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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 2010. The next release, which will report on data for January 2011, is scheduled for March 15, 2011.

Net foreign purchases of long-term securities were \$65.9 billion.

- Net foreign purchases of long-term U.S. securities were \$76.8 billion. Of this, net purchases by private foreign investors were \$66.3 billion, and net purchases by foreign official institutions were \$10.5 billion.
- U.S. residents purchased a net \$10.9 billion of long-term foreign securities.

Net foreign acquisition of long-term securities, taking into account adjustments, is estimated to have been \$41.8 billion.

Foreign holdings of dollar-denominated short-term U.S. securities, including Treasury bills, and other custody liabilities decreased \$47.8 billion. Foreign holdings of Treasury bills decreased \$28.9 billion.

Banks' own net dollar-denominated liabilities to foreign residents increased \$54.2 billion.

Monthly net TIC flows were \$48.2 billion. Of this, net foreign private flows were \$93.3 billion, and net foreign official flows were negative \$45.1 billion.

Complete data are available on the Treasury website at:

www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/tic/Pages/index.aspx

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TIC Monthly Reports on Cross-Border Financial Flows

(Billions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

		12 Months Through							
		2008	2009	Dec-09	Dec-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10
Foreigners' Acquisitions of Long-term Securities									
1	Gross Purchases of Domestic U.S. Securities	30724.9	20479.7	20479.7	24987.7	2152.8	2048.0	2517.1	2129.2
2	Gross Sales of Domestic U.S. Securities	30310.0	19840.9	19840.9	24053.8	2064.6	1992.0	2423.3	2052.4
3	Domestic Securities Purchased, net (line 1 less line 2) /1	414.9	638.9	638.9	933.9	88.3	56.0	93.8	76.8
4	Private, net /2	311.9	511.0	511.0	811.6	80.6	63.5	81.9	66.3
5	Treasury Bonds & Notes, net	238.7	377.0	377.0	542.4	37.7	25.7	50.6	42.8
6	Gov't Agency Bonds, net	-7.4	31.4	31.4	156.2	22.0	19.5	12.8	10.0
7	Corporate Bonds, net	59.2	-38.4	-38.4	-2.4	-0.4	1.4	4.0	3.4
8	Equities, net	21.4	141.1	141.1	115.3	21.4	16.9	14.5	10.1
9	Official, net /3	103.0	127.9	127.9	122.3	7.6	-7.5	12.0	10.5
10	Treasury Bonds & Notes, net	76.2	161.4	161.4	165.5	39.5	-1.0	11.1	11.9
11	Gov't Agency Bonds, net	-31.3	-42.9	-42.9	-41.2	-31.4	-5.3	1.4	-0.7
12	Corporate Bonds, net	34.7	-2.3	-2.3	0.5	0.3	-0.2	0.7	-0.8
13	Equities, net	23.4	11.7	11.7	-2.5	-0.8	-1.0	-1.3	0.1
14	Gross Purchases of Foreign Securities from U.S. Residents	7714.9	5121.4	5121.4	7326.7	608.4	610.8	604.4	551.8
15	Gross Sales of Foreign Securities to U.S. Residents	7640.7	5308.3	5308.3	7474.3	621.2	637.8	613.1	562.7
16	Foreign Securities Purchased, net (line 14 less line 15) /4	74.2	-186.8	-186.8	-147.6	-12.8	-27.1	-8.8	-10.9
17	Foreign Bonds Purchased, net	53.9	-127.5	-127.5	-86.8	-7.3	-17.1	0.2	-2.5
18	Foreign Equities Purchased, net	20.2	-59.4	-59.4	-60.9	-5.5	-10.0	-9.0	-8.4

19	Net Long-term Securities Transactions (line 3 plus line 16):	489.1	452.0	452.0	786.2	75.5	28.9	85.1	65.9
20	Other Acquisitions of Long-term Securities, net /5	-197.9	-204.5	-204.5	-233.8	-20.2	-20.4	-20.5	-24.2
21	Net Foreign Acquisition of Long-term Securities (lines 19 and 20):	291.2	247.6	247.6	552.4	55.2	8.5	64.5	41.8
22	Increase in Foreign Holdings of Dollar-denominated Short-term U.S. Securities and Other Custody Liabilities: /6	232.7	-166.8	-166.8	-70.4	-25.2	31.0	-40.5	-47.8
23	U.S. Treasury Bills	457.5	-7.6	-7.6	-20.5	-24.8	25.5	-22.3	-28.9
24	Private, net	198.0	-77.8	-77.8	45.3	-33.4	-10.4	9.8	8.0
25	Official, net	259.5	70.2	70.2	-65.8	8.6	35.9	-32.1	-36.9
26	Other Negotiable Instruments and Selected Other Liabilities: /7	-224.8	-159.2	-159.2	-49.9	-0.3	5.5	-18.3	-19.0
27	Private, net	-105.4	-121.2	-121.2	-51.5	-1.4	8.0	-14.4	-14.9
28	Official, net	-119.4	-38.0	-38.0	1.6	1.1	-2.5	-3.8	-4.0
29	Change in Banks' Own Net Dollar-denominated Liabilities	151.2	-395.1	-395.1	-201.0	49.7	-22.3	11.6	54.2
30	Monthly Net TIC Flows (lines 21,22,29) /8 of which	675.1	-314.3	-314.3	281.0	79.8	17.2	35.6	48.2
31	Private, net	513.9	-340.5	-340.5	360.7	68.7	-7.7	76.4	93.3
32	Official, net	161.2	26.2	26.2	-79.6	11.0	24.9	-40.8	-45.1

/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 = U.S. sales of foreign securities to foreigners.

Thus negative entries indicate net U.S. purchases of foreign securities, or an outflow of capital from the United States; positive entries indicate net U.S. sales of foreign securities.

/5 Minus estimated unrecorded principal repayments to foreigners on domestic corporate and agency asset-backed securities +

estimated foreign acquisitions of U.S. equity through stock swaps -
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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 claims 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 U.S. 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.