issued by local government authorities;

⁴ As of January-May for cumulative holdings

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

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	May 2020
Korean Treasury Bonds	98,528	114,433
Agency bonds ¹	25,060	28,566
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	24,281	26,196
Corporate bonds	63	52
Municipal bonds ³	-	0
Total	123,651	143,050

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