

EM Local Currency Bond Holdings Monitor

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SUMMARY

High frequency local currency (LC) bond nonresident flows have remained weak over recent weeks (Figure 1 and 2). Since the last publication, outflows* were seen across several countries, most notably in South Africa and Indonesia while foreign investors continued to increase their exposures to Thailand.

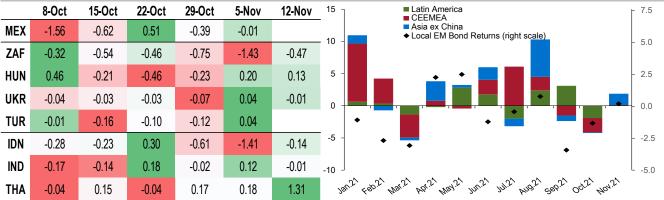
Monthly nonresident flows turned negative in Oct. at -\$4.2 bn, with some exceptions (Figures 2, 3):

- LATAM: Mexico continues to lag with YTD flows at -\$13bn. Foreign flows have improved in Peru over the last few months as markets have become less concerned about political risks. Flows were also strong in Brazil in September but that was before a notable bond selloff in October.
- ASIA: Indonesia has continued to see sizeable nonresident 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 \$75 bn bolstered by the WGBI inclusion this year.
- <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)



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			15.1	3.0	2.9
MEX	-0.5	-2.5	-2.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.5	-3.4	-1.7	0.8	-2.2		-13.1	-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			2.7	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	0.1	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	0.0	0.4	-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	8.0	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	0.1	0.0	-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		-0.9	-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	1.7	5.2	-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	-4.2	1.9	32.7	-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

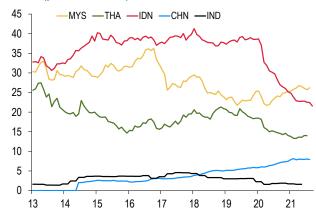
	Foreign Holdings (USD blns)	Foreign Share (percent)	Monthy Change (latest, ppt)	YTD Change (ppt)	Chg since Dec. 2019 (ppt)	Domestic Bank Share (percent)	YTD Change (ppt)	Domestic NBFI Share (percent)	YTD Change (ppt)
BRA	95.9	10.1	0.3	0.8	-0.4	31.3	1.7	48.9	-3.4
MEX	80.5	17.7	-0.7	-4.6	-10.6	10.9	-0.4	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	15.8	0.2	0.2	-2.2	33.6	-1.3	10.5	-1.5
POL	32.4	15.9	0.0	-1.3	-7.5	46.2	-2.0	13.1	-1.2
RUS	46.5	21.6	0.2	-1.7	-10.6				
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	8.0			33.1	-0.3
THA	27.2	13.8	-0.6	-0.2	-4.7	23.2	3.2	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	2.0	24.9		10.8	13.9				
GHA	5.8	19.3		0.9	-5.7	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

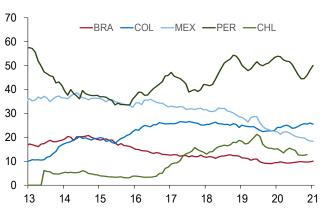
5. Eastern Europe & Turkey (percent share)

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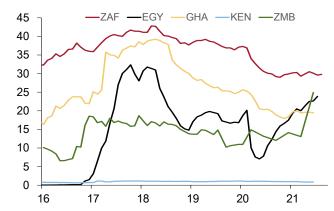
6. Asia (percent share)



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)

