



# Press Release

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## Foreign Investors' Stock and Bond Investment, August 2021

Foreign investors sold a net KRW7.8160 trillion of listed stocks and bought a net KRW1.6890 trillion of listed bonds in August 2021. The cumulative holdings of listed stocks came in at KRW797.9 trillion in total, 28.9% of total market capitalization. Meanwhile, the bond holdings totaled KRW197.1 trillion, representing 8.9% of total listed bonds.

Table 1. Net Stock and Bond Investment, August 2021\*

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		Cumulative Holdings	
	Year	H1	H2	Jul		Aug
Stocks	-24,379	-26,143	1,764	-3,778	<b>-7,816</b>	<b>797,895</b>
Bonds	24,706	22,404	2,302	9,290	<b>1,689</b>	<b>197,145</b>
Total	327	-3,739	4,066	5,512	<b>-6,127</b>	<b>995,040</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, August 2021

(In billions of KRW)

Net-buying		Net-selling		Net Purchases by Region	
Switzerland	382	U.K.	-1,345	Europe	-3,299
Netherlands	130	U.S.	-1,344	Americas	-1,611
Finland	32	Luxembourg	-870	Middle East	-1,151

Table 3. Net Stock Investment, August 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	Jun	Jul	Aug
Net investment	-2,688	-24,379	-499	-3,778	<b>-7,816</b>
Stock bought	80,975	697,518	79,556	79,315	<b>86,224</b>
Stock sold	83,663	721,897	80,056	83,093	<b>94,040</b>
Cumulative holdings	764,329		842,340	811,008	<b>797,895</b>

Table 4. Bond Investment Status, August 2021\*

(In billions of KRW)

Net Purchase by Region		Bond Type		Remaining Maturity	
Europe	1,265	Korean Treasury Bonds	1,547	Less than 1 year	-5,660
Asia	921	Monetary Stabilization Bonds	-711	1-5 years	5,253
Middle East	748	Corporate bonds	3	More than 5 years	2,095

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



**Table 5. Net Bond Investment, August 2021**

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	Jun	Jul	Aug
Net investment	-194	24,706	9,387	9,290	<b>1,689</b>
Net purchases	5,867	73,905	17,819	13,312	<b>7,330</b>
Redemption	6,061	49,199	8,432	4,022	<b>5,641</b>
Cumulative holdings	150,092		188,968	195,328	<b>197,145</b>

**Table 6. Net Stock Investment by Country, August 2021**

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	2021		
	Year	Jun	Jul	Aug
Switzerland	-164	-172	-296	<b>382</b>
Netherlands	-923	-28	-3	<b>130</b>
Finland	-24	37	-4	<b>32</b>
Qatar	55	13	56	<b>18</b>
Denmark	248	160	199	<b>12</b>
Cyprus	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
Saudi Arabia	883	33	45	<b>-621</b>
Cayman Islands	-2,597	-55	-438	<b>-722</b>
Ireland	1,033	162	59	<b>-780</b>
Luxembourg	504	398	-93	<b>-870</b>
U.S.	-16,035	-1,242	212	<b>-1,344</b>
U.K.	4,039	493	-2,317	<b>-1,345</b>
Others	-11,398	-298	-1,199	<b>-2,715</b>
Total	-24,379	-499	-3,778	<b>-7,816</b>



**Table 7. Cumulative Stock Holdings by Country, August 2021**

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	2020	August 2021
U.S.	251,678	317,435	<b>325,819</b>
U.K.	47,876	61,007	<b>67,612</b>
Luxembourg	38,479	52,113	<b>55,808</b>
Singapore	34,069	40,916	<b>45,345</b>
Ireland	22,391	33,248	<b>35,844</b>
Netherlands	18,003	25,007	<b>25,355</b>
Canada	17,296	22,053	<b>22,545</b>
Norway	15,007	20,358	<b>20,377</b>
China	12,534	17,665	<b>18,090</b>
Japan	13,987	16,603	<b>17,704</b>
Australia	14,482	17,255	<b>16,547</b>
Switzerland	9,162	14,303	<b>15,307</b>
Cayman Islands	11,136	13,264	<b>13,945</b>
Saudi Arabia	7,863	12,729	<b>12,729</b>
Hong Kong	8,012	11,506	<b>11,465</b>
Kuwait	4,982	7,880	<b>9,634</b>
Sweden	4,761	7,357	<b>8,067</b>
Others	61,474	73,628	<b>75,700</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>593,191</b>	<b>764,329</b>	<b>797,895</b>

**Table 8. Net Bond Investment by Bond Type, August 2021**

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	August 2021	YTD 2021 <sup>4</sup>
Korean Treasury Bonds	21,294	<b>1,547</b>	<b>32,588</b>
Agency bonds <sup>1</sup>	3,393	<b>139</b>	<b>15,933</b>
Monetary Stabilization Bonds <sup>2</sup>	-1,007	<b>-711</b>	<b>11,607</b>
Corporate bonds	19	<b>3</b>	<b>-22</b>
Municipal bonds <sup>3</sup>	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,706</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>48,498</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 January-August for cumulative holdings

**Table 9. Cumulative Bond Holdings by Bond Type, August 2021**

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	August 2021
Korean Treasury Bonds	<b>121,754</b>	<b>152,008</b>
Agency bonds <sup>1</sup>	<b>28,266</b>	<b>45,086</b>
Monetary Stabilization Bonds <sup>2</sup>	<b>23,086</b>	<b>35,580</b>
Corporate bonds	<b>73</b>	<b>50</b>
Municipal bonds <sup>3</sup>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,092</b>	<b>197,145</b>

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