

## Press Release

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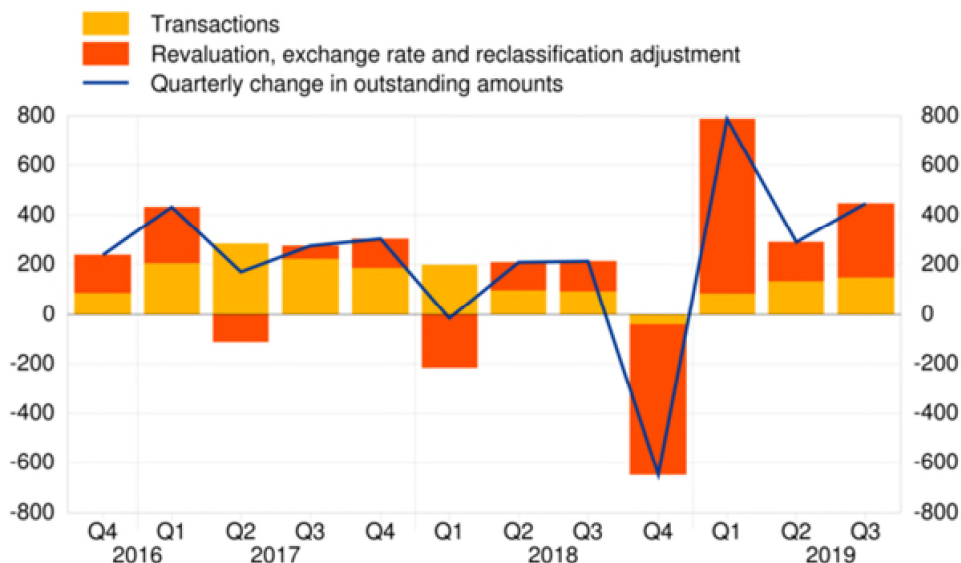
# Euro area investment fund statistics: third quarter of 2019

- In the third quarter of 2019 the outstanding amount of [shares/units issued by investment funds](#) other than money market funds was €12,537 billion, €446 billion higher than in the second quarter of 2019.
- The outstanding amount of shares/units issued by [exchange-traded funds](#) (ETFs) stood at €781 billion, which was €47 billion higher than in the second quarter of 2019.
- The outstanding amount of [shares/units issued by money market funds](#) was €1,247 billion, €92 billion higher than in the second quarter of 2019.

### Chart 1

#### Investment fund shares/units issued

(EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted)



[Data for investment fund shares/units issued](#)

In the third quarter of 2019 the outstanding amount of [shares/units issued by investment funds](#) other than money market funds was €446 billion higher than in the second quarter of 2019 (see Chart 1). This development was accounted for by €150 billion in net issuance of shares/units and €296 billion in other changes (including price changes). The annual growth rate of shares/units issued by investment funds other than money market funds, calculated on the basis of transactions, was 2.8% in the third quarter of 2019.

**Chart 2**  
Investment funds' holdings of debt securities

(quarterly transactions in EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted)



[Data for investment funds' holdings of debt securities](#)

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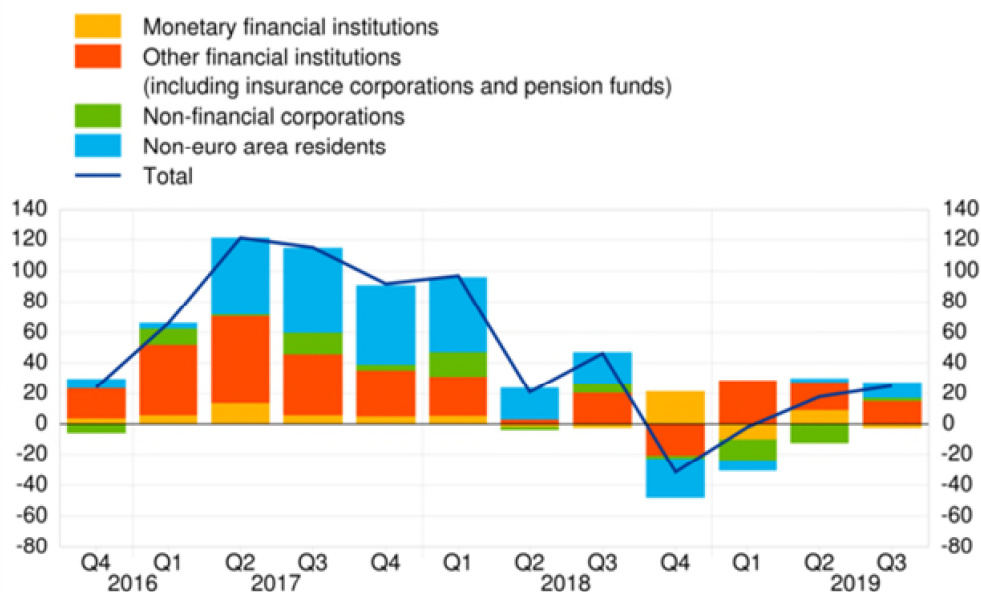
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Chart 3

Investment funds' holdings of equity and investment fund shares/units

(quarterly transactions in EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted)



[Data for investment funds' holdings of equity and investment fund shares/units](#)

Within the **assets of investment funds other than money market funds**, the annual growth rate of [debt securities](#) was 5.2% in the third quarter of 2019, with transactions amounting to €126 billion during this period (see Chart 2). The annual growth rate of equity and investment fund shares/units was 0.1% in the third quarter of 2019, with transactions amounting to €25 billion during this period (see Chart 3). In the case of [equity](#), the corresponding annual growth rate was -0.5%, with transactions totalling €19 billion. For [holdings of investment fund shares/units](#), the annual growth rate was 1.3% and transactions amounted to €6 billion.

In terms of [holdings by issuing sector](#), the annual growth rate of debt securities issued by euro area general government was -0.4% in the third quarter of 2019. In the same period, the net purchases of debt securities issued by the euro area general government amounted to €1 billion (see Chart 2). In the case of debt securities issued by the private sector, the annual growth rate was 7.0%, whereby the net purchases amounted to €36 billion. For debt securities issued by non-euro area residents, the corresponding annual growth rate was 6.4%, with net purchases of €89 billion.

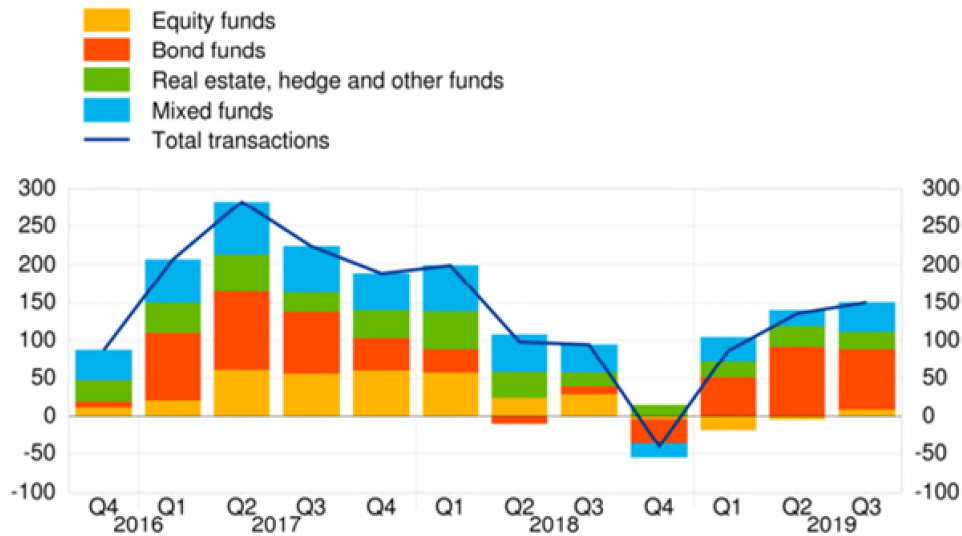
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**Chart 4**

Investment fund shares/units issued by type of investment fund

(quarterly transactions in EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted)



[Data for investment fund shares/units issued by type of investment fund](#)

In terms of the [type of investment fund](#), the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 5.9% in the third quarter of 2019. In the same period, transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to €80 billion (see Chart 4). In the case of equity funds, the corresponding annual growth rate was -0.6%, with transactions of €9 billion. For mixed funds, the corresponding figures were 2.4% and €38 billion.

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**Chart 5**

Investment fund shares/units issued by ETFs and underlying assets

(quarterly transactions in EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted)



[Data for investment fund shares/units issued by type of ETF and underlying assets](#)

The shares/units issued by [exchange-traded funds](#) (ETFs), which are presented as a separate category within total investment funds, recorded an annual growth rate of 10.8% in the third quarter of 2019, with an outstanding amount of €781 billion (see Chart 5). In terms of assets held by ETFs, in the third quarter of 2019, 60% were equity, 26% were debt securities and 14% were other assets (including financial derivatives, deposit and loan claims and investment fund shares/units).

The outstanding amount of [shares/units issued by money market funds](#) was €92 billion higher than in the second quarter of 2019. This development was accounted for by €71 billion in net issuance of shares/units and €22 billion in other changes (including price changes). The annual growth rate of shares/units issued by money market funds, calculated on the basis of transactions, was 8.0% in the third quarter of 2019.

Within the **assets of money market funds**, the annual growth rate of [debt securities](#) holdings was 10.1% in the third quarter of 2019, with transactions amounting to €80 billion, which reflected net purchases of €39 billion related to debt securities issued by euro area residents and net purchases of €41 billion in debt securities issued by non-euro area residents. For [deposits and loan](#) claims, the annual growth rate was 6.2% and transactions during the third quarter of 2019 amounted to -€8 billion.

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## Annex

[Table: Annex to the press release on euro area investment funds](#)

### Statistical Data Warehouse:

[All money market funds time series](#)

[All investment funds other than money market funds time series](#)

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### 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.
- "Euro area private sector" refers to total euro area excluding general government.
- Hyperlinks in the main body of the press release and in annex tables lead to data that may change with subsequent releases as a result of revisions. Figures shown in annex table are a snapshot of the data as at the time of the current release.

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