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PRESS RELEASE

EURO AREA INVESTMENT FUND STATISTICS AUGUST 2010

In August 2010 the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was EUR 53 billion higher than in July 2010. This 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 5,428 billion in August 2010, from EUR 5,375 billion in July 2010. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds increased to EUR 1,180 billion from EUR 1,143 billion.

Transactions¹ in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to EUR 28 billion in August 2010. Transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds likewise amounted to EUR 28 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 7.2% in August 2010, while the annual rate of change in shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -12.1%.

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			
	May	June	July	Aug.
<u>Investment funds other than money market funds:</u>				
Amount outstanding	5,329	5,315	5,375	5,428
Transactions	-13	4	20	28
Annual percentage change	11.9	10.1	7.2	7.2
<u>Money market funds:</u>				
Amount outstanding	1,190	1,167	1,143	1,180
Transactions	-17	-30	-6	28
Annual percentage change	-12.0	-12.3	-13.8	-12.1

Source: ECB.

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.

In terms of the **breakdown by investment policy**, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 9.8% in August 2010. Transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to EUR 17 billion in August 2010. The annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 3.4% and EUR 3 billion respectively. For mixed funds, the corresponding figures were 8.0% and EUR 10 billion.

Notes

- Money market funds are presented separately in this press release since they are classified as belonging to the monetary financial institutions sector within the European statistical framework, while other types of investment fund are deemed to belong to 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.
- Some figures in this press release may not add up due to rounding.
- The publication of euro area investment fund statistics referring to September 2010, October 2010 and November 2010 is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on 19 November 2010, 21 December 2010 and 24 January 2011 respectively.

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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 during the period)

	JULY 2010			AUGUST 2010		
	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual percentage change ¹⁾	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual percentage change ¹⁾
Breakdown by investment policy²⁾						
Bond funds	1763	9	9.6	1817	17	9.8
Equity funds	1517	4	4.0	1502	3	3.4
Mixed funds	1304	6	8.0	1325	10	8.0
Real estate funds	254	1	10.9	254	0	10.5
Hedge funds	103	-1	16.1	101	-2	15.8
Other funds	433	0	3.7	428	0	4.8
Breakdown by type of fund³⁾						
Open-end funds	5292	19	7.1	5346	28	7.1
Closed-end funds	82	0	17.5	82	0	17.1
Total	5375	20	7.2	5428	28	7.2

1) Annual percentage changes 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.

3) 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.