

# Asia FI & FX Strategy Watch

# Asia ex China Flows – Equity outflows overwhelm bond inflows

## Exhibit 1: Aggregate cumulative flows into EM Asia debt and equity markets

Aggregate cumulative outflows continued in March 2025



**Source**: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg. Note: Each line shows for India, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea the aggregate cumulative debt and equity flows, only equity flows for Taiwan and Philippines and only debt flows for Malaysia.

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- Cumulative inflows into EM Asia (ex-China) debt and equity markets in the first three months of this year come in at negative USD33.51bn, as investors remain concerned about downside growth risks for equities.
- This marks the worst performance in the first quarter of 2025 for inflows in over 9 years (since we began tracking flows) and contrasts with the recent peak inflow of USD30bn achieved in October-24 (Exhibit 1). Q1 witnessed foreign equity selling, especially for Taiwan (Exhibit 2).
- In Mar-25, the gap between the equity and debt flows continued to widen as the
  equities witnessed significant outflows, accumulating to USD40.34bn (Exhibit 7),
  while the debt inflows turned positive at USD6.8bn. The pace of equity outflows is
  running similar to the bear market of 2022, while bonds offer a safer asset.
- All Asian equity markets witnessed outflows in Mar-25 with highest outflows from Taiwan (Exhibit 2), which is being hit by concerns over tariffs and export technology restrictions.
- EM Asia ex-China's bond markets witnessed cumulative inflows in Mar-25, reaching USD7.55bn by the end of the month (Exhibit 6). All Asian markets succeeded in attracting foreign investment into their debt markets in the month of March.

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# Flow charts

#### Exhibit 2: Monthly flows into equity markets (USD mn)

Taiwan witnessed the highest equity outflows in Mar-25 followed by Korea

	India	Korea	T hailand	Malaysia	Indonesia	Philippines	Taiwan
Mar-24	4016	3816	-1145	-509	506	-46	-93
Apr-24	-1097	1794	108	-288	- 141	412	<b>-4</b> 828
May-24	<b>3</b> 023	676	455	314	881	174	2708
J un-24	3111	3821	950	-13	-92	104	1773
J ul-24	3347	1240	-47	282	411	60	- <b>11</b> 562
Aug-24	1393	-2078	-170	587	1847	143	2519
Sep-24	5944	<b>-5</b> 727	867	10	1418	346	<b>-3</b> 642
0 c t-24	-10 <mark>945</mark>	<b>-3</b> 404	845	-113	719	22	1 30
Nov-24	2680	<b>-3</b> 203	898	-599	- 063	349	- <b>8</b> 045
Dec-24	1321	- 530	308	-537	313	103	708
J a n-25	<b>-8</b> 418	-1002	330	-702	229	114	-1261
Feb-25	<b>-5</b> 353	2846	-195	-195	- 111	145	- <b>3</b> 884
Mar-25	234	- 461	547	-1045	490	50	- <b>13</b> 144

**Source:** BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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#### Exhibit 4: Monthly flows into debt markets (USD mn)

Strong inflows in Korea's debt markets continued in Mar-25

	C hina	India	Korea	Thailand	Malaysia	Indonesia
Mar-24	3266	2224	4339	-280	563	1313
Apr-24	247	1910	862	-796	-438	1064
May-24	10410	005	066	386	950	199
J un-24	2195	136	-759	-447	-257	117
J ul-24	6069	2615	-269	705	3290	305
Aug-24	3249	2806	5984	645	58 <mark>8</mark> 3	2492
Sep-24	2586	2295	2761	649	3439	343
0 c t-24	- 9242	-343	4014	649	-5683	967
Nov-24	- 2954	-114	064	649	- 248	-806
Dec-24	9279	578	1618	651	-653	293
J a n-25	4574	384	1141	646	424	133
Feb-25	1022	353	3882	643	-284	546
Mar-25	1306	3687	3988	649	063	111

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### Exhibit 6: Cumulative flows into EM Asia debt markets

Cumulative debt inflows in Mar-25



Notes: Each line represents the aggregate cumulative debt inflows into India, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea and Malaysia.

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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#### Exhibit 3: Weekly flows into equity markets (USD mn)

Strong outflows from Taiwan equity markets since the first week of Mar-25

	India	Korea	T hailand	Malaysia	Indonesia	Philippines	Taiwan
24-J an-25	-2197	506	-23	- 58	-57	-34	89
31-J an-25	-1272	85	-85	- 15	-6	1	
7-Feb-25	-894	-210	74	38	233	28	
14-Feb-25	<b>-2</b> 25	- 53	-33	46	184	-43	100
21-Feb-25	-101	329	64	- 27	-71	-47	100
28-Feb-25	-2233	-2 54	00	- 85	622	-83	-3
7-Mar-25	-1828	-187	- 29	- 99	-28	7	-47
14-Mar-25	833	<b>-1</b> 513	- 49	- 03	226	32	-37
21-Mar-25	515	1682	- 04	- 82	432	40	-1
28-Mar-25	1881	228	- 21	- 60	196	-34	-25

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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## Exhibit 5: Weekly flows into debt markets (USD mn)

Indian bonds witnessed weekly inflows throughout the month of Mar-25

	India		T hailand		Indonesia	
24-J a n-25		291		269		308
31-J a n-25		1841		-58		156
7-Feb-25		928		185		432
14-Feb-25		-1319		-49		-237
21-Feb-25		-575		-73		580
28-F e b - 25		2320		-16		-230
7-Mar-25		749		226		482
14-Mar-25		788		278		-234
21-Mar-25		1443		-16		172
28-Mar-25		707		-48		-308

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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## Exhibit 7: Cumulative flows into EM Asia equity markets

Cumulative equity outflows continued in Mar-25



Notes: Each line represents the aggregate cumulative equity inflows into India, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan and Philippines.

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#### Exhibit 8: Cumulative flows into EM Asia debt and equity markets

Gap continued to widen in Mar-25; strong cumulative equity outflows and higher debt inflows

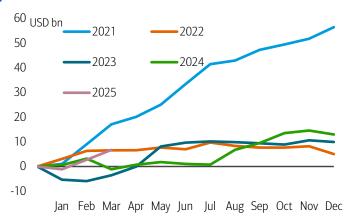


Notes: Debt represents cumulative inflows into India, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea and Malaysia and Equity represents cumulative inflows into India, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan and Philippines. **Source:** BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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#### **Exhibit 10: Cumulative flows into Korean bonds**

Cumulative inflows to Korean bonds in Feb-25

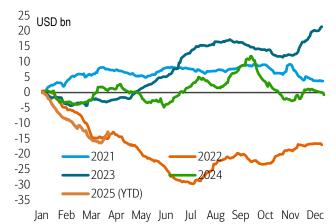


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#### **Exhibit 12: Cumulative flows into Indian equities**

Cumulative outflows from Indian equities continued in Mar-25



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#### **Exhibit 9: Cumulative flows into Korean equities**

Cumulative outflows from Korean equities continued in Mar-25



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#### **Exhibit 11: Cumulative flows into India bonds**

Inflows to Indian bonds by Mar-end higher than Feb-25 levels



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#### **Exhibit 13: Cumulative flows into Taiwanese equities**

Pace of outflows from Taiwanese equities increased by Mar-25



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#### **Exhibit 14: Cumulative flows into Indonesian bonds**

Cumulative inflows to Indonesian bonds slightly higher in Mar-25



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#### **Exhibit 15: Cumulative flows into Indonesian equities**

Cumulative outflows from Indonesian equities increased in Mar-25



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