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Canadian Portfolio Investment Survey

Year-end 2007

Canadian investors held $764.7 billion of foreign securities at the end of 2007, up 3.9% from 2006 but in sharp contrast with the 34.6% increase recorded between 2005 and 2006. The appearance of global credit concerns in the second half of the year created some uncertainties in financial markets and had an impact on the value of investments held by Canadians.

Canadian holdings of foreign stocks were up 3.7% in 2007, while holdings of foreign debt instruments increased 4.7%.

Holdings of stocks continued to account for the bulk of the investment abroad, representing about 80% of total portfolio holdings in 2007. Holdings of US securities remained flat but still represented about 50% of all foreign investments held by Canadians. On the other hand, there were significant increases in the level of investments held in emerging markets.

Investment in stocks of the BRIC country grouping (Brazil, Russia, India and China) almost doubled to $17.1 billion at the end of 2007. Canadian portfolio investment in the PANDA country grouping, which is comprised of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, increased 19.5%. These increases were led by gains in stocks of the resources sector.

Increased instability in global financial markets during 2007 resulted in a drastic reduction in holdings of foreign money market paper, down to $7.5 billion from $20.1 billion at the end of 2006.

Holdings of foreign long-term debt instruments increased in 2007 but at a much lower pace than in 2006. Activity in the maple bond market slowed significantly after July, as credit concerns increased. However, the strong pace of investment in the first half of the year resulted in sizable increases in holdings of debt instruments in France, Iceland and international organizations.

Canadian investment abroad in securities was spread over 95 countries around the world at the end of 2007, as Canadians continued to diversify their portfolio holdings, especially into the resource rich sectors of emerging markets of the world.

Although, there has been a gradual shift in asset allocation to other regions, the top five destinations of United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Germany and France accounted for $559.1 billion or 73% of Canadian portfolio investments abroad. Meanwhile, $33.3 billion was invested in the top five emerging markets of South Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Taiwan and China.

Note: The survey collects information on portfolio investment assets at year-end, at market value, broken down by country of issuer. Portfolio investment is defined as investment in foreign securities undertaken for the sake of investment income or capital gains. Foreign securities are defined as an investment in equity and debt instruments issued by a non-resident issuer.

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Market value of Canadian portfolio investment abroad at year-end

	2004	2005	2006	2007
	$ millions			
America	**270,271**	**321,393**	**418,277**	**424,603**
United States	248,116	292,240	378,002	379,346
Cayman Islands	8,679	10,717	14,806	14,576
Brazil	2,967	4,354	5,895	9,986
Bermuda	4,736	6,480	9,116	9,977
Mexico	3,659	4,542	5,651	5,357
All other countries	2,114	3,060	4,807	5,361
Europe	**131,418**	**152,018**	**219,363**	**232,087**
United Kingdom	50,600	57,467	75,452	72,451
Germany	11,579	14,533	26,915	32,348
France	16,552	19,251	28,793	31,869
Switzerland	11,128	12,492	16,619	16,891
Netherlands	11,237	12,594	17,277	15,928
All other countries	30,322	35,681	54,307	62,600
Asia and Oceania	**51,991**	**69,439**	**92,576**	**99,214**
Japan	29,060	39,554	46,445	43,126
Australia	8,315	10,320	15,004	16,753
South Korea	3,959	6,262	8,800	10,649
Hong Kong	3,820	4,199	6,286	7,646
Taiwan	1,191	1,931	3,864	3,940
All other countries	5,646	7,173	12,177	17,100
All other countries	**4,811**	**4,019**	**5,748**	**8,776**
Total	**458,491**	**546,869**	**735,964**	**764,680**

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Flows and stocks of fixed residential capital

2008 (revised)

The revised annual fixed residential capital flows and stocks series at the provincial level for 2008 are now available.

Note: Data have also been revised from 2005 to 2007.

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