

EM Local Currency Bond Holdings Monitor

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SUMMARY

High frequency local currency (LC) bond nonresident flows* have remained choppy in recent weeks (Figure 1 and 2). Bond flows stabilized in mid-November, highlighted by strong inflows to Thailand before some renewed volatility last week, with outflows* in most countries. November flows have been positive month to date. Monthly nonresident flows turned negative in Oct. at -\$2.8 bn, with some exceptions (Figures 2, 3):

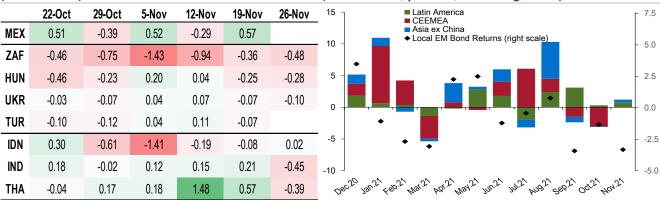
- <u>LATAM</u>: Mexico continues to lag with YTD flows at -\$12.3 bn. Foreign flows to Peru have improved over the last few months as political risks have eased. Despite the bond market selloff, Brazil has seen inflows since August, for a YTD total of \$17.3 bn, the best among non-China EMs. October saw strong demand for short term instruments likely due to the fast paced monetary policy normalization.
- ASIA: Indonesia has continued to see sizeable outflows even though bond yields have been quite resilient. China experienced a slowdown of inflows to \$3.8 bn in October, down from \$11.9 bn previously, leaving YTD nonresident flows at \$76 bn bolstered by the WGBI inclusion this year. India also has drawn investor attention since August (\$3.5 bn inflows), bolstered by anticipation of index inclusion in 2022.
- <u>CEEMEA:</u> Foreign flows to Eastern Europe have been relatively weak since August amid intensifying
 inflationary pressures. Ghana has seen outflows of nearly \$700 mn in Sept-Oct, over 10% of foreign holdings.

Foreign share of debt has edged lower in many EMs YTD, following the steep drop in 2020 (Figure 4). Egypt, Zambia, Kazakhstan, and to a lesser degree Malaysia, Ukraine, and Brazil have been exceptions.

1. Weekly LC Government Debt Nonresident Flows (USD billions)

2. Monthly LC Govt. Debt Foreign Flows and Returns (USD billions; percent; excluding China)

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3. Local Currency Government Nonresident Debt Flows (USD billions; latest month is month to date)

| | Jan.21 | Feb.21 | Mar.21 | Apr.21 | May.21 | Jun.21 | Jul.21 | Aug.21 | Sep.21 | Oct.21 | Nov.21 | 2021YTD | 2020 Flows | 2019 Flows |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|------------|
| BRA | 1.2 | 3.6 | 1.5 | -0.5 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.2 | | 17.3 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| MEX | -0.5 | -2.5 | -2.1 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -0.5 | -3.4 | -1.7 | 8.0 | -2.2 | 0.8 | -12.3 | -10.0 | 1.1 |
| PER | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | | 0.2 | 1.6 | 4.2 |
| COL | 0.0 | -0.5 | -0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 | | 3.4 | 3.0 | -0.2 |
| HUN | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.9 | 0.4 | -0.6 | -0.8 | 1.4 | -0.1 | 0.4 | -0.7 | | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| POL | 1.5 | 0.0 | -1.2 | -0.9 | -3.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | | | -1.2 | -5.7 | -8.9 |
| CZE | 2.1 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 1.6 | -0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -1.0 | -2.1 | | | 3.4 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| RUS | 0.1 | -0.8 | -1.6 | -1.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.1 | -0.8 | | 1.9 | 5.1 | 16.7 |
| TUR | 1.0 | 0.5 | -0.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | -6.2 | -3.3 |
| ROU | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | | | | -0.6 | 2.5 | 0.4 |
| UKR | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.1 | 0.3 | -1.1 | 4.2 |
| KAZ | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | | 1.0 | 8.0 | -0.2 |
| ZAF | 1.3 | 1.1 | -1.0 | 0.8 | 1.9 | -0.2 | -0.4 | 0.9 | -1.1 | -0.4 | | 2.7 | 0.3 | 6.8 |
| EGY | 1.1 | 1.2 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.9 | -0.2 | 0.5 | | | 6.2 | 1.6 | 3.5 |
| GHA | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 | -0.3 | -0.4 | | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| MYS | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -0.8 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 | | 6.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| IND | -0.5 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -13.9 | 3.5 |
| IDN | 0.8 | -1.1 | -1.3 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 | -0.6 | 1.0 | -1.3 | -0.9 | -1.7 | -2.5 | -5.1 | 12.0 |
| THA | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 1.4 | -1.1 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 5.4 | -1.0 | -0.5 |
| CHN | 24.6 | 14.2 | -2.5 | 8.0 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 7.7 | 2.7 | 11.9 | 3.8 | | 76.4 | 144.4 | 35.6 |
| EM ex CHN | 11.0 | 3.5 | -5.4 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 10.3 | 0.7 | -2.8 | 1.2 | 33.5 | -18 9 | 48.2 |

Notes: Daily data is subject to significant revisions. Data refers to domestically issued debt, primarily central government bonds in local currency. In some cases, flows are derived from the change in stock. China data includes government and policy bank bonds. Egypt refers only to Treasury bills. South Africa daily flows data is from the JSE, monthly data is derived from the Treasury. *Sample includes only the group of countries in figure 1.

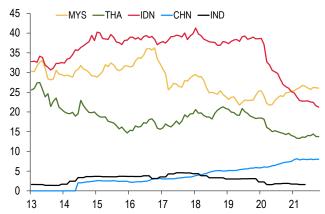
4. Local Currency Government Debt Holdings: Investor Composition

| | Foreign Holdings (US blns) | Foreign Share (percent) | Monthy Change (latest, ppt) | YTD Change (ppt) | Chg since Dec. 2019 (ppt) | Domestic Bank Share (percent) | YTD Change (ppt) | Domestic NBFI Share (percent) | YTD Change (ppt) |
|-----|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| BRA | 94.6 | 10.5 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 28.8 | -0.9 | 50.5 | -1.8 |
| MEX | 80.5 | 17.7 | -0.7 | -4.6 | -10.6 | 10.9 | -0.4 | 45.3 | 1.2 |
| COL | 26.4 | 25.1 | -0.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 14.6 | -1.1 | 36.1 | -2.2 |
| PER | 16.3 | 51.1 | 1.1 | -0.8 | 2.4 | 21.4 | 3.8 | 11.5 | -4.1 |
| CHL | 9.9 | 12.7 | | -2.7 | -7.2 | | | | |
| HUN | 14.8 | 15.2 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -2.8 | 32.7 | -2.2 | 10.3 | -1.7 |
| POL | 32.4 | 15.9 | 0.0 | -1.3 | -7.5 | 45.8 | -2.5 | 13.1 | -1.2 |
| RUS | 47.2 | 21.2 | -0.4 | -2.1 | -11.0 | | | | |
| TUR | 6.2 | 4.8 | -0.6 | 0.5 | -6.8 | 68.8 | 1.8 | 10.6 | 0.6 |
| ROU | 9.5 | 17.7 | 0.0 | -2.4 | -1.3 | 48.1 | 3.1 | 20.8 | 0.0 |
| CZE | 30.0 | 30.4 | -0.9 | -0.8 | -10.2 | 40.7 | 7.1 | 24.9 | -5.4 |
| UKR | 3.5 | 10.7 | -0.5 | 0.9 | -5.2 | 47.3 | 0.0 | | |
| SRB | 2.0 | 20.0 | | -6.3 | -10.1 | | | | |
| KAZ | 1.8 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 4.8 | | | | |
| CHN | 514.9 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 57.4 | -2.0 | | |
| IDN | 66.9 | 21.2 | -0.3 | -3.9 | -17.3 | 34.8 | -0.8 | 17.9 | -0.3 |
| MYS | 56.5 | 26.0 | -0.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | | | 33.1 | -0.3 |
| THA | 28.1 | 13.8 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -4.7 | 23.3 | 3.3 | 35.5 | -3.2 |
| IND | 19.0 | 1.6 | | -0.3 | -1.5 | | | 31.9 | 0.0 |
| ZAF | 55.1 | 28.4 | -0.6 | -1.5 | -8.7 | 19.9 | -2.1 | 50.0 | 3.0 |
| EGY | 24.1 | 24.9 | 1.1 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 38.2 | -8.6 | 17.7 | |
| ZMB | 2.9 | 25.9 | | 11.8 | 15.0 | | | | |
| GHA | 5.8 | 16.9 | -1.1 | -1.5 | -8.1 | 29.9 | 1.3 | 0.9 | -0.1 |
| KEN | 0.3 | 0.8 | | -0.1 | -0.3 | | | 37.3 | 0.5 |

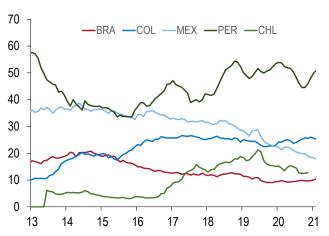
Regional Look: Nonresident Holdings of Domestic Government Debt

5. Eastern Europe & Turkey (percent share)

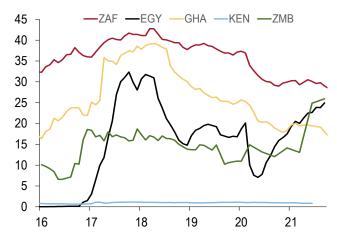
6. Asia (percent share)



7. Latin America (percent share)



8. Africa (percent share)



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Annex

9. Cumulative Nonresident Flows into LC Government Bonds Since 2012 (US dollar, billion)

