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International Finance through the Lens of BIS Statistics

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The BIS launched a series on the use of statistics in international finance. Each article provides a compact explanation of key concepts in an area of international finance along with an introduction to the corresponding statistics compiled at the BIS. The aim is to promote broader use and understanding of BIS international financial statistics for research and teaching. The series will culminate in a volume of eight to nine articles, edited by Hyun Song Shin and co-authors.

I propose to present an overview of the series and available data in one of the slots at the SI 2025 International Finance and Macroeconomics Data Session. As the new Head of *International Banking and Financial Statistics*, I lead the group that compiles and analyses the BIS statistics on international banking, bond markets and derivatives markets (Bio). The individual articles of the series are:

Part I: **Residence vs Nationality** [March 2024]. Most international statistics are compiled on a residence basis. BIS statistics also group balance sheets by headquarters for a nationality view.
- Includes a Box on geographic dimensions in international finance, classifying benchmark statistical collections by residence and nationality.

Part II: **The Global Reach of Currencies** [June 2024] The use of key currencies in international finance far outstrips the issuing jurisdictions' share in global economic activity. The US dollar dominates globally, while the euro, yen and pound sterling have a smaller international footprint.
- Includes a Box with links to international statistics on banking, bond markets, FX and derivatives markets that feature a currency dimension.

Part III: **Bank Exposures and Country Risk** [September 2024] BIS international banking statistics help understand banks' exposures to country risk events like sovereign defaults, crises, wars, sanctions and natural disasters.
- Contains a Box on the structure of the BIS consolidated statistics.

Part IV: **The Geography of Banks' Operations** [December 2024] The BIS international banking statistics reveal banks' structure across home and host countries.
- with a Box on geographic dimensions in BIS international banking statistics.

Part V: **The International Dimensions of Credit** [March 2025] BIS statistics sheds light on various international dimensions of credit and their impact on financial stability in borrower countries.
- with a Box on tracking international credit with BIS international banking statistics.

Further articles being planned for this series to be written in the course of the year include:
- **Bond Markets, domestic and international**, drawing on BIS Debt securities statistics.
- **Derivatives markets**, drawing on BIS Derivatives Statistics.
- **Non-bank financial institutions** through the lens of BIS international financial statistics.

[1] The articles in the series have been co-authored between Patrick McGuire (the former Head of IBFS), Bryan Hardy, Sonya Zhu Torsten Ehlers and Goetz von Peter so far.