

International Investment Position (As at End of Period) Fourth Quarter 2023

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

The international investment position (IIP) provides a snapshot of the financial assets and liabilities that residents¹ of an economy have with the rest of the world. The net IIP, which is the difference between an economy's external financial assets and liabilities, reflects an economy's state of financial stability. The analysis of IIP is important to Singapore given its status as an international financial centre and trading hub. Singapore has been registering net asset positions in the IIP (i.e., net positive IIP), with consistently higher external assets over external liabilities, making it a net creditor country to the rest of the world.

External assets and liabilities comprise various functional categories, namely: direct investment, portfolio investment, financial derivatives, other investment and reserve assets (external assets only).

Singapore's net asset position in the IIP declined 4.1 per cent quarter-on-quarter from \$1,182 bil to \$1,133 bil as at end 4Q 2023. The decline was due to the higher growth in external liabilities compared to external assets. Direct investment liabilities and portfolio investment liabilities (under external liabilities) grew over the quarter, while financial derivatives assets and other investment assets (under external assets) declined.

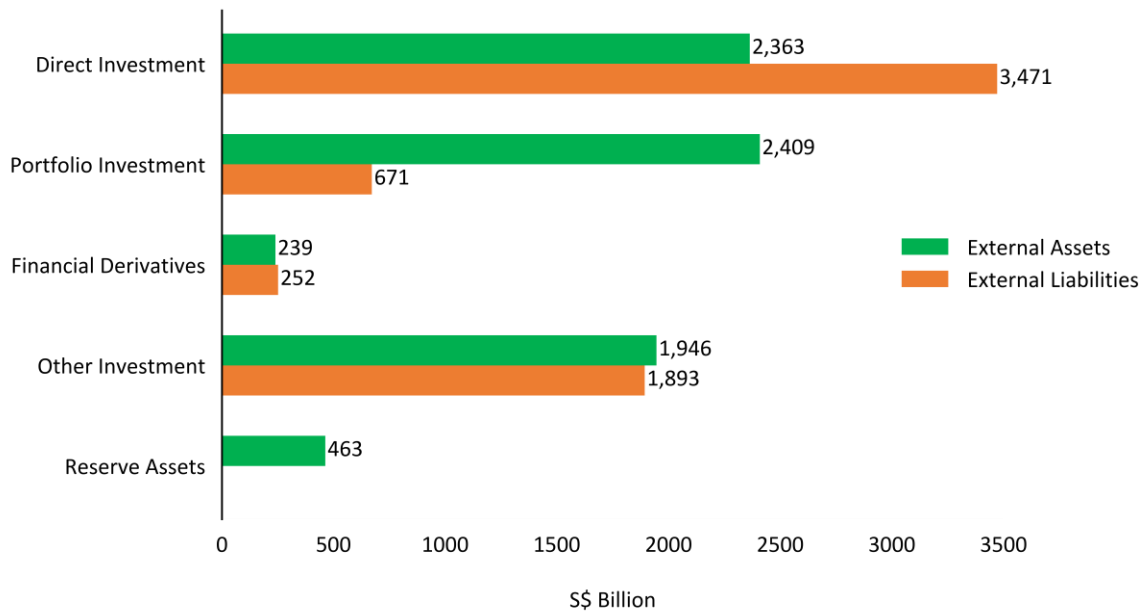
	3Q 2023	4Q 2023	Quarter-on-Quarter Change	
	S\$ Billion		%	
External Assets	7,370	7,420	▲	0.7
External Liabilities	6,188	6,287	▲	1.6
Net IIP	1,182	1,133	▼	4.1

¹ Residents of a country include individuals residing in the country, corporations and enterprises located in the country as well as its embassies, military units, and official missions stationed abroad.

IIP BY FUNCTIONAL CATEGORY

As at end 4Q 2023, direct investment and financial derivatives registered net liability positions of \$1,108 bil and \$12.2 bil respectively. In contrast, portfolio investment and other investment registered net asset positions of \$1,737 bil and \$52.9 bil respectively. Reserve assets stood at \$463 bil as at end 4Q 2023.

Singapore's IIP by Functional Category as at End 4Q 2023



CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

International Investment Position (IIP)

The IIP is a statement that shows the value and composition of cross-border financial assets and liabilities of residents of an economy. The values reflected are as at a point in time.

Direct Investment

Direct investment refers to cross-border investment where a direct investor, residing in one economy, owns 10 per cent or more of the ordinary shares or voting power in an enterprise residing in another economy. The components of direct investment comprise equity investment (i.e., share capital and reserves) attributable to the direct investor and net inter-company lending between the Singapore enterprise and its related entities overseas.

Portfolio Investment

Portfolio investment refers to cross-border investments by an investor into an enterprise that is resident of another economy with a lesser degree of influence than that of a direct investment relationship. Portfolio investment takes the form of either equity or debt securities investments and is often associated with, but not limited to, trading of securities on organised or other financial markets.

Financial Derivatives

A financial derivative contract is a financial instrument that is linked to another specific financial instrument or indicator or commodity and through which specific financial risks (such as interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, equity and commodity price risks, credit risk, etc) can be traded in their own right in financial markets. Transactions and positions in financial derivatives are treated separately from the values of any underlying items to which they are linked.

Other Investment

Other investment is a residual category that includes positions and transactions other than those included in direct investment, portfolio investment, financial derivatives, and reserve assets.

Reserve Assets

Reserve assets show the stock of Singapore's foreign reserves holdings. They consist of Singapore's official holdings of monetary gold and foreign exchange assets, as well as Singapore's special drawing rights and reserve position in the International Monetary Fund.

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IIP: <https://go.gov.sg/iipdb>

External Debt: <https://go.gov.sg/extdebtbd>

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