

PRESS RELEASE

EURO AREA INVESTMENT FUND STATISTICS DECEMBER 2009

In December 2009, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was higher than one quarter earlier in September 2009. This increase was due both to net issues of shares/units and 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 4,955 billion in December 2009, from EUR 4,736 billion in September 2009¹. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds decreased to EUR 1,201 billion from EUR 1,253 billion.

The transactions in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to EUR 112 billion in the fourth quarter of 2009, while the transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds amounted to EUR -60 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 8.5% in December 2009. For the same period, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -3.6%.

Shares/units issued

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

	2008		2009					
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4		
						Oct	Nov	Dec
<u>Investment funds other than money market funds:</u>								
Amount outstanding	4,035	3,905	4,277	4,736	4,955	4,739	4,799	4,955
Transactions	-	- 23	93	187	112	32	19	61
Annual growth rate	-	-	-	-	8.5%	-	-	8.5%
<u>Money market funds:</u>								
Amount outstanding	1,250	1,307	1,269	1,253	1,201	1,246	1,224	1,201
Transactions	- 4	43	- 22	- 5	- 60	- 6	- 20	- 33
Annual growth rate	8.6%	0.8%	- 1.2%	1.0%	- 3.6%	2.6%	- 1.9%	- 3.6%

Regarding the assets of euro area investment funds other than money market funds, the annual growth rate of securities other than shares was 13.0% in December 2009, with transactions

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.

amounting to EUR 62 billion during the fourth quarter. In the case of shares and other equity the corresponding annual growth rate was 13.3%, with fourth-quarter transactions of EUR 46 billion. For holdings of investment fund shares/units the annual growth rate was 3.1%, 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 11.2% in December 2009. The transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to EUR 31 billion in the fourth quarter of 2009. The respective annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 15.3% and EUR 34 billion. For mixed funds the corresponding amounts were 1.7% and EUR 32 billion.

Regarding the **assets of euro area money market funds**, the annual growth rate of securities other than shares was 6.0% in December 2009 (within this item, the annual growth rate of securities issued by euro area residents was 8.9%), with transactions amounting to EUR -38 billion during the fourth quarter; for deposit and loan claims the annual growth rate was -37.0% and transactions equalled EUR -21 billion. For holdings of money market fund shares the annual growth rate was -14.4% with transactions of EUR -6 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 January 2010, February 2010 and March 2010 is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on 19 March 2010, 20 April 2010 and 25 May 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 Q3	2009 Q4				
	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	349	344	-5	-11	6	-10.8
Securities other than shares	1999	2077	78	62	16	13.0
Issued by euro area residents	1385	1414	29	24	6	10.4
Issued by non-euro area residents	614	662	49	38	10	19.9
Shares and other equity	1544	1670	126	46	80	13.3
Issued by euro area residents	701	721	20	3	17	0.0
Issued by non-euro area residents	843	949	106	43	63	26.6
Investment fund shares/units (incl. money market fund shares)	682	708	26	14	12	3.1
Issued by euro area residents	593	613	19	9	10	10.7
Issued by non-euro area residents	88	95	7	5	1	-25.5
Non-financial assets	202	208	6	6	0	10.5
Other assets	384	355	-28	-23	-6	-24.3
Liabilities						
Investment fund shares/units	4736	4955	219	112	107	8.5
Loans and deposits received	97	99	2	3	0	-9.4
Other liabilities	327	307	-19	-21	2	-17.3
Total	5159	5362	202	94	108	6.2
Money market funds						
Assets						
Deposits and loan claims	182	162	-20	-21	1	-37.0
Securities other than shares	1002	971	-31	-38	7	6.0
Issued by euro area residents	612	589	-23	-25	2	8.9
Issued by non-euro area residents	390	382	-8	-13	5	1.7
Shares and other equity	5	6	1	1	0	38.9
Money market fund shares/units	75	68	-6	-6	0	-14.4
Other assets	7	25	18	18	0	102.4
Liabilities						
Money market fund shares/units	1253	1201	-52	-60	9	-3.6
Loans and deposits received	5	2	-3	-3	0	-73.2
Other liabilities	13	29	16	17	-1	66.8
Total	1271	1232	-39	-47	8	-3.0

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 Q3	2009 Q4				
	Amount outstanding	Amount outstanding	Change in amount outstanding	Transactions	Other changes ¹⁾	Annual growth rate ²⁾
Breakdown by investment policy³⁾						
Bond funds	1532	1577	46	31	15	11.2
Equity funds	1345	1449	105	34	70	15.3
Mixed funds	1166	1215	49	32	17	1.7
Real estate funds	223	234	12	9	2	11.4
Hedge funds	77	84	7	6	2	2.3
Other funds	393	394	1	0	1	0.6
Breakdown by type of fund						
Open-end funds	4668	4884	216	110	107	8.5
Closed-end funds	68	71	3	2	1	9.3

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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 instrument 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 units or shares of open-end funds can be repurchased or redeemed out of the fund's assets. Closed-end funds are funds with a fixed number of issued shares whose shareholders have to buy or sell existing shares to enter or leave the fund.