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EURO AREA INVESTMENT FUND STATISTICS JULY 2010

In July 2010, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was EUR 47 billion higher than in June 2010. This increase was due almost equally 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 5,362 billion in July 2010, from EUR 5,315 billion in June 2010¹. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds decreased to EUR 1,143 billion from EUR 1,167 billion.

The transactions in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to EUR 21 billion in July 2010, while the transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds amounted to EUR -6 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 7.3% in July 2010, while the annual rate of change of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -13.8%.

Shares/units issued

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

	2010			
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
<u>Investment funds other than money market funds:</u>				
Amount outstanding	5,388	5,329	5,315	5,362
Transactions	31	-13	4	21
Annual growth rate (%)	12.8	11.9	10.1	7.3
<u>Money market funds:</u>				
Amount outstanding	1,183	1,190	1,167	1,143
Transactions	-2	-17	-30	-6
Annual growth rate (%)	-10.6	-12.0	-12.3	-13.8

Source: ECB.

In terms of the **breakdown by investment policy**, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 9.6% in July 2010. The transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to EUR 10 billion in July 2010. The annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 4.0% and EUR 4 billion respectively. For mixed funds the corresponding figures were 7.9% and EUR 6 billion.

¹ Changes in the amount outstanding can be the result of transactions (essentially the difference between shares/units issued and redeemed), 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.

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 August 2010, September 2010 and October 2010 is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on 19 October 2010, 19 November 2010 and 21 December 2010 respectively.

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

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

	JUNE 2010			JULY 2010		
	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual growth rate ¹⁾	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual growth rate ¹⁾
Breakdown by investment policy²⁾						
Bond funds	1750	1	11.9	1761	10	9.6
Equity funds	1486	-5	11.9	1516	4	4.0
Mixed funds	1292	4	7.6	1300	6	7.9
Real estate funds	252	1	10.8	253	1	10.8
Hedge funds	107	0	14.9	101	-1	16.2
Other funds	428	2	5.4	431	0	3.8
Breakdown by type of fund						
Open-end funds	5232	4	10.0	5280	21	7.1
Closed-end funds	82	1	16.7	82	0	17.5

Figures may not add up due to rounding.

1) Annual growth rates are calculated on the basis of transactions.

2) 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.