

# EM LOCAL CURRENCY BOND HOLDINGS MONITOR

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### SUMMARY

<u>Daily data\* indicates outflow pressure subsided for most EMs after a challenging April</u> (Figure 1). Türkiye, Indonesia, India, Hungary, Thailand, South Africa and Hungary have seen net inflows this month. However, flows to Mexico remained weak, with lingering outflow pressures seen in recent weeks.

Monthly data reveals heterogenous flows in April (Figure 3), but overall index returns remain positive. Despite the recent rise in US treasury yields, the broad index is posted its fifth consecutive month of positive returns in May (Figure 2), marking the longest streak of positive monthly returns since 2017.

- LATAM: Flows were differentiated in the region. In April, inflows returned to Brazil and edged its YTD flows to marginally positive. Conversely, non-residents continued to divest from Mexico during April and early May, leading to negative YTD flows. In Peru, while flows turned negative in April, the YTD figures remain positive.
- Asia: Inflows were significant for April. Malaysia recorded its largest monthly inflows since June 2020, while Thailand's inflows were its largest since November 2022. Additionally, Indonesia is set to maintain inflows for the sixth consecutive month. In China, inflows accelerated in April, and were the largest since May 2024, with inflows to both government and policy bank bonds. However, non-residents have reduced their holdings of India's government bonds in April amidst increased geopolitical uncertainties, although outflows pressure subsided at the end of May.
- CEEMEA: Flows remain differentiated and volatile. Although relatively small, inflows returned to Hungary in April (and May). Additionally, South Africa recorded its fifth consecutive month of inflows in April, the longest streak since early 2021. In contrast, Türkiye faced substantial outflows in April, but outflow pressures have eased in recent weeks.

Investor Composition: Non-resident participation (as a percentage of total issuances) for most EMs has continued to edge lower (Figures 4 and 5). Countries such as Brazil, Egypt and Türkiye, which experienced an increase in non-resident participation earlier, have also observed some decline in recent months. Nonetheless, Peru, Malaysia, Thailand and South Africa have seen some increase in non-resident participation this year. Domestic banks have increased their participation in most EM jurisdictions this year, while domestic NBFIs have also become more involved in some LATAM and CEEMEA countries.

Figure 1. Weekly Local Currency (LC) Non-resident Flows (USD billion)

	1.6	-0.8	1.1					
			1.1	0.0	-0.1	-2.1	-0.9	
ZAF 1	1.2	-1.4	-0.2	0.1	0.0	1.6	-1.4	0.0
HUN (	).1	0.1	0.5	0.2	-0.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.1
UKR (	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TUR -	2.8	-1.0	0.5	-1.2	0.9	1.9	0.1	
IDN -	0.4	0.2	0.7	-0.1	0.6	-0.1	1.0	0.0
IND -	2.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8	3.1
THA (	).2	0.9	0.6	-0.2	0.3	-0.6	0.5	-0.4

Figure 2. Flow Dispersion and Returns (percent share, left scale; percent, right scale)

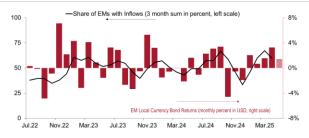


Figure 3. Local Currency Government Non-resident Debt Flows (USD billion; latest month is month-to-date)

	Apr.24	May.24	Jun.24	Jul.24	Aug.24	Sep.24	Oct.24	Nov.24	Dec.24	Jan.25	Feb.25	Mar.25	Apr.25	May.25 mtd	2025YTD	2024	2023
BRA	-3.2	3.3	5.5	-1.3	1.9	2.6	5.2	7.7	-9.9	-3.4	0.3	-0.1	3.3		0.1	22.3	11.9
MEX	-0.6	0.6	0.6	-2.2	1.9	2.9	-3.6	-0.5	3.4	-1.4	2.4	8.0	-1.3	-3.6	-3.1	2.1	5.0
CHL	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	0.7	0.2			1.1	-2.3	0.6
PER	8.0	0.1	-0.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.0	-0.2		1.2	3.3	-0.3
COL	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.5	-0.7	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	0.5	0.6	0.0			1.2	-1.0	-2.5
HUN	1.0	0.8	-2.1	0.7	-0.5	-1.6	0.7	-1.6	-1.5	1.4	0.6	-0.7	1.3	0.4	3.1	-2.5	1.8
POL	-0.3	0.4	1.2	2.1	-0.5	1.5	-0.3	0.5	-0.5	1.7	1.7	-0.4			3.0	4.1	-3.2
TUR	0.9	6.8	0.7	2.9	0.6	2.2	0.2	2.3	-0.4	1.6	0.5	-1.5	-5.6	1.9	-3.1	16.1	2.0
ROU	-0.3	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.5	-0.7	-0.9	0.1	-0.7	0.0				-0.7	0.1	7.4
SRB	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1			0.1	0.0	0.0
UKR	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6	-0.4
ZAF	0.3	1.8	-0.5	0.7	-0.2	1.3	0.5	-1.2	1.2	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.1	1.8	4.3	2.9
EGY	3.2	1.6	-0.1	0.3	-0.7	0.0	2.5	-0.6	-4.5	3.2					3.2	27.3	6.6
GHA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	-0.1
MYS	0.2	0.9	-0.1	1.4	1.8	0.1	-2.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	-0.4	0.7	2.2		3.0	0.4	5.9
IND	-1.9	1.0	2.1	2.6	2.8	2.3	-0.3	-0.1	1.6	1.4	1.4	3.7	-3.0	1.4	4.8	17.2	8.4
IDN	-1.3	1.1	0.1	0.3	2.5	1.2	1.0	-0.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	1.5	2.9	2.3	5.4
THA	-0.7	0.5	-0.3	0.8	0.8	0.1	-1.0	-0.9	0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.6	1.7	0.0	2.1	-1.1	0.3
CHN	1.5	10.8	-0.8	3.5	4.8	-17.8	-13.1	-5.0	-6.2	-8.0	0.8	0.4	9.4		2.5	-25.0	5.8
EM ex. CHN	-1.4	18.8	6.1	10.1	12.3	13.7	0.9	3.1	-11.1	6.0	10.0	4.0	-1.1	1.8	20.7	92.2	51.8

Figure 4. Local Currency Government Debt Holdings: Investor Composition

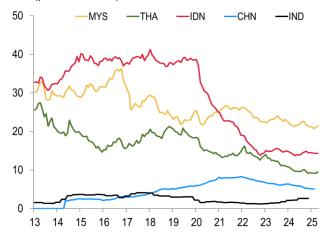
	Foreign Holdings (US blns)	Foreign Share (percent)	Change since Dec. 2024 (ppt)	Change since Dec. 2023 (ppt)	Change Since Dec. 2022 (ppt)	Domestic Bank Share (percent)	Change since Dec. 2024 (ppt)	Change since Dec. 2023 (ppt)	Change since Dec. 2022 (ppt)	Domestic NBFI Share (percent)	Change since Dec. 2024 (ppt)	Change since Dec. 2023 (ppt)	Change since Dec. 2022 (ppt)
BRA	126	10	-0.5	0.2	0.4	30	0.8	0.6	1.1	50	0.2	-0.8	-1.0
MEX	94	13	-0.3	-2.5	-3.8	8	0.5	-1.9	-3.6	53	1.1	3.4	6.2
COL	26	17	-0.3	-4.3	-8.8	15	-0.6	2.4	1.0	47	0.4	5.3	12.3
PER	19	43	1.6	6.2	1.4	18	-1.5	-3.1	-3.1	15		-0.8	
POL	42	12	-0.2	-1.1	-4.4	47	1.8	3.8	6.1	13	-0.5	-0.2	0.1
TUR	11	7	-5.5	4.3	5.8	62	-0.1	-13.7	-11.0	16	2.5	7.4	6.3
ROU	17	21	-1.0	-5.6	1.4	42	0.2	4.2	-1.5	26	0.7	1.0	1.2
GE0	0.1	1	-0.2	-1.5	-3.1	71	1.9	14.6	13.8	13	0.2	1.5	4.5
CHN	419	5	-0.1	-1.1	-1.8	61	0.1	-2.3	-0.7	22	0.2	0.2	-0.5
IDN	54	14	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	18	0.7	-8.5	-13.9	22	0.0	0.4	2.8
MYS	63	22	0.3	-1.2	-1.0	29		-2.5	-1.8	34		-2.1	0.0
THA	27	10	0.2	-1.3	-4.0	27	0.9	2.6	4.3	6	-0.6	-0.9	-1.4
IND	28	3		0.9	1.4	35		19.8	27.2	7		-1.1	-1.5
ZAF	54	25	0.2	-0.5	-0.8	21	0.0	0.9	-0.7	53	-0.3	0.5	2.4
EGY	35	42		27.2	30.1	43		2.3	0.0	18		-0.4	0.0

Figure 5. Regional Look: Non-resident Share of Domestic Government Debt

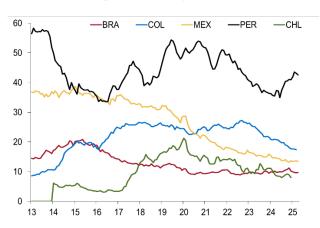
## a. Eastern Europe (percent share)

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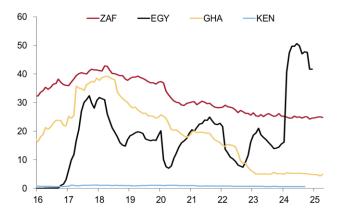
## b. Asia (percent share)



## c. Latin America (percent share)

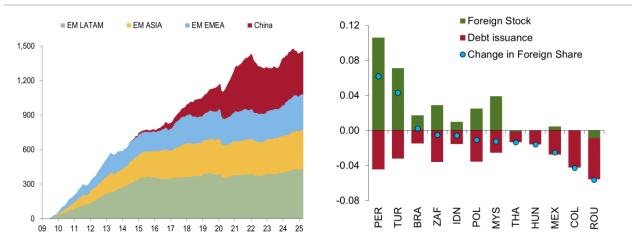


## d. Africa (percent share)



Notes: China data includes government and policy bank bonds. Egypt refers only to Treasury bills. In Figure 4, the 'latest' figures may refer to different months for each country and are the latest available. Due to lagged releases, data on flows and holdings may be slightly inconsistent for some countries. Data on NBFIs refers to insurance, pension (including public), and investment funds where specifically available, but exact categorization may differ across countries. South Africa includes 'other financial institutions' alongside pension funds and insurance for NBFIs.

Figure 6. Cumulative Non-resident Flows into Local Currency Govt. Bonds Since 2009 (USD billion) Figure 7. Change in Foreign holdings and Total Local Currency Debt Since Dec. 2023 (percent)



**Figure 8. Non-resident Flows as Share of Foreign Holdings** (USD billions; YTD figures may differ from monthly to due high frequency data).

	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	2025 YTD	2024	2023
BRA	4.4%	-2.5%	2.8%	4.7%	-1.1%	1.6%	2.0%	4.3%	6.4%	-7.9%	-2.8%	0.3%	-0.1%	2.7%	0.0%	19.6%	11.4%
MEX	3.2%	-2.9%	2.0%	-1.7%	-1.1%	3.2%	4.5%	-5.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	5.5%	1.2%	-0.9%	6.2%	-2.6%	4.5%
CHL	-10.8%	-1.3%	-4.0%	2.7%	8.1%	1.2%	3.0%	-1.7%	-0.5%	-8.8%	3.7%	5.9%	1.7%		11.7%	-16.8%	10.6%
PER	-0.1%	5.5%	0.4%	-5.8%	7.5%	4.6%	5.4%	0.8%	1.6%	1.9%	3.2%	4.8%	-0.2%	-1.0%	6.9%	22.5%	-2.0%
COL	2.5%	1.0%	1.2%	-0.1%	-1.7%	1.9%	-2.5%	-0.4%	-2.5%	-1.8%	2.2%	2.4%	0.1%		4.7%	-4.4%	-8.8%
HUN	-13.1%	5.5%	4.0%	-11.0%	4.0%	-2.8%	-8.6%	4.4%	-10.5%	-14.5%	16.2%	4.4%	-4.3%	8.4%	25.8%	-20.5%	14.0%
POL	-0.9%	-0.8%	1.1%	3.8%	6.0%	-1.4%	4.0%	-0.8%	1.3%	-1.3%	4.7%	4.2%	-0.9%		8.2%	12.3%	-9.6%
TUR	-12.2%	36.3%	204.7%	6.9%	27.6%	4.3%	16.1%	1.3%	14.5%	-2.2%	9.5%	2.7%	-8.4%	-34.6%	-32.6%	696.1%	332.0%
ROU	0.4%	-1.8%	-0.1%	0.9%	4.0%	2.3%	2.4%	-3.3%	-4.9%	0.5%	-4.0%	-0.2%			-4.2%	0.5%	67.3%
SRB	-3.8%	-3.4%	-1.9%	-2.0%	-2.4%	-3.3%	-0.5%	-6.1%	-0.9%	-2.6%	17.2%	-5.4%	-3.9%		6.6%	0.7%	1.1%
UKR	-2.2%	-1.9%	-12.1%	-11.6%	-3.3%	-14.8%	-8.3%	-7.0%	-0.6%	-9.8%	0.5%	-6.6%	7.0%	-2.3%	-1.9%	-53.7%	-25.9%
ZAF	-0.3%	0.9%	3.9%	-1.0%	1.8%	-0.7%	2.4%	1.0%	-2.2%	2.2%	-0.2%	1.5%	1.1%		2.3%	8.2%	6.3%
EGY	266.1%	10.0%	4.4%	-0.4%	0.7%	-1.9%	0.1%	7.1%	-1.6%	-12.4%	10.1%				-5.1%	375.8%	97.1%
GHA	-0.6%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	2.7%	1.4%	-1.5%	2.9%	-2.3%	-1.5%	1.3%	-5.2%	-1.4%	1.2%	-4.2%	2.7%	-5.5%
MYS	2.0%	0.8%	1.6%	-0.7%	2.8%	7.4%	5.5%	-6.6%	-0.3%	-0.5%	2.3%	0.5%	0.5%	4.0%	7.5%	10.7%	5.9%
IND	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	22.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%				0.0%	58.6%	59.8%
IDN	-3.2%	-2.6%	2.2%	0.1%	0.6%	4.8%	2.1%	1.7%	-1.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	0.2%	0.9%	2.6%	4.1%	10.5%
THA	-1.8%	-2.9%	1.8%	-1.4%	0.7%	4.6%	1.5%	-4.0%	-3.9%	1.0%	-0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	6.1%	6.1%	-7.1%	-13.1%
CHN	-2.5%	-0.8%	0.8%	-0.9%	1.0%	1.2%	-3.5%	-2.3%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-1.3%	0.0%	1.2%	1.6%	1.6%	-7.1%	0.0%
EM ex. CHN	7.0%	-0.3%	3.4%	0.3%	1.4%	3.5%	2.5%	-0.2%	0.8%	-2.7%	1.3%	1.8%	-0.1%	0.4%	2.4%	17.5%	8.3%

Figure 9. Non-resident Flows into Chinese Local Currency Bonds, by Sector (USD billions)

