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Tweet: Foreigners have been the dominant net buyers of long-dated Treasuries over the 14 months ending April 2024, purchasing \$700B, over 80% of total net issuance. @Fedguy12 warns that this would make a dollar devaluation "particularly dangerous."

Summary: Foreigners have been the dominant net buyers of long-dated Treasuries over the past year by purchasing almost as much as the entire net issuance. Foreigners purchased a net \$700b in longer-dated Treasuries over the 14 months ending April 2024. That is only modestly below the \$860b in total net issuance of longer-dated Treasuries. Foreign purchasers of longer-dated Treasuries have largely been from the non-official sector while net purchases from the official sector appeared to move with the dollar. While granular data is not available, foreign non-official entities include hedge funds, pension funds, insurance funds, and banks. Their purchases could be motivated by historically high U.S. interest rates, or in part a currency speculation.

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