

Monthly Report *April 2021*

Foreign Exchange and Derivatives Statistics

This report presents statistics on foreign exchange and currency derivatives operations carried out by the Formal Exchange Market (FEM) with non-bank domestic counterparties and the Foreign Sector. It contains data to April 2021 and only considers domestic currency vis-a-vis foreign currency for both turnover and outstanding figures. Definitions and more detailed disaggregations of the series contained in this report are available at the **Statistical Database of the Central Bank of Chile**.

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Derivatives market, net amounts outstanding

Derivatives. Amounts outstanding by counterparty

(millions of US dollars)

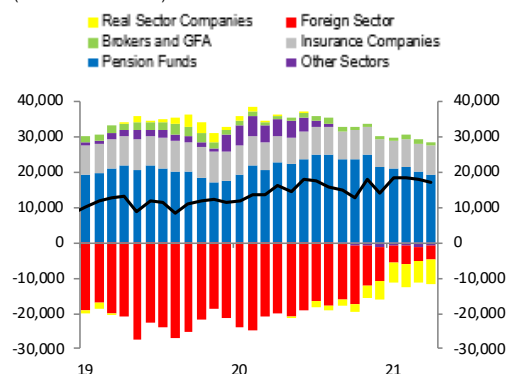
Foreign Sector	\$	-4,063
Real Sector Companies	\$	-6,653
Pension Funds	\$	19,222
Insurance Companies	\$	8,217
Brokers and GFA	\$	1,123
Other Sectors	\$	-823
Total	\$	17,022

At the end of April, the Formal Exchange Market net long position registered US\$17,022 million, a US\$1,076 million decrease on the previous month. (Chart 1 and annex).

This was mainly explained by a decrease in the long position of Pension Funds by US\$682 million, arriving at a balance of US\$19,222 million. An increase in the short position of Real Sector Companies of US\$582 million was also observed, ending the month with US\$6,653 million.

Chart 1: Derivatives, amounts outstanding by counterparty.

(millions of US dollars)



Source: Central Bank of Chile.

Derivatives market, turnover

Derivatives turnover by counterparty

(millions of US dollars)

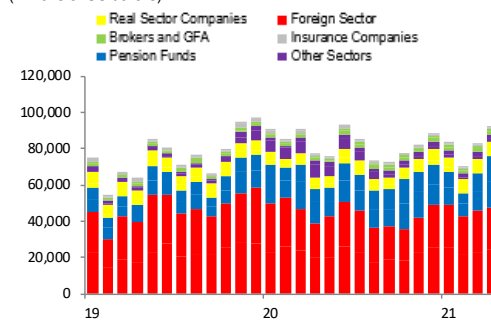
Foreign Sector	\$	47,543
Real Sector Companies	\$	7,655
Pension Funds	\$	28,448
Insurance Companies	\$	1,595
Brokers and GFA	\$	3,096
Other Sectors	\$	3,911
Total	\$	92,248

During the month, foreign currency derivatives turnover by the Formal Exchange Market reached US\$92,248 million which was an increase of US\$9,260 million compared to March (Chart 2).

This increase was mainly explained by higher activity with Pension Funds and the Foreign Sector of US\$7,776 and US\$1,599 million, totaling US\$28,448 and US\$47,543 million, respectively.

Chart 2: Derivatives turnover by counterparty.

(millions of US dollars)



Source: Central Bank of Chile.

Spot market, turnover

Spot turnover by counterparty

(millions of US dollars)

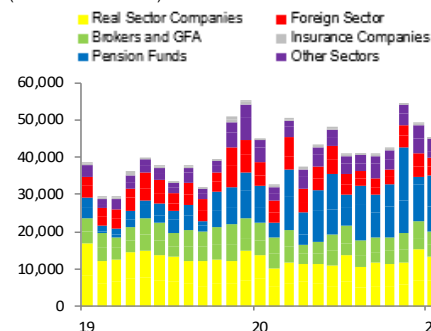
Foreign Sector	\$	8,371
Real Sector Companies	\$	15,097
Pension Funds	\$	18,380
Insurance Companies	\$	771
Brokers and GFA	\$	9,703
Other Sectors	\$	9,620
Total	\$	61,943

During April spot turnover was US\$61,943 million, an increase of US\$15,319 million compared to the previous month (Chart 3).

This higher activity was mainly due to increased transactions with Pension Funds and Other Sectors by US\$8,962 and US\$3,579 million, respectively. Thus, these sectors recorded total transactions of US\$18,380, and US\$9,620 million, respectively.

Chart 3: Spot turnover by counterparty.

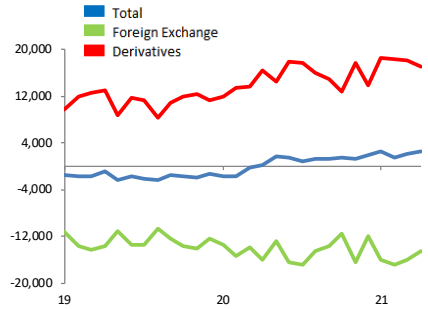
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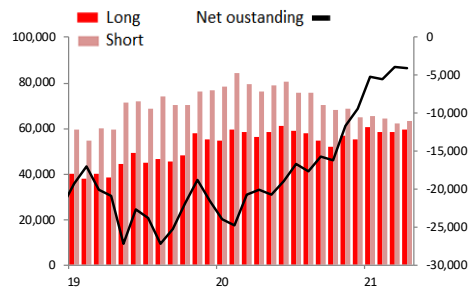
Source: Central Bank of Chile.

Annex

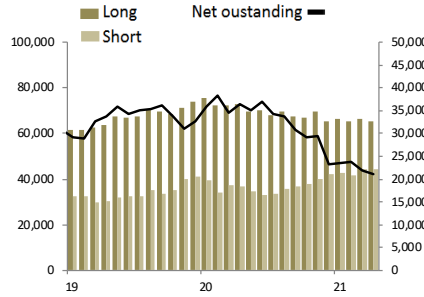
Net amounts outstanding (spot plus derivatives) of the Formal Exchange Market
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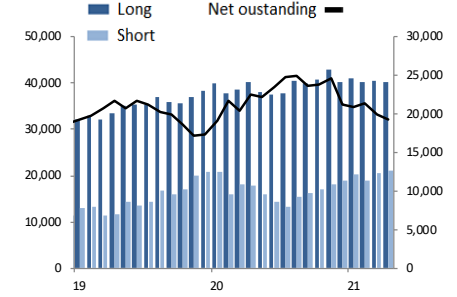
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Foreign Sector
(millions of US dollars)



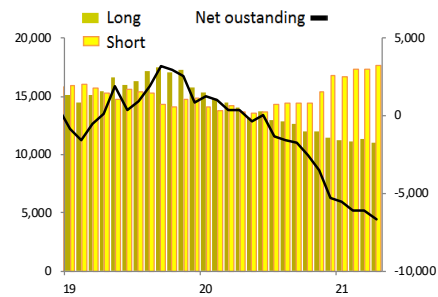
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Local Counterparties
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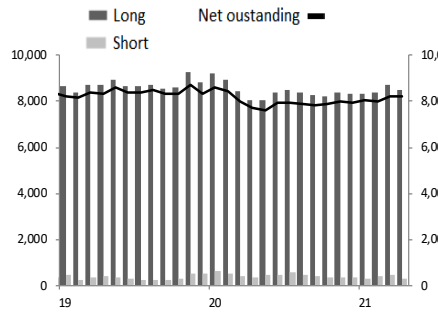
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Pension Funds
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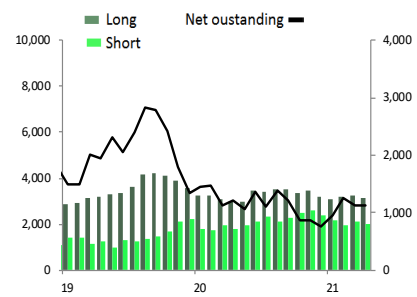
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Real Sector Companies
(millions of US dollars)



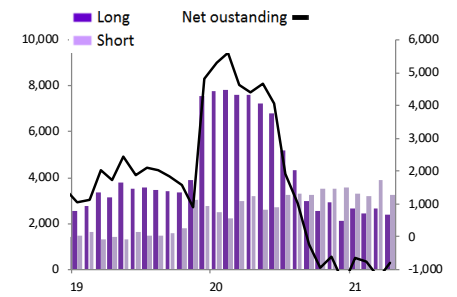
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Insurance Companies
(millions of US dollars)



Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Brokers and GFA
(millions of US dollars)



Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Other Sectors
(millions of US dollars)



Foreign Exchange and Derivatives Statistics Report Glossary

Notes:

- 1) The Central Bank of Chile collects information on spot transactions and derivatives contracts carried out by banking companies and other institutions within the Formal Exchange Market (FEM), with both local and foreign counterparties, as established in Chapters I and IX of the Compendium of International Exchange Regulations.
- 2) Monthly figures are revised with a lag of three months and 23 days, which means published figures for the last three months are provisional and subject to revision.

Glossary:

- **Brokers and Securities Intermediaries:** brokers and other securities intermediaries supervised by the Comisión para el Mercado Financiero (CMF).
- **Foreign Sector:** non-Chilean resident counterparties.
- **Formal Exchange Market:** corresponds to banks and other entities or persons authorized to be part of this market, which are outlined in Chapter III of the Compendium of International Exchange Regulations of the Central Bank of Chile.
- **General Fund Administrators:** investment funds administered by general fund administrators which are supervised by the CMF.
- **Insurance Companies:** general purpose and life insurance companies which are supervised by the Chilean securities regulator (CMF).
- **Other Sectors:** households, government, the Central Bank of Chile and any other financial company not considered among the classifications already disclosed. In the case of the Central Bank, foreign exchange intervention and liquidity management programs are considered, either through spot purchase / sale operations of foreign currency, FX Swaps, Swaps and FX Forwards, among others.
- **Pension Funds:** funds administered by Pension Fund Administrators (Administradoras de Fondos de Pensiones or AFPs) registered with the Chilean Pensions Supervisor.
- **Real Sector Companies:** considers both public and private companies. Also includes parent companies that exercise control over their subsidiaries.
- **Net amount outstanding:** the net notional stock of all outstanding contracts at the end of the period. It considers all currency derivatives instruments used by the Formal Exchange Market (FEM) with the most common being forwards, FX swaps, cross-currency swaps and options. Net refers to the netting between the long and short positions, where a positive sign indicates that the FEM holds a net long foreign currency position while a negative sign indicates that the FEM holds a net short foreign currency position, against the relevant counterparty sector.
- **Long position:** outstanding commitments to purchase foreign currency with domestic currency (Chilean peso and Unidad de Fomento) by the FEM with the indicated counterparty sector at the end of the period.
- **Short position:** outstanding commitments to sell foreign currency and receive domestic currency (Chilean peso and Unidad de Fomento) by the FEM with the indicated counterparty sector at the end of the period.
- **Interbank position:** outstanding commitments to purchase foreign currency with domestic currency (Chilean peso and Unidad de Fomento) between the FEM institutions at the end of the period, also known as long positions. Only long positions are considered in order to avoid double counting due to double-sided reporting.
- **Total turnover:** includes new purchases and sales of foreign currency against domestic currency (Chilean pesos and Unidad de Fomento) by the FEM with the indicated counterparty sector during the period.
- **Derivatives turnover:** considers all newly committed derivatives contracts (flows) in notional amounts during the defined period of time by the FEM. It considers all instruments used by the FEM with the most common being forwards, FX Swaps, cross-currency swaps and options. Only considers local currency (Chilean pesos and Unidad de Fomento) against foreign currencies.
- **Spot turnover:** includes all spot transactions (flows) during the defined period of time by the FEM. Only considers local currency (Chilean pesos and Unidad de Fomento) against foreign currencies.

Report charts:

(C1): Derivatives net amounts outstanding, by counterparty: Total net positions by counterparty sector, at the end of the period. If its value is positive, it means that the Formal Exchange Market (FEM) has net future purchase commitments of foreign currency with that particular sector. On the other hand, if its value is negative the FEM has promises of net sale of foreign currency. The Net amount outstanding is presented on the right axis of the chart.

(C2): Derivatives turnover by counterparty: Total purchase and sale contracts signed by the FEM with the different counterparties. The positive axis identifies the purchase contract subscriptions and the negative axis the foreign currency sales contract subscriptions.

(C3) Spot turnover by counterparty: Total purchase and sale traded by the FEM with the different counterparties for the period. Purchases of foreign currency are identified on the positive axis and sales on the negative axis.

Further information in ["Publicación de Estadísticas Cambiarias del Banco Central de Chile"](#) by G. Acharan and J.M.Villena, corresponding to the Series of Statistical Economic Studies, No. 86, Central Bank of Chile, April 2011.

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