

## PRESS RELEASE

### EURO AREA INVESTMENT FUND STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2010

*In February 2010, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was higher than in January 2010. This was due mainly to increases in share/unit prices and, to a lower extent, 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 5,051 billion in February 2010**, from EUR 4,993 billion in January 2010<sup>1</sup>. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds decreased to EUR 1,202 billion from EUR 1,215 billion.

The **transactions in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to EUR 22 billion in February 2010**, while the transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds amounted to EUR -17 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 10.5% in February 2010. For the same period, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -7.8%.

#### Shares/units issued

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

	2009		2010	
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
<u>Investment funds other than money market funds:</u>				
Amount outstanding	4,803	4,959	4,993	5,051
Transactions	20	65	54	22
Annual growth rate (%)	5.1	8.7	9.5	10.5
<u>Money market funds:</u>				
Amount outstanding	1,224	1,202	1,215	1,202
Transactions	-19	-37	2	-17
Annual growth rate (%)	-0.8	-3.7	-5.4	-7.8

Source: ECB.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

In terms of the **breakdown by investment policy**, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 13.7% in February 2010. The transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to EUR 14 billion in February 2010. The respective annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 15.9% and EUR 4 billion. For mixed funds the corresponding figures were 3.8% and EUR 3 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/>) and "The balance sheets of monetary financial institutions" (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/aggregates/bsheets/>).
- 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 March 2010, April 2010 and May 2010 is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. on 25 May 2010, 23 June 2010 and 20 July 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)

	JANUARY 2010			FEBRUARY 2010		
	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual growth rate <sup>1)</sup>	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual growth rate <sup>1)</sup>
<b>Breakdown by investment policy<sup>2)</sup></b>						
Bond funds	1609	16	12.1	1633	14	13.7
Equity funds	1413	7	15.2	1439	4	15.9
Mixed funds	1233	11	2.8	1242	3	3.8
Real estate funds	245	8	16.3	245	1	16.7
Hedge funds	93	8	9.5	94	0	13.4
Other funds	400	4	0.8	398	0	1.1
<b>Breakdown by type of fund</b>						
Open-end funds	4921	54	9.4	4979	21	10.5
Closed-end funds	72	0	11.9	72	0	12.2

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.