

PRESS RELEASE

EURO AREA INVESTMENT FUND STATISTICS SEPTEMBER 2010

In September 2010, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was EUR 169 billion higher than one quarter earlier in June 2010. This increase was due both to increases in share/unit prices and to net issues of shares/units.

The **amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds** increased to EUR 5,488 billion in September 2010, from EUR 5,319 billion in June 2010. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds decreased to EUR 1,137 billion from EUR 1,167 billion¹.

Transactions² in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to EUR 70 billion in the third quarter of 2010, while transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds amounted to EUR 5 billion.

The annual growth rate of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds, calculated on the basis of transactions, was 7.1% in September 2010. For the same period, the annual rate of change of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -11.7%.

Shares/units issued

(EUR billions and annual growth rates; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period, transactions during the period)

	2009		2010					
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q3		
						July	Aug.	Sep.
<u>Investment funds other than money market funds:</u>								
Amount outstanding	4,758	4,994	5,332	5,319	5,488	5,388	5,455	5,488
Transactions	183	108	142	28	70	21	30	19
Annual percentage	-	8.5	12.3	10.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.1
<u>Money market funds:</u>								
Amount outstanding	1,253	1,202	1,175	1,167	1,137	1,143	1,180	1,137
Transactions	-5	-60	-43	-49	5	-5	28	-17
Annual percentage change	0.9	-3.6	-10.1	-12.3	-11.7	-13.8	-12.1	-11.7

¹ The decrease was due mainly to changes in exchange rates.

² Transactions in shares/units issued mainly reflect the difference between shares/units issued and those redeemed, but may also include other transactions, such as those resulting from dividend payments received or distributed by the fund.

Regarding the **assets of euro area investment funds other than money market funds**, the annual growth rate of securities other than shares was 9.5% in September 2010, with transactions amounting to EUR 55 billion during the third quarter. In the case of shares and other equity the corresponding annual growth rate was 4.0%, with third-quarter transactions of EUR 15 billion. For holdings of investment fund shares/units the annual growth rate was 9.7%, with third-quarter transactions of EUR 16 billion.

In terms of the **breakdown by investment policy**, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 10.3% in September 2010. Transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to EUR 41 billion in the third quarter of 2010. The annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 2.7% and EUR 7 billion respectively. For mixed funds, the corresponding figures were 7.3% and EUR 23 billion.

Regarding the **assets of euro area money market funds**, the annual rate of change of securities other than shares was -10.7% in September 2010, with minor transactions close to nil during the third quarter (within this item, the transactions in securities issued by euro area residents were EUR -2 billion); for deposit and loan claims the annual rate of change was -7.8% and transactions equalled EUR 11 billion.

Notes

- Money market funds are presented separately in this press release since they are classified in the monetary financial institutions sector within the European statistical framework, while other types of investment fund are classified in the other financial intermediaries sector.
- In addition to the data for the reference month, this press release incorporates revisions to the data for previous periods.
- The latest data on investment funds can be downloaded from the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse (<http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/browse.do?node=17066> and <http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/browse.do?node=8257806>). More details on the latest investment fund data, together with explanatory notes, are available in the "Statistics" section of the ECB's website under "Euro area investment fund statistics" (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/funds/html/index.en.html>) and "The balance sheets of monetary financial institutions" (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/aggregates/bsheets/html/index.en.html>).
- Data refer to the changing composition of the euro area, i.e. they relate to those EU Member States that had adopted the euro at the time covered by the statistics.
- Some figures in this press release may not add up due to rounding.
- The publication of euro area investment fund statistics referring to October 2010, November 2010 and December 2010 is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on 21 December 2010, 24 January 2011 and 21 February 2011 respectively.

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Assets and liabilities of euro area investment funds

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period, transactions and other changes during the period)

	2010 Q2	2010 Q3				
	Amount outstanding	Amount outstanding	Change in amount outstanding	Transactions	Other changes ¹⁾	Annual percentage change ²⁾
Investment funds other than money market funds						
Assets						
Deposits and loan claims	385	373	-12	-12	1	-0.4
Securities other than shares	2271	2330	59	55	4	9.5
Issued by euro area residents	1447	1477	30	14	16	3.0
Issued by non-euro area residents	824	853	29	41	-12	23.6
Shares and other equity	1719	1790	71	15	56	4.0
Issued by euro area residents	672	713	41	10	30	0.5
Issued by non-euro area residents	1047	1077	31	5	26	6.9
Investment fund shares/units (incl. money market fund shares)	791	819	28	16	12	9.7
Issued by euro area residents	662	700	38	21	17	9.8
Issued by non-euro area residents	129	119	-10	-5	-5	9.1
Non-financial assets	242	242	0	0	0	13.5
Other assets	436	507	71	56	16	21.5
Liabilities						
Investment fund shares/units	5319	5488	169	70	99	7.1
Loans and deposits received	126	122	-4	-5	2	9.2
Other liabilities	399	450	51	65	-14	23.7
Total	5844	6061	217	129	87	8.2
Money market funds						
Assets						
Deposits and loan claims	165	171	6	11	-5	-7.8
Securities other than shares	950	920	-30	0	-30	-10.7
Issued by euro area residents	557	549	-8	-2	-6	-11.8
Issued by non-euro area residents	393	371	-22	2	-24	-9.2
Shares and other equity	5	5	0	0	0	-6.7
Money market fund shares/units	56	52	-4	-4	0	-30.6
Other assets	23	25	3	3	0	268.1
Liabilities						
Money market fund shares/units	1167	1137	-30	5	-35	-11.7
Loans and deposits received	5	7	2	2	0	34.7
Other liabilities	26	29	3	3	0	136.8
Total	1197	1173	-24	10	-35	-10.0

1) Other changes consist of revaluations due to price and exchange rate changes as well as statistical reclassifications.

2) Annual percentage changes are calculated on the basis of transactions.

Investment funds shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period, transactions and other changes during the period)

	2010 Q2	2010 Q3				
	Amount outstanding	Amount outstanding	Change in amount outstanding	Transactions	Other changes ¹⁾	Annual percentage change ²⁾
Breakdown by investment policy³⁾						
Bond funds	1750	1806	56	41	15	10.3
Equity funds	1487	1551	64	7	57	2.7
Mixed funds	1291	1338	46	23	23	7.3
Real estate funds	252	256	3	2	2	10.4
Hedge funds	107	100	-8	-3	-5	15.5
Other funds	431	437	6	0	7	6.3
Breakdown by type of fund⁴⁾						
Open-end funds	5236	5404	168	69	99	6.9
Closed-end funds	83	84	1	1	0	19.3
Total	5319	5488	169	70	99	7.1

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3) The breakdown by investment policy is generally based on the types of asset in which the investment funds primarily invest, usually on the basis of a stated strategy (e.g. if the fund primarily invests in shares and other equity it is allocated to the "equity funds" category). Funds investing in both equity and bonds, without any prevalent policy for either, are allocated to the "mixed funds" category. Hedge funds are classified in line with the statistical definition set out in Guideline ECB/2007/9. In particular, they cover funds with relatively unconstrained investment strategies and few restrictions on the types of financial asset in which they may invest. If a fund cannot be classified as an equity, bond, mixed, real estate or hedge fund, it is included in the residual "other funds" category.

4) The shares/units of open-end funds can be redeemed out of the fund's assets. Closed-end funds are funds with a fixed number of issued shares/units.