



Monthly Report *December 2020*

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 December 2020 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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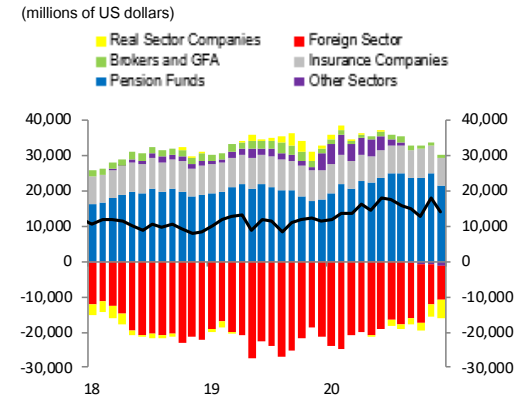
Derivatives market, net amounts outstanding

Derivatives. Amounts outstanding by counterparty (millions of US dollars)	
Foreign Sector	\$ -9,322
Real Sector Companies	\$ -5,293
Pension Funds	\$ 21,233
Insurance Companies	\$ 7,952
Brokers and GFA	\$ 769
Other Sectors	\$ -1,454
Total	\$ 13,886

At the end of December, the Formal Exchange Market net long position reached US\$13,886 million, a US\$3,948 million decrease compared to November. (Chart 1 and annex).

The main variations of the period were the decrease in the long position with Pension Funds by US\$3,467 million, the fall of the short position with the External Sector by US\$2,347 million and the increase in the short position with the Real Sector of US\$1.857 million, reaching balances of US\$21,233, US\$9,322 and US\$5,293 million, respectively.

Chart 1: Derivatives, amounts outstanding by counterparty.



Source: Central Bank of Chile.

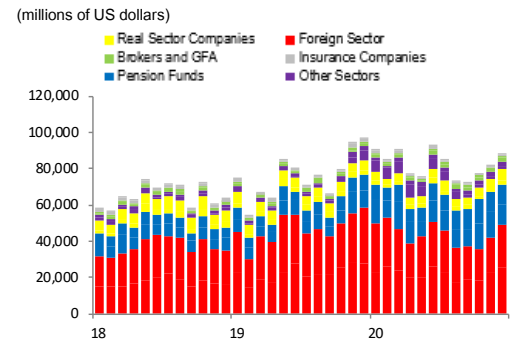
Derivatives market, turnover

Derivatives turnover by counterparty (millions of US dollars)	
Foreign Sector	\$ 49,079
Real Sector Companies	\$ 9,071
Pension Funds	\$ 22,078
Insurance Companies	\$ 1,150
Brokers and GFA	\$ 2,764
Other Sectors	\$ 4,031
Total	\$ 88,174

During the month, foreign currency derivatives turnover by the Formal Exchange Market reached US\$88,174 million. Compared to November, this was an increase of US\$6,185 million. (Chart 2).

This increase in transactions was mainly explained by higher flows in the Foreign Sector by US\$6,984 and the Real Sector by US\$1,787 million, totaling US\$49,079 and US\$9,071 million, respectively. These flows were offset by a decrease in Pension Fund activity by US\$3,131, totaling US\$22,078 million.

Chart 2: Derivatives turnover by counterparty.



Source: Central Bank of Chile.

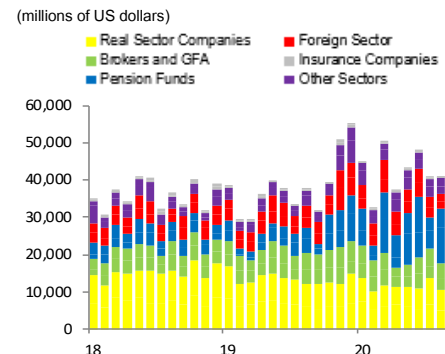
Spot market, turnover

Spot turnover by counterparty (millions of US dollars)	
Foreign Sector	\$ 6,271
Real Sector Companies	\$ 15,389
Pension Funds	\$ 11,874
Insurance Companies	\$ 477
Brokers and GFA	\$ 7,525
Other Sectors	\$ 7,553
Total	\$ 49,089

In December, spot turnover reached US\$49,089 million, a reduction of US\$5,403 million compared to November (Chart 3).

This fall was explained by lower activity in Pension Funds by US\$10,875 million. This was partially offset by higher activity in Real Sector Companies by US\$3,788 million. Thus, these sectors registered totals of US\$11,874 and US\$15,389 million, respectively.

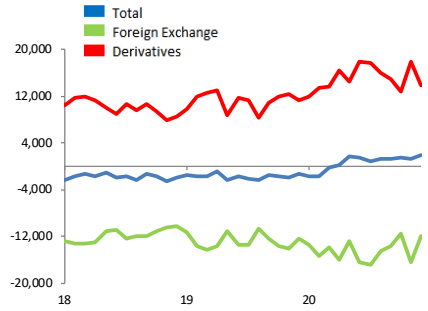
Chart 3: Spot turnover by counterparty.



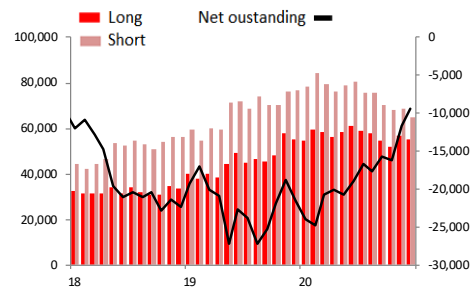
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Annex

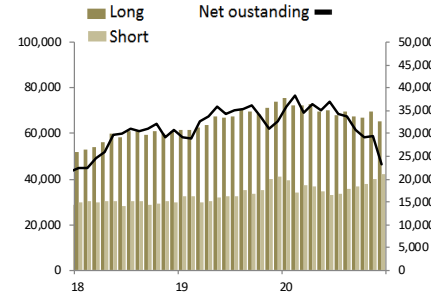
Net amounts outstanding (spot plus derivatives) of the Formal Exchange Market
(millions of US dollars)



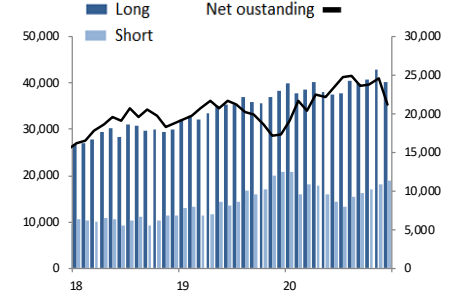
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Foreign Sector
(millions of US dollars)



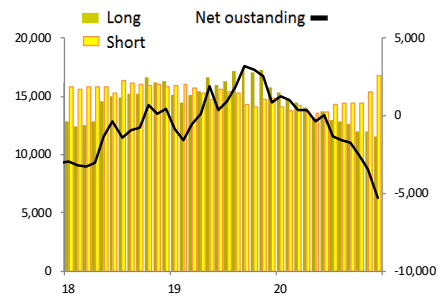
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Local Counterparties
(millions of US dollars)



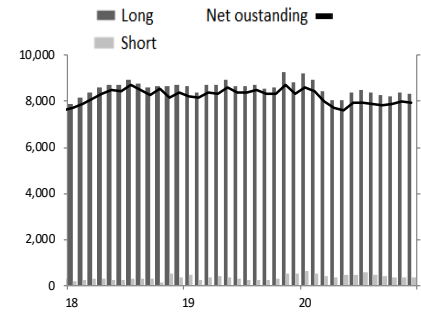
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Pension Funds
(millions of US dollars)



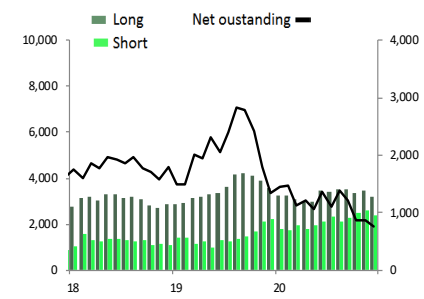
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Real Sector Companies
(millions of US dollars)



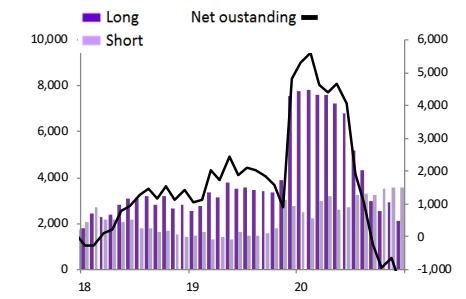
Derivatives. Net amounts outstanding of the Formal Exchange Market with Insurance Companies
(millions of US dollars)



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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