

PRESS RELEASE

Euro area investment fund statistics March 2010

In March 2010, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was higher than one quarter earlier in December 2009. 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 5,291 billion in March 2010**, from EUR 4,965 billion in December 2009¹. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds decreased to EUR 1,174 billion from EUR 1,202 billion.

The **transactions in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to EUR 130 billion in the first quarter of 2010**, while the transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds amounted to EUR -44 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 11.9% in March 2010. For the same period, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -10.2%.

Shares/units issued

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

	2009				2010			
					Q1			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar
<u>Investment funds other than money market funds:</u>								
Amount outstanding	3,908	4,281	4,739	4,965	5,291	5,016	5,078	5,291
Transactions	-23	93	186	107	130	60	22	48
Annual growth rate (%)	-	-	-	8.4	11.9	9.3	10.4	11.9
<u>Money market funds:</u>								
Amount outstanding	1,307	1,269	1,253	1,202	1,174	1,215	1,202	1,174
Transactions	43	-22	-5	-60	-44	3	-17	-30
Annual growth rate (%)	0.7	-1.3	0.9	-3.6	-10.2	-5.4	-7.8	-10.2

¹ Changes in the amount outstanding can be the result of transactions (reflecting mainly the net amount of issues and redemptions), valuation changes (due to market price including exchange rate changes) and reclassifications (e.g. due to re-allocations of entities into or out of the sector). Annual growth rates are calculated on the basis of transactions.

Regarding the **assets of euro area investment funds other than money market funds**, the annual growth rate of securities other than shares was 16.3% in March 2010, with transactions amounting to EUR 66 billion during the first quarter. In the case of shares and other equity the corresponding annual growth rate was 15.8%, with first-quarter transactions of EUR 30 billion. For holdings of investment fund shares/units the annual growth rate was 8.3%, with first-quarter transactions of EUR 30 billion.

In terms of the **breakdown by investment policy**, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 17.4% in March 2010. The transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to EUR 73 billion in the first quarter of 2010. The respective annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 15.6% and EUR 17 billion. For mixed funds the corresponding figures were 4.1% and EUR 8 billion.

Regarding the **assets of euro area money market funds**, the annual growth rate of securities other than shares was -4.7% in March 2010 (within this item, the annual growth rate of securities issued by euro area residents was -4.7%), with transactions amounting to EUR -27 billion during the first quarter; for deposit and loan claims the annual growth rate was -25.6% and transactions equalled EUR -6 billion. For holdings of money market fund shares the annual growth rate was -28.7% with transactions of EUR -7 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.
- The publication of euro area investment fund statistics referring to April 2010, May 2010 and June 2010 is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on 23 June 2010, 20 July 2010 and 18 August 2010 respectively.

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Assets and liabilities of euro area investment funds

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

	2009 Q4	2010 Q1				
	Amount outstanding	Amount outstanding	Change in amount outstanding	Transactions	Other changes ¹⁾	Annual growth rate ²⁾
Investment funds other than money market funds						
Assets						
Deposits and loan claims	344	351	7	-3	10	-6.5
Securities other than shares	2077	2210	133	66	67	16.3
Issued by euro area residents	1413	1463	50	24	25	10.1
Issued by non-euro area residents	663	747	83	41	42	33.1
Shares and other equity	1673	1802	129	30	99	15.8
Issued by euro area residents	723	742	19	8	10	6.8
Issued by non-euro area residents	950	1061	111	22	89	24.2
Investment fund shares/units (incl. money market fund shares)	709	767	58	30	28	8.3
Issued by euro area residents	614	654	40	18	22	10.0
Issued by non-euro area residents	95	113	18	11	6	1.2
Non-financial assets	213	233	20	17	3	18.2
Other assets	355	414	59	42	16	-5.1
Liabilities						
Investment fund shares/units	4965	5291	326	130	196	11.9
Loans and deposits received	101	113	12	5	7	10.7
Other liabilities	304	373	69	46	22	6.4
Total	5370	5776	406	181	224	11.5
Money market funds						
Assets						
Deposits and loan claims	162	158	-4	-6	2	-25.6
Securities other than shares	971	959	-12	-27	14	-4.7
Issued by euro area residents	589	581	-8	-11	3	-4.7
Issued by non-euro area residents	382	377	-4	-16	11	-4.6
Shares and other equity	6	5	-1	-2	0	-15.5
Money market fund shares/units	68	62	-6	-7	0	-28.7
Other assets	25	23	-2	-2	0	108.1
Liabilities						
Money market fund shares/units	1202	1174	-28	-44	16	-10.2
Loans and deposits received	2	4	2	2	0	-6.7
Other liabilities	29	29	0	0	0	151.1
Total	1233	1207	-26	-42	16	-8.7

Figures may not add up due to rounding.

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

2) Annual growth rates 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 growth rates; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at end of period, transactions and other changes during period)

	2009 Q4	2010 Q1				
	Amount outstanding	Amount outstanding	Change in amount outstanding	Transactions	Other changes ¹⁾	Annual growth rate ²⁾
Breakdown by investment policy³⁾						
Bond funds	1578	1702	125	73	52	17.4
Equity funds	1451	1551	101	17	84	15.6
Mixed funds	1216	1272	56	8	48	4.1
Real estate funds	240	249	9	9	0	15.3
Hedge funds	84	98	14	11	2	15.2
Other funds	396	418	22	12	11	3.3
Breakdown by type of fund						
Open-end funds	4893	5216	322	128	194	11.9
Closed-end funds	72	75	3	2	1	11.3

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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. 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.