

Why America's Wealth Is a Global Magnet

Not just trade, but capital flows define global economic power.

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The United States has the largest negative net international investment position (NIIP) among OECD economies

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This reflects the U.S. holding more foreign liabilities than foreign assets, a structural imbalance sustained for decades.

The U.S. runs persistent current account deficits, which are financed by net capital inflows—foreign investors buying American assets. This creates a negative NIIP, meaning the U.S. owes more to the rest of the world than it owns abroad. This is not a flaw, but a feature of the dollar's global role: foreign demand for U.S. assets continues to grow despite the imbalance.

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<https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/notes/feds-notes/beyond-the-current-account-u-s-financial-flows-and-global-imbalances-20261009.html>





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Capital Inflows Drive the Dollar's Power

This dynamic explains why luxury markets in major U.S. cities remain resilient even during global volatility—because the asset class is not just local, it's global.



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The Illusion of Imbalance

For investors, this means that the value of U.S. real estate isn't just tied to domestic fundamentals—it's anchored in global financial confidence.

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