



Press Release

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Foreign Investors' Stock and Bond Investment, December 2021

Foreign investors bought KRW4.3570 trillion of listed stocks and a net KRW5.5550 trillion of listed bonds in December 2021. The cumulative holdings of listed stocks came in at KRW785.2 trillion in total, 28.7% of total market capitalization. Meanwhile, the bond holdings totaled KRW214.0 trillion, representing 9.6% of total listed bonds.

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

(In billions of KRW)

	2020			2021		Cumulative Holdings
	Year	H1	H2	Nov	Dec	
Stocks	-24,379	-26,143	1,764	2,538	4,357	785,227
Bonds	24,706	22,404	2,302	2,793	5,555	214,015
Total	327	-3,739	4,066	5,331	9,912	999,242

*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 2021

(In billions of KRW)

Net-buying		Net-selling		Net Purchases by Region	
U.S.	2,264	U.K.	-2,466	Americas	2,367
Malaysia	734	Singapore	-216	Asia	1,181
Norway	549	Netherlands	-106	Europe	-133

Table 3. Net Stock Investment, December 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	Oct	Nov	Dec
Net investment	-2,688	-24,379	-3,335	2,538	4,357
Stock bought	80,975	697,518	77,499	90,605	93,525
Stock sold	83,663	721,897	80,834	88,067	89,168
Cumulative holdings	764,329		742,166	734,132	785,227

Table 4. Bond Investment Status, December 2021*

(In billions of KRW)

Net Purchase by Region		Bond Type		Remaining Maturity	
Asia	3,968	Korean Treasury Bonds	4,308	Less than 1 year	-1,819
Americas	1,215	Monetary Stabilization Bonds	1,177	1-5 years	3,794
Middle East	-150	Corporate bonds	0	More than 5 years	3,579

*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 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	Oct	Nov	Dec
Net investment	-194	24,706	2,517	2,793	5,555
Net purchases	5,867	73,905	4,288	5,342	10,230
Redemption	6,061	49,199	1,771	2,549	4,675
Cumulative holdings	150,092		205,145	208,250	214,015

Table 6. Net Stock Investment by Country, December 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	2021		
	Year	Oct	Nov	Dec
U.S.	-16,035	-1,280	1,035	2,264
Malaysia	134	-145	43	734
Norway	-406	-44	71	549
France	-1,148	-303	236	524
Germany	982	-184	-85	425
Japan	-1,497	-13	-171	400
Sweden	898	-26	20	-8
Virgin Islands	-828	5	-100	-53
Kuwait	975	-95	-43	-56
Netherlands	-923	-392	29	-106
Singapore	-7,856	-474	131	-216
U.K.	4,039	-624	1,785	-2,466
Others	-2,714	241	-413	2,364
Total	-24,379	-3,335	2,538	4,357



Table 7. Cumulative Stock Holdings by Country, December 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	2020	December 2021
U.S.	251,678	317,435	316,228
U.K.	47,876	61,007	65,831
Luxembourg	38,479	52,113	53,686
Singapore	34,069	40,916	53,350
Ireland	22,391	33,248	33,709
Canada	17,296	22,053	22,970
Netherlands	18,003	25,007	22,389
Norway	15,007	20,358	20,847
China	12,534	17,665	17,064
Australia	14,482	17,255	17,005
Japan	13,987	16,603	16,463
Cayman Islands	11,136	13,264	15,865
Switzerland	9,162	14,303	15,376
Hong Kong	8,012	11,506	14,910
Saudi Arabia	7,863	12,729	12,533
Kuwait	4,982	7,880	9,087
Sweden	4,761	7,357	7,933
Others	61,474	73,628	69,982
Total	593,191	764,329	785,227

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

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	December 2021	YTD 2021 ⁴
Korean Treasury Bonds	21,294	4,308	44,102
Agency bonds ¹	3,393	1,247	20,456
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	-1,007	1,177	11,486
Corporate bonds	19	0	-22
Municipal bonds ³	0	0	0
Total	24,706	5,555	64,536

¹ Issued by qualified state-affiliated enterprises;

² Issued by the Bank of Korea;

³ Issued by local government authorities;

⁴ As of end-December for cumulative holdings

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

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	December 2021
Korean Treasury Bonds	121,754	164,086
Agency bonds ¹	28,266	49,878
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	23,086	35,728
Corporate bonds	73	51
Municipal bonds ³	0	0
Total	150,092	214,015

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