

PRESS RELEASE

EURO AREA INVESTMENT FUND STATISTICS

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In December 2010, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was EUR 223 billion higher than one quarter earlier in September 2010. This increase was due mainly to increases in share/unit prices.

The **amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds** increased to EUR 5,738 billion in December 2010, from EUR 5,515 billion in September 2010. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds decreased to EUR 1,107 billion from EUR 1,138 billion.

Transactions¹ in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to EUR 82 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010, while transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds amounted to EUR -35 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 6.4% in December 2010. For the same period, the annual rate of change of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -10.0%.

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						
	Q4	Q4	Q4			Q4			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<u>Investment funds other than money market funds:</u>									
Amount outstanding	4,994	5,332	5,320	5,515	5,738	5,58	5,62	5,738	
Transactions	10	142	26	79	82	29	16	37	
Annual percentage	8.5	12.3	10.2	7.2	6.4	7.1	6.9	6.4	
<u>Money market funds:</u>									

¹ 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.

Amount outstanding	1,202	1,175	1,167	1,138	1,107	1,12	1,15	1,107
Transactions	-60	-43	-49	6	-35	-7	6	-34
Annual percentage	-3.6	-10.1	-12.3	-11.6	-10.0	-11.6	-9.8	-10.0

Regarding the **assets of euro area investment funds other than money market funds**, the annual growth rate of securities other than shares was 8.6% in December 2010, with transactions amounting to EUR 48 billion during the fourth quarter. In the case of shares and other equity the corresponding annual growth rate was 4.1%, with fourth-quarter transactions of EUR 54 billion. For holdings of investment fund shares/units the annual growth rate was 9.8%, with fourth-quarter transactions of EUR 14 billion.

In terms of the **breakdown by investment policy**, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 9.2% in December 2010. Transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to EUR 13 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010. The annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 3.2% and EUR 39 billion respectively. For mixed funds, the corresponding figures were 6.3% and EUR 26 billion.

Regarding the **assets of euro area money market funds**, the annual rate of change of securities other than shares was -10.2% in December 2010, with transactions amounting to EUR -32 billion during the fourth quarter (within this item, the transactions in securities issued by euro area residents were EUR -27 billion); for deposit and loan claims the annual rate of change was -0.8% and transactions equalled EUR -8 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 euro area aggregate data will cover Estonia from March 2011 onwards for data referring to January 2011.
- Some figures in this press release may not add up due to rounding.
- The publication of euro area investment fund statistics referring to January 2011, February 2011 and March 2011 is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on 18 March 2011, 15 April 2011 and 23 May 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 Q3	2010 Q4				
	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	375	363	-12	-3	-9	2.0
Securities other than shares	2342	2360	18	48	-30	8.6
Issued by euro area residents	1469	1435	-35	-9	-26	0.7
Issued by non-euro area residents	873	925	52	57	-4	24.7
Shares and other equity	1795	1982	188	54	134	4.1
Issued by euro area residents	713	748	34	4	30	0.1
Issued by non-euro area residents	1081	1235	153	49	104	7.0
Investment fund shares/units (incl. money market fund shares)	825	862	37	14	23	9.8
Issued by euro area residents	703	732	29	11	19	9.8
Issued by non-euro area residents	123	130	7	3	5	10.1
Non-financial assets	245	238	-7	-4	-3	8.7
Other assets	516	438	-78	-97	19	0.1
Liabilities						
Investment fund shares/units	5515	5738	223	82	141	6.4
Loans and deposits received	126	109	-17	-4	-13	5.7
Other liabilities	457	396	-61	-66	5	5.3
Total	6098	6244	145	12	133	6.3
Money market funds						
Assets						
Deposits and loan claims	171	164	-7	-8	1	-0.8
Securities other than shares	921	890	-30	-32	2	-10.2
Issued by euro area residents	549	521	-29	-27	-2	-12.3
Issued by non-euro area residents	371	370	-2	-5	3	-7.1
Shares and other equity	5	5	0	0	0	-14.5
Money market fund shares/units	52	50	-2	-2	0	-27.0
Other assets	25	23	-2	-2	0	-6.6
Liabilities						
Money market fund shares/units	1138	1107	-31	-35	4	-10.0
Loans and deposits received	7	2	-4	-4	0	27.8
Other liabilities	29	24	-5	-5	-1	-12.9
Total	1174	1133	-41	-45	3	-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 Q3	2010 Q4				
	Amount outstanding	Amount outstanding	Change in amount outstanding	Transactions	Other changes ¹⁾	Annual percentage change ²⁾
Breakdown by investment policy³⁾						
Bond funds	1814	1812	-2	13	-15	9.2
Equity funds	1555	1716	161	39	122	3.2
Mixed funds	1345	1394	49	26	23	6.3
Real estate funds	260	263	3	4	-1	7.7
Hedge funds	102	108	7	2	4	13.6
Other funds	440	445	6	-2	8	4.7
Breakdown by type of fund⁴⁾						
Open-end funds	5431	5651	221	82	139	6.3
Closed-end funds	84	86	2	0	2	14.0
Total	5515	5738	223	82	141	6.4

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

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.