



Press Release

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Foreign Investors' Stock and Bond Investment, March 2021

Foreign investors sold a net KRW3.5140 trillion of listed stocks and bought a net KRW9.1240 trillion of listed bonds in March 2021. The cumulative holdings of listed stocks came in at KRW805.3 trillion in total, 31.1% of total market capitalization. Meanwhile, the bond holdings totaled KRW170.9 trillion, representing 8.1% of total listed bonds.

Table 1. Net Stock and Bond Investment, March 2021*

(In billions of KRW)

	2020			2021		Cumulative Holdings
	Year	H1	H2	Feb	Mar	
Stocks	-24,379	-26,143	1,764	-3,243	-3,514	805,252
Bonds	24,706	22,404	2,302	8,988	9,124	170,911
Total	327	-3,739	4,066	5,745	5,610	976,163

*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, March 2021

(In billions of KRW)

Net-buying		Net-selling	Net Purchases by Region		
Luxembourg	572	Singapore	-3,828	Europe	1,127
Saudi Arabia	454	U.S.	-864	Americas	-992
Kuwait	333	Cayman Islands	-448	Asia	-3,713

Table 3. Net Stock Investment, March 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar
Net investment	-2,688	-24,379	-2,650	-3,243	-3,514
Stock bought	80,975	697,518	98,198	80,497	87,671
Stock sold	83,663	721,897	100,848	83,740	91,185
Cumulative holdings	764,329		787,901	797,462	805,252

Table 4. Bond Investment Status, March 2021*

(In billions of KRW)

Net Purchase by Region		Bond Type	Remaining Maturity		
Europe	3,645	Korean Treasury Bonds	5,162	Less than 1 year	-3,067
Asia	2,451	Monetary Stabilization Bonds	3,252	1-5 years	10,363
Middle East	975	Corporate bonds	0	More than 5 years	1,828

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



Table 5. Net Bond Investment, March 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar
Net investment	-194	24,706	1,158	8,988	9,124
Net purchases	5,867	73,905	3,798	12,084	14,712
Redemption	6,061	49,199	2,640	3,096	5,588
Cumulative holdings	150,092		151,508	161,496	170,911

Table 6. Net Stock Investment by Country, March 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	2021		
	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar
Luxembourg	504	77	232	572
Saudi Arabia	883	-340	21	454
Kuwait	975	120	69	333
Japan	-1,497	-147	-270	332
U.K.	4,039	633	688	317
Ireland	1,033	947	46	268
Hong Kong	279	-14	88	-208
Australia	-1,454	-310	-344	-265
Netherlands	-923	-383	-239	-326
Cayman Islands	-2,597	-531	840	-448
U.S.	-16,035	-3,434	-1,375	-864
Singapore	-7,856	1,603	-793	-3,828
Others	-1,730	-871	-2,207	149
Total	-24,379	-2,650	-3,243	-3,514



Table 7. Cumulative Stock Holdings by Country, March 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	2020	March 2021
U.S.	251,678	317,435	332,367
U.K.	47,876	61,007	63,273
Luxembourg	38,479	52,113	56,179
Singapore	34,069	40,916	42,142
Ireland	22,391	33,248	36,548
Netherlands	18,003	25,007	26,863
Canada	17,296	22,053	22,835
Norway	15,007	20,358	21,778
China	12,534	17,665	18,404
Australia	14,482	17,255	17,810
Japan	13,987	16,603	17,632
Switzerland	9,162	14,303	14,874
Cayman Islands	11,136	13,264	14,691
Saudi Arabia	7,863	12,729	13,692
Hong Kong	8,012	11,506	12,592
Kuwait	4,982	7,880	8,800
Sweden	4,761	7,357	8,230
Others	61,474	73,628	76,542
Total	593,191	764,329	805,252

Table 8. Net Bond Investment by Bond Type, March 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	March 2021	YTD 2021 ⁴
Korean Treasury Bonds	21,294	5,162	12,361
Agency bonds ¹	3,393	3,962	6,909
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	-1,007	3,252	5,949
Corporate bonds	19	0	0
Municipal bonds ³	0	0	0
Total	24,706	9,124	19,270

¹ Issued by qualified state-affiliated enterprises;

² Issued by the Bank of Korea;

³ Issued by local government authorities;

⁴ As of January-March for cumulative holdings

Table 9. Cumulative Bond Holdings by Bond Type, March 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	March 2021
Korean Treasury Bonds	121,754	135,445
Agency bonds ¹	28,266	35,394
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	23,086	29,254
Corporate bonds	73	72
Municipal bonds ³	0	0
Total	150,092	170,911

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