Hagsjá - The FX Market

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The Icelandic *króna* strengthened against the euro and the US dollar in October while weakening against the British pound, the Norwegian krona, the Swedish krona and the Swiss franc. The trade-weighted index was roughly unchanged during the month.

At the end of October, the euro stood at ISK 149.8, compared to ISK 150.9 at the end of September. Within the month, the lowest value of the euro was ISK 148.

Turnover in the foreign exchange market was ISK 24.1bn (EUR 161m) in October, a decrease of 45% between months. Of 21 business days, there were 3 with no turnover. The CBI's share was ISK 1.3bn (6% of total turnover).

The CBI intervened two days in October: on Monday 4 October, it bought EUR 6m and on Tuesday 5 October it bought EUR 3m. In total, the Central Bank bought euros for ISK 1.3bn in the month.

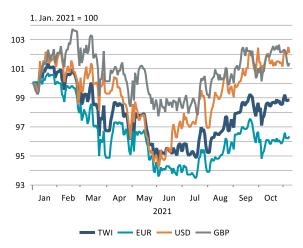
| 30/10/2021 | | YTD | 1M | 3M | 12M |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| TWI | 197.6 | -1.4% | -0.1% | 3.5% | -6.8% |
| EUR | 149.8 | -4.0% | -0.7% | 2.2% | -8.8% |
| USD | 128.7 | 1.1% | -1.3% | 4.3% | -8.5% |
| GBP | 177.3 | 2.2% | 1.1% | 3.0% | -2.8% |
| DKK | 20.1 | -4.0% | -0.8% | 2.2% | -8.7% |
| NOK | 15.4 | 2.9% | 3.4% | 9.4% | 3.7% |
| SEK | 15.1 | -3.2% | 1.6% | 4.8% | -4.9% |
| CHF | 141.2 | -2.2% | 1.3% | 3.7% | -8.1% |
| JPY | 1.13 | -8.4% | -2.9% | 0.5% | -15.9% |

Source: Kodíak





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



Source: Macrobond

The CBI intervened two days in October. On all-both days, the bank bought euros

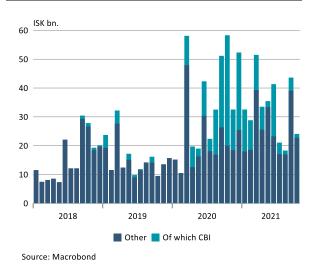


Gross foreign exchange reserves were ISK 920bn (EUR 6.2bn) at the end of September.

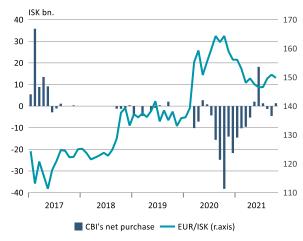


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Turnover in the FX market was ISK 21.4bn (EUR 161m) in October. The CBI's share was ISK_1.3bn (6% of turnover).

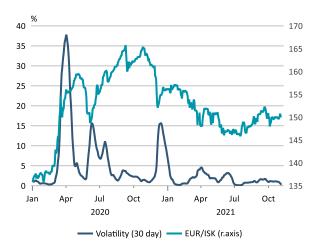


The CBI's net purchases of foreign currency was ISK 1.3bn (EUR 9m) in October.



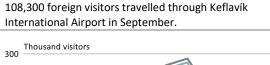
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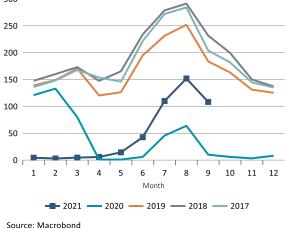
The volatility of the króna against the euro decreased in October.



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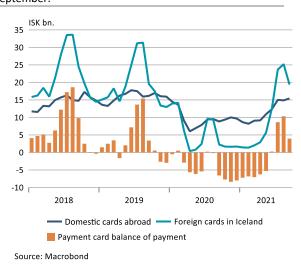




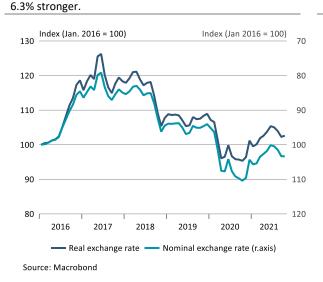


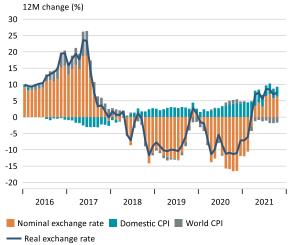
The real exchange rate was 7.6% higher in October 2021 than in October 2020; the nominal exchange rate was

The payment card balance was positive by ISK 4.0bn in September.



The contribution of domestic inflation to changes in the real exchange rate was +3.0%; the contribution of international inflation was -1.7%.





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