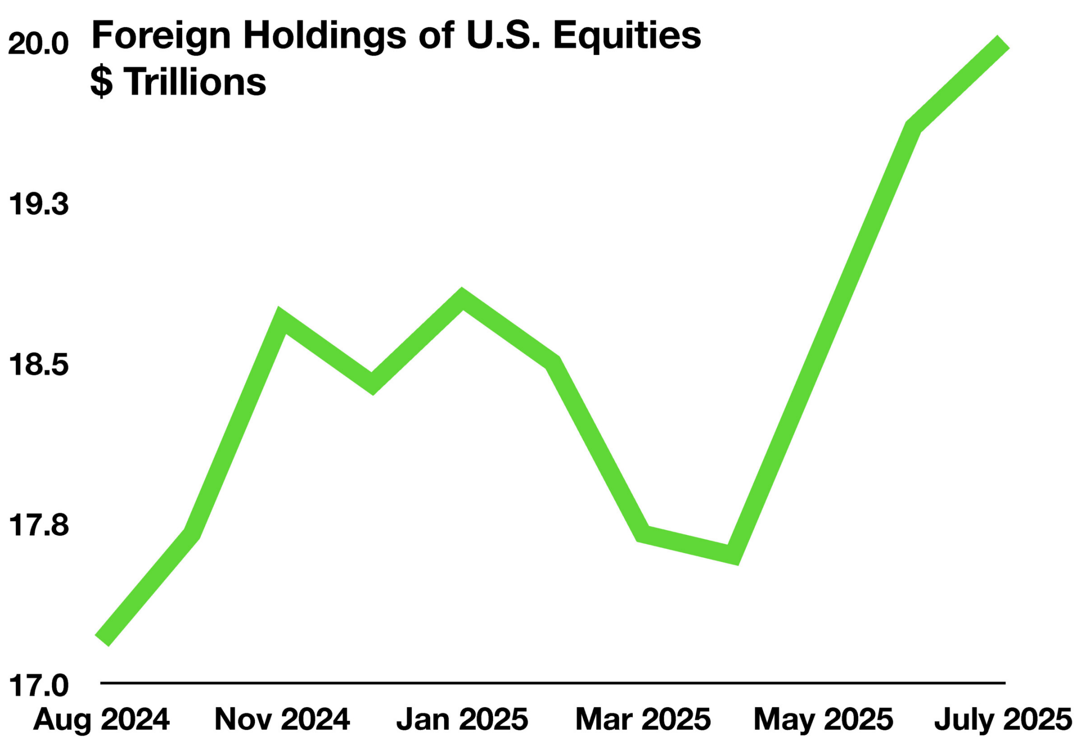
Foreigners Own Record Amount of U.S. Stocks - Equity Market Dynamics

Foreign purchases of U.S. equities rose to a record in the second quarter of 2025, according to Federal Reserve data, with foreigner investors now holding some $18 trillion in U.S. stocks, accounting for roughly 30% of the $60 trillion U.S. stock market. The current holdings of U.S stocks by foreigners is the largest on record going back to 1945, according to data compiled by the Federal Reserve.

Analysts believe that a growing number of foreign investors are avoiding U.S. Treasuries and instead buying U.S. corporate bonds and U.S. large cap stocks. The increase in holdings by foreigners is also attributable to increasing equity valuations across all sectors and industries.

The transparency and accounting standards of U.S. companies has been a beacon for decades as international investors seek the liquidity and regulated markets of the United States.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



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