Hagsjá - The FX Market

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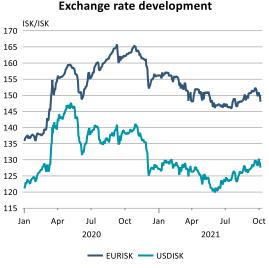
The Icelandic króna weakened against the currencies of our main trading partners in September. At the end of the month, the euro stood at ISK 150.9 compared to ISK 149.6 at the end of August and the US dollar stood at ISK 130.3 compared to ISK 126.4 at the end of August.

Turnover in the foreign exchange market amounted to ISK 46.3bn (EUR 289m) in September and compared with ISK 18.3bn (EUR 123m) in August. The CBI's share was ISK 4.6bn (10% of total turnover).

Of the 22 trading days in September, the CBI intervened five days. On all five days, it sold euros. The CBI's net sale of foreign currency was ISK 4,6bn (EUR 30m) in September.

30/09/2021		YTD	1M	3M	12M
TWI	197.8	-1.3%	1.4%	3.5%	-5.1%
EUR	150.9	-3.3%	0.9%	3.0%	-7.0%
USD	130.3	2.4%	3.1%	5.8%	-5.9%
GBP	175.4	1.0%	0.7%	2.7%	-1.3%
DKK	20.3	-3.3%	0.9%	3.0%	-6.8%
NOK	14.9	-0.5%	1.8%	3.1%	1.6%
SEK	14.8	-4.7%	0.8%	2.5%	-3.3%
CHF	139.3	-3.5%	0.6%	4.4%	-7.2%
JPY	1.16	-5.7%	1.1%	4.4%	-11.2%

Source: Kodíak



Exchange rate development

Source: Macrobond



The Icelandic *króna* has appreciated against the EUR but depreciated against the USD and GBP this year to date.



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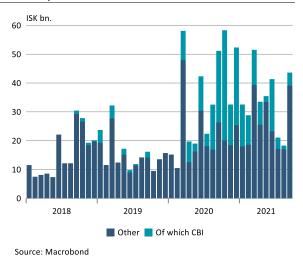


Gross foreign exchange reserves were ISK 930bn (EUR 6.2bn) at the end of August.

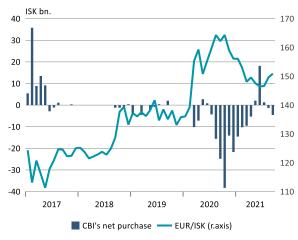


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Turnover in the FX market was ISK 43.6bn (EUR 289m) in September. The CBI's share was ISK 4.6bn (10% of turnover).

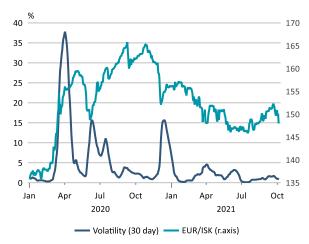


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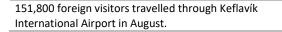
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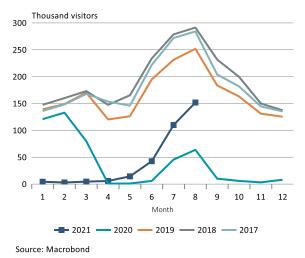
Changes in the volatility of the *króna* against the euro in September were insignificant.



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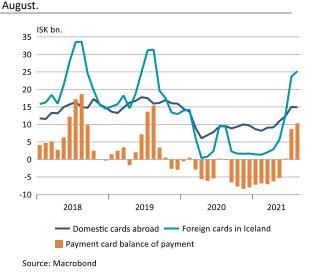




The real exchange rate was 7.1% higher in September

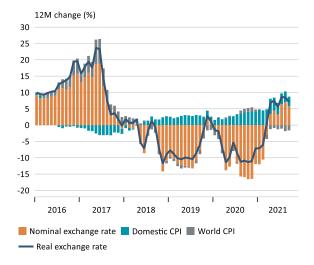
2021 than in September 2020; the nominal exchange rate

The payment card balance was positive by ISK 10.3bn in



The contribution of domestic inflation to changes in the real exchange rate was +3.0%; the contribution of international inflation was -1.6%.





Source: Macrobond

was 5.8% stronger.

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