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**TREASURY INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL DATA FOR DECEMBER**

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Treasury today released Treasury International Capital (TIC) data for December 2009. The next release, which will report on data for January 2010, is scheduled for March 15, 2010.

Net foreign purchases of long-term securities were \$63.3 billion.

- Net foreign purchases of long-term U.S. securities were \$82.2 billion. Of this, net purchases by private foreign investors were \$62.6 billion, and net purchases by foreign official institutions were \$19.6 billion.
- U.S. residents purchased a net \$18.9 billion of long-term foreign securities.

Net foreign acquisition of long-term securities, taking into account adjustments, is estimated to have been \$50.9 billion.

Foreign holdings of dollar-denominated short-term U.S. securities, including Treasury bills, and other custody liabilities decreased \$67.7 billion. Foreign holdings of Treasury bills decreased \$53.0 billion.

Banks' own net dollar-denominated liabilities to foreign residents increased \$77.7 billion.

Monthly net TIC flows were \$60.9 billion. Of this, net foreign private flows were \$82.0 billion, and net foreign official flows were negative \$21.1 billion.

Complete data are available on the Treasury website at www.treas.gov/tic.

TIC Monthly Reports on Cross-Border Financial Flows

(Billions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

				12 Months Through					
		2007	2008	Dec-08	Dec-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09
Foreigners' Acquisitions of Long-Term Securities									
1	Gross Purchases of Domestic U.S. Securities	29730.6	30702.0	30702.0	20481.6	1815.1	1992.4	1895.3	1738.8
2	Gross Sales of Domestic U.S. Securities	28724.8	30200.3	30200.3	19842.5	1758.9	1949.3	1766.4	1676.6
3	Domestic Securities Purchased, net (line 1 less line 2)/1	1005.8	411.7	411.7	639.1	56.2	43.0	128.9	62.2
4	Private, net /2	818.1	308.3	308.3	513.6	45.4	28.4	95.6	62.6
5	Treasury Bonds & Notes, net	195.0	238.4	238.4	379.5	25.7	23.9	86.7	48.0
6	Gov't Agency Bonds, net	99.9	-7.5	-7.5	31.4	6.7	-3.9	3.5	3.0
7	Corporate Bonds, net	342.8	59.2	59.2	-38.4	-2.5	-1.4	-4.3	-7.2
8	Equities, net	180.4	18.1	18.1	141.2	15.4	9.7	9.7	18.8
9	Official, net /3	187.7	103.4	103.4	125.5	10.9	14.6	33.3	19.6
10	Treasury Bonds & Notes, net	3.0	76.6	76.6	159.1	19.0	15.0	31.2	22.0
11	Gov't Agency Bonds, net	119.1	-31.6	-31.6	-42.9	-8.3	-1.5	2.4	-3.0
12	Corporate Bonds, net	50.6	35.0	35.0	-2.3	0.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.7
13	Equities, net	15.1	23.4	23.4	11.7	0.2	0.6	0.0	1.3
14	Gross Purchases of Foreign Securities from U.S. Residents	8187.6	7709.2	7709.2	5122.3	490.2	555.4	482.4	453.0
15	Gross Sales of Foreign Securities to U.S. Residents	8416.8	7622.4	7622.4	5319.9	505.2	579.1	494.9	471.9
16	Foreign Securities Purchased, net (line 14 less line 15)/4	-229.2	86.9	86.9	-197.6	-15.0	-23.7	-2.5	-18.9
17	Foreign Bonds Purchased, net	-133.9	66.4	66.4	-138.2	-15.5	-19.4	-5.1	-17.4
18	Foreign Equities Purchased, net	-95.3	20.4	20.4	-59.3	0.5	-4.3	2.6	-1.5
19	Net Long-Term Securities Transactions (line 3 plus line 16):	776.6	498.5	498.5	441.5	41.2	19.3	126.4	63.3
20	Other Acquisitions of Long-Term Securities, net /5	-235.2	-198.1	-198.1	-199.1	-14.0	-12.4	-12.3	-12.4
21	Net Foreign Acquisition of Long-Term Securities (lines 19 and 20):	541.4	300.4	300.4	242.5	27.2	6.9	114.1	50.9
22	Increase in Foreign Holdings of Dollar-denominated Short-Term U.S. Securities and Other Custody Liabilities /6	198.0	233.5	233.5	-133.8	-11.9	-43.5	-26.7	-67.7
23	US Treasury Bills	49.7	456.0	456.0	-0.5	-0.3	-38.3	-18.9	-53.0
24	Private, net	28.1	196.5	196.5	-76.9	9.2	-38.5	-7.5	-0.7
25	Official, net	21.5	239.5	239.5	76.4	-9.6	0.3	-11.4	-52.3
26	Other Negotiable Instruments and Selected Other Liabilities /7	148.4	-222.6	-222.6	-133.2	-11.6	-5.2	-7.8	-14.7
27	Private, net	72.2	-103.2	-103.2	-95.2	-5.9	-2.8	-12.4	-14.5
28	Official, net	76.2	-119.4	-119.4	-38.0	-5.7	-2.4	4.6	-0.2
29	Change in Banks' Own Net Dollar-Denominated Liabilities	-127.2	131.0	131.0	-388.0	117.1	11.7	-56.7	77.7
30	Monthly Net TIC Flows (lines 21, 22, 29)/8	612.2	664.8	664.8	-279.3	132.4	-24.9	30.7	60.9
31	Private, net	329.1	505.2	505.2	-337.0	146.9	-43.5	30.5	82.0
32	Official, net	283.1	159.6	159.6	57.7	-14.5	18.6	0.2	-21.1

/1 Net foreign purchases of U.S. securities (+)

/2 Includes international and regional organizations

/3 The reported division of net purchases of long-term securities between net purchases by foreign official institutions and net purchases of other foreign investors is subject to a "transaction bias" described in Frequently Asked Questions 7 and 10.a.4 on the TIC website.

/4 Net transactions in foreign securities by U.S. residents. Foreign purchases of foreign securities = US sales of foreign securities to foreigners. Thus negative entries indicate net US purchases of foreign securities, or an outflow of capital from the United States; positive entries indicate net US sales of foreign securities.

/5 Net sales estimated/ unrecorded principal payments to foreigners on domestic corporate and agency asset-backed securities + estimated foreign acquisitions of US equity through stock swaps + estimated US acquisitions of foreign equity through stock swaps + increase in nonmarketable Treasury Bonds and Notes issued to Official Institutions and Other Residents of Foreign Countries.

/6 These are primarily data on monthly changes in banks' and broker/dealers' custody liabilities. Data on custody chains are collected quarterly and published in the Treasury Bulletin and the TIC website.

/7 "Selected Other Liabilities" are primarily the foreign liabilities of U.S. customers that are managed by US banks or broker/dealers.

/8 TIC data cover most components of international financial flows, but do not include data on direct investment flows, which are collected and published by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis. In addition to the monthly data summarized here, the TIC collects quarterly data on some banking and nonbanking assets and liabilities. Frequently Asked Question 1 on the TIC website describes the scope of TIC data collection.

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