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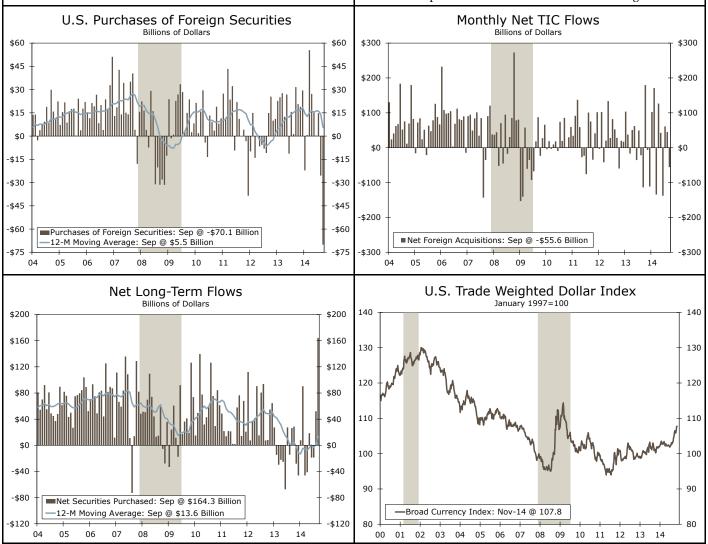
Foreign purchases of long-term U.S. securities were strong in September, although there was a rundown in foreign bank deposits. In general, however, foreigners remain enamored with U.S. assets.

Record Amount of Long-Term Inflows in September

- Foreigners bought \$94.2 billion of U.S. long-term securities in September—the largest figure since Jan. 2012—as Treasury purchases accounted for roughly half of the total.
- When combined with the \$70.1 billion of net sales of foreign securities by American investors, the result was \$164.3 billion in net long-term inflows, which was the highest figure on record.

Dollar Likely Will Continue to Strengthen

- However, there were sizable outflows of short-term instruments, including the \$186.1 billion decline in foreign liabilities in American banks, which ultimately resulted in a \$55.6 billion total net outflow.
- In general, however, foreign interest in U.S. assets remains high, due in part to relatively lower rates of return in foreign countries, and we suspect that the dollar will continue to strengthen.



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