

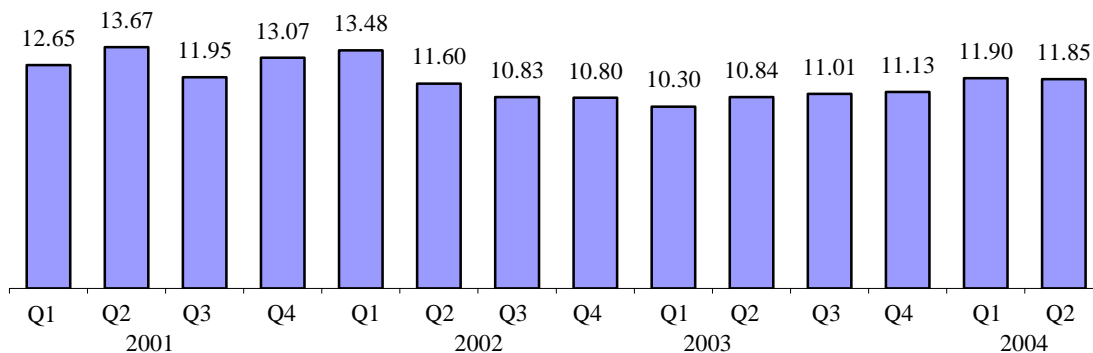
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Worldwide Investment Fund Assets and Flows Trends in the Second Quarter 2004

Brussels, November 9, 2004. Investment fund¹ assets worldwide were at €1.85 trillion at the end of the second quarter, edging down 0.5 percent compared with the end of the first quarter of 2004, according to the information compiled by FEFSI and the Investment Company Institute on behalf of the International Investment Funds Association, an organization of national mutual fund associations. The collection for the fourth quarter includes statistics from 40 countries, now including Slovakia.

Over the second quarter of 2004, stock market returns were mixed across nations, with about half of the reporting countries experiencing negative stock price returns. Net cash flow to all funds worldwide decreased from €195 billion in the first quarter of 2004 to €5 billion in the second quarter, pulled down by lower inflows in equity and balanced funds and outflows from bond and money market funds.

Worldwide Investment Fund Assets²
(Trillions of euros, end of quarter)



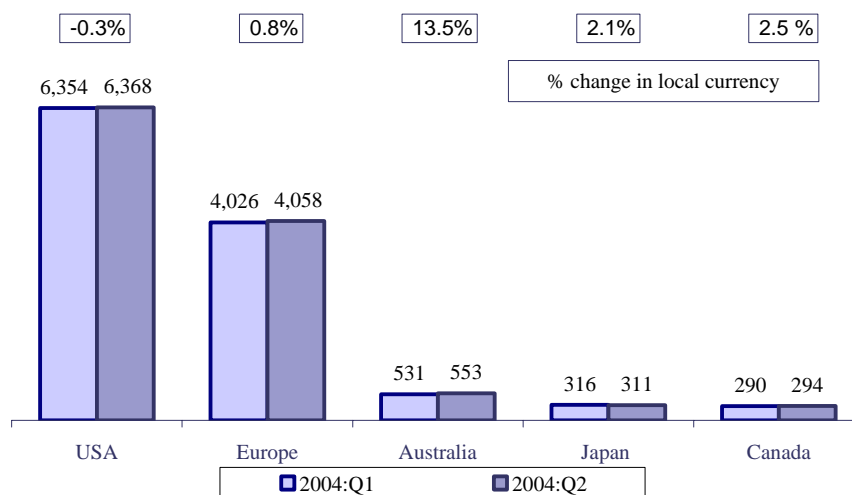
¹ "Investment fund" is used in this statistical release in the sense of publicly offered open-end fund investing in transferable securities and money market funds, which refers to "mutual fund" in the U.S. and "UCITS" in FEFSI's statistics on the European investment fund industry.

² Excluding funds-of-funds assets.

Measured in local currency, the American mutual fund market recorded a fall of 0.3 percent, whereas UCITS assets increased by 0.8 percent in Europe.³ It is also worthwhile noting the sharp increase in the market in Australia, in large part as a result of a 50 percent increase in funds-of-funds assets.

Geographical Trends in Investment Fund Assets at 2004:Q2

(Billions of euro, end of quarter)



Geographical Trends by Type of Fund, 2004:Q2

(Billions of euros, end of quarter)

	USA	Europe (1)	Japan	Australia	Canada
Equity	3,249	1,288	188	163	147
% chg in EUR (2)	2%	1%	3%	-1%	2%
% chg in loc. cur. (3)	2%	1%	7%	8%	4%
Bond	1,005	979	81	38	32
% chg in EUR (2)	-4%	0%	-10%	0%	3%
% chg in loc. cur. (3)	-4%	0%	-7%	9%	4%
Money Market	1,603	826	31	91	33
% chg in EUR (2)	-2%	0%	-7%	-5%	-1%
% chg in loc. cur. (3)	-3%	0%	-4%	4%	0%
Balanced / Mixed	384	487	--	--	51
% chg in EUR (2)	3%	-1%	--	--	1%
% chg in loc. cur. (3)	2%	-1%	--	--	3%
Funds of Funds	127	69	12	116	--
% chg in EUR (2)	9%	1%	17%	38%	--
% chg in loc. cur. (3)	9%	1%	21%	50%	--

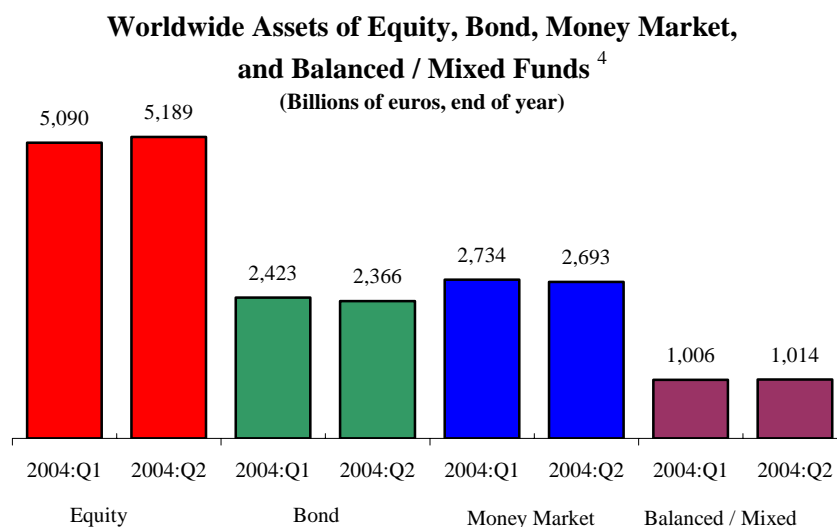
(1) Excluding Ireland for which no data breakdown is available.

(2) 2004:Q2 compared to 2004:Q1.

(3) 2004:Q2 compared to 2004:Q1, using the euro as the local currency for Europe.

³ In this release, to ensure consistency with FEFSI European statistics, Europe is defined as regrouping Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

In the second quarter of 2004, total assets of investment funds worldwide were down slightly as modest increases in equity and balanced fund assets could not offset declines in bond and money market fund assets. Worldwide assets of equity funds increased 1.9 percent during the second quarter. Stock price indexes rose in about half of the reporting countries in the second quarter and net cash flow into equity funds registered a sizable €63 billion in the quarter (although smaller than the first quarter's inflow of €14 billion). All regions reported net inflows into equity funds in the second quarter, with €32 billion occurring in the United States and €20 billion in Europe. Assets of balanced/mixed funds were about unchanged in the second quarter of 2004, with reported small net inflows of €4 billion.



Net Sales of Investment Funds, 2004:Q2
(Billions of euros)

	USA				Europe (1)				World (2)									
	2003		2004		2003		2004		2003		2004							
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
Equity	-7	45	59	56	71	32	-4	18	28	36	35	20	-9	65	91	98	114	63
Bond	48	30	-19	2	14	-19	36	37	18	-1	27	14	81	77	5	-4	46	-10
Money Market	-65	-41	-72	-42	-39	-49	44	10	-2	-10	12	-4	-29	-33	-68	-57	2	-52
Balanced / Mixed	4	10	11	11	14	10	-6	1	11	6	28	-5	-3	8	25	20	32	4
Total	-20	43	-22	27	59	-26	70	66	55	32	102	24	41	117	53	57	195	5

(1) For Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

(2) 29 countries reported net sales in 2003:Q1, 30 in the four following quarters, and 31 in 2004:Q2. Net sales are new sales plus reinvested dividends less redemptions plus net exchanges.

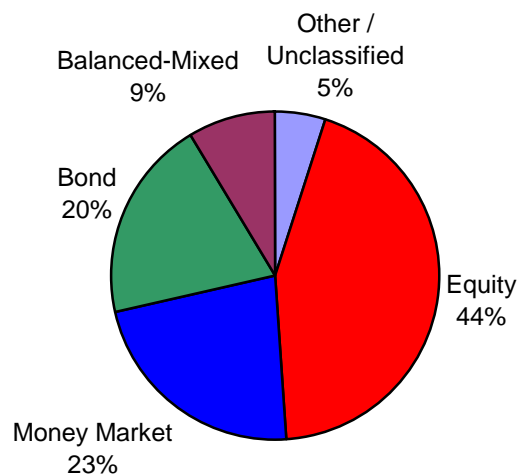
⁴ Excluding the Netherlands, whose data are not available at this time for 2004:Q2.

Bond fund assets worldwide fell 2.3 percent in the second quarter of 2004, pulled down in part by a net outflow of €10 billion. In the second quarter of 2004, the United States reported large net outflows from bond funds (€19 billion), which is typical when interest rates are rising. The Asian/Pacific region reported a small net outflow from bond funds, while Europe posted net inflows.

Money market fund assets worldwide fell 1.5 percent in the second quarter of 2004, pulled down by a total net outflow of €2 billion in the quarter. The bulk of the outflow occurred in U.S. money market funds (reporting an outflow of €19 billion), although Europe and the Asia/Pacific region also reported outflows.

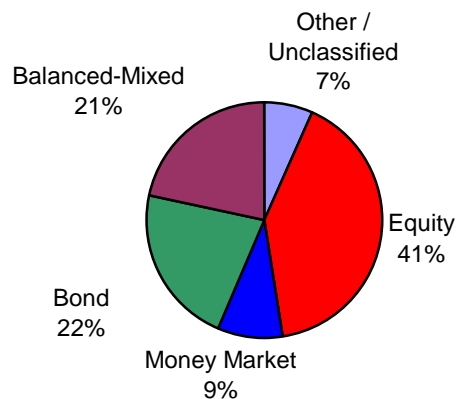
At the end of the second quarter of 2004, assets of equity funds represented 44 percent of all worldwide mutual fund assets. The asset share of money market funds was 23 percent, while that of bond funds was 20 percent. Balanced/mixed funds represented 9 percent of the total.

Composition of Worldwide Investment Fund Assets, 2004:Q2
(Percent of total assets, end of quarter)



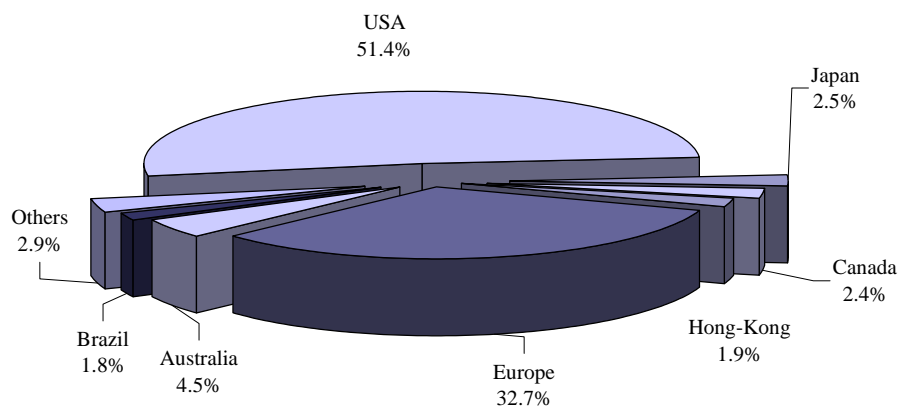
The number of mutual funds worldwide stood at 54,126 at the end of the second quarter of 2004. By type of fund, 41 percent of the funds were equity funds, 22 percent were bond funds, 21 percent were balanced/mixed funds, and 9 were money market funds.

Composition of Worldwide Investment Funds, 2004:Q2
(Percent of funds, end of quarter)



Looking at the worldwide distribution of investment fund assets, the United States and Europe held the largest share in the world market, 51.4 percent and 32.7 percent, respectively. Australia, Japan, Canada, Hong-Kong and Brazil follow in this ranking. Taking into account non-UCITS assets, the market share of Europe reached 38.2% and that of the U.S. 47.2%.⁴

Worldwide Investment Fund Assets, End 2004:Q2
(Market share, end of quarter)



⁴ Assets of UCITS and non-UCITS funds in Europe at end-June 2004 are provided in Table 6 in annex.

Table 1
TOTAL NET ASSETS, 1999-2004:Q2
Billions of U.S. dollars, end of period

ITEM	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004	
					Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
All Reporting Countries¹	11,391	11,871	11,655	11,324	12,831	14,052	14,558	14,406
Equity	5,878	5,962	5,134	4,204	5,094	5,926	6,267	6,307
Bond	2,104	2,077	2,212	2,529	2,914	3,040	2,986	2,876
Money Market	2,287	2,483	2,986	3,190	3,185	3,208	3,344	3,274
Balanced/Mixed	971	1,022	942	923	1,065	1,205	1,242	1,233
Other	55	190	190	229	262	311	333	321
Countries Reporting in Every Period²	11,023	11,110	10,865	10,410	11,797	12,781	13,224	13,170
Equity	5,713	5,697	4,885	3,961	4,827	5,577	5,902	5,992
Bond	2,043	1,982	2,120	2,422	2,807	2,901	2,845	2,765
Money Market	2,282	2,402	2,901	3,080	3,045	3,047	3,168	3,098
Balanced/Mixed	939	965	888	865	1,014	1,134	1,174	1,175
Other	47	64	71	82	105	121	134	140

Source: National mutual fund associations; FEFSI provides data for all European countries except Romania and Russia.

¹ Components may not sum to total because of rounding or unclassified funds.

² Number of countries is 25. Components may not sum to total because of rounding.

Table 2
NET SALES,¹ 2001-2004:Q2
Billions of U.S. dollars

ITEM	2001	2002	2003	2003			2004	
				Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
All Reporting Countries²	894	279	318	136	65	73	246	18
Equity	151	66	283	74	102	116	143	75
Bond	199	130	176	88	6	-4	58	-11
Money Market	530	52	-212	-38	-76	-67	3	-63
Balanced/Mixed	5	7	57	9	28	23	40	4
Other	10	23	14	3	6	5	3	13
Countries Reporting in Every Period³	784	240	165	91	22	25	180	-18
Equity	115	55	250	69	89	94	123	62
Bond	144	121	85	52	-14	-20	31	-19
Money Market	515	48	-218	-39	-76	-66	-10	-66
Balanced/Mixed	1	11	41	8	22	16	33	5
Other	9	5	6	1	2	1	3	1

Source: National mutual fund associations; FEFSI provides data for all European countries except Romania and Russia.

¹ Net sales are new sales plus reinvested dividends less redemptions plus net exchanges.

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Table 3
NUMBER OF FUNDS, 1999-2004:Q2
End of period

ITEM	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004	
					Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
All Reporting Countries¹	52,746	51,692	52,849	54,110	54,120	54,650	55,261	54,126
Equity	22,453	20,381	22,348	22,975	22,481	22,738	22,562	22,188
Bond	15,474	13,128	12,183	11,617	11,968	11,890	9,961	11,671
Money Market	6,745	4,692	4,277	4,394	4,828	4,974	4,691	5,035
Balanced/Mixed	6,375	11,110	11,155	11,229	11,460	11,499	11,662	11,603
Other	612	1,000	1,195	1,310	1,414	1,571	1,661	1,614
Countries Reporting in Every Period²	35,962	39,367	41,620	42,393	41,941	41,690	42,178 ¹	41,875
Equity	15,656	18,637	20,630	20,809	20,231	20,020	19,878	19,804
Bond	10,867	10,176	9,830	9,944	9,923	9,846	7,946	9,780
Money Market	2,701	2,786	2,727	2,674	2,653	2,651	2,405	2,934
Balanced/Mixed	6,149	6,926	7,500	7,724	7,810	7,858	7,894	7,937
Other	589	842	933	1,242	1,324	1,315	1,366	1,420

Source: National mutual fund associations; FEFSI provides data for all European countries except Romania and Russia.

¹ Components may not sum to total because of unclassified funds.

² Number of countries is 24.

Table 4
TOTAL NET ASSETS, 1999-2004:Q2
Billions of euros, end of period

ITEM	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		2004	
					Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
All Reporting Countries¹	11,314	12,597	13,073	10,798	11,012	11,126	11,909	11,852
Equity	5,838	6,326	5,759	4,009	4,372	4,692	5,127	5,189
Bond	2,090	2,204	2,481	2,412	2,501	2,407	2,442	2,366
Money Market	2,272	2,635	3,349	3,041	2,734	2,540	2,735	2,693
Balanced/Mixed	964	1,084	1,056	880	914	954	1,016	1,014
Other	55	202	213	218	225	246	273	264
Countries Reporting in Every Period²	10,949	11,789	12,187	9,929	10,125	10,119	10,821	10,835
Equity	5,674	6,045	5,480	3,781	4,142	4,416	4,830	4,929
Bond	2,029	2,103	2,378	2,310	2,409	2,292	2,329	2,275
Money Market	2,266	2,549	3,254	2,937	2,613	2,413	2,592	2,549
Balanced/Mixed	933	1,024	996	822	870	903	961	967
Other	47	68	79	78	90	96	109	115

Source: National mutual fund associations; FEFSI provides data for all European countries except Romania and Russia.

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Table 5
NET SALES,¹ 2001-2004:Q2
Billions of euros

ITEM	2001	2002	2003	2003			2004	
				Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
All Reporting Countries²	798	297	279	119	58	61	197	15
Equity	135	80	245	65	91	98	114	63
Bond	178	136	159	77	5	-4	46	-10
Money Market	473	47	-186	-33	-68	-57	2	-52
Balanced/Mixed	4	9	49	8	25	20	32	4
Other	9	24	12	3	5	4	3	11
Countries Reporting in Every Period³	699	255	145	80	20	21	144	-15
Equity	102	66	217	61	79	79	98	51
Bond	128	125	78	46	-13	-17	25	-16
Money Market	460	43	-191	-34	-67	-55	-8	-55
Balanced/Mixed	1	14	36	7	19	11	27	4
Other	8	6	5	1	2	1	2	1

Source: National mutual fund associations; FEFSI provides data for all European countries except Romania and Russia.

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Table 6
TOTAL NET ASSETS OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT FUND INDUSTRY ^{1,2}, End 2004:Q2

Countries	Overall Fund Industry			UCITS Market			Non-UCITS Market		
	Number of funds	Net assets		Number of funds	Net assets		Number of funds	Net assets	
		in mio euro	in mio US \$		in mio euro	in mio US \$		in mio euro	in mio US \$
Austria	1,980	118,502	118,166	1,571	94,276	88,719	409	24,226	29,447
Belgium	1,328	94,385	106,886	1,292	89,126	100,494	36	5,259	6,392
Czech Republic	60	3,535	4,278	56	3,427	4,147	4	108	131
Denmark	498	59,276	72,050	400	42,300	51,415	98	16,976	20,634
Finland	344	27,789	33,778	344	27,789	33,778	0	0	0
France	11,764	1,087,850	1,322,282	7,887	982,600	1,194,350 ²		105,250	127,931
Germany	6,354	845,628	1,019,214	1,218	228,600	269,216	5,136	617,028	749,998
Greece	284	32,196	39,134	263	30,882	37,538	21	1,314	1,597
Hungary	130	3,463	4,101	97	2,975	3,507	33	488	593
Ireland	3,559	413,838	503,020	2,015	325,365	395,481	1,544	88,473	107,539
Italy	1,306	400,867	473,600	1,169	381,832	450,462	137	19,035	23,137
Liechtenstein	195	9,313	10,454	188	9,237	10,362	7	76	92
Luxembourg	7,632	1,046,820	1,272,410	6,717	970,000	1,179,035	915	76,820	93,375
Netherlands (3)	637	91,126	109,093	593	77,051	91,984	44	14,076	17,109
Norway	469	19,950	23,416	469	19,950	23,416	0	0	0
Poland	142	7,732	9,389	126	7,500	9,106	16	233	283
Portugal	281	30,014	35,225	201	22,851	26,519	80	7,162	8,706
Slovakia	91	1,168	1,420	38	1,121	1,362	53	47	58
Spain	2,500	220,128	267,565	2,494	216,508	263,165	6	3,620	4,400
Sweden	497	78,530	94,085	486	77,170	92,432	11	1,359	1,652
Switzerland	415	83,743	100,905	359	71,558	86,095	56	12,184	14,810
Turkey	244	13,980	16,993	244	13,980	16,993	0	0	0
United Kingdom	2,233	468,482	546,705	1,827	361,480	416,643.9729	406	107,002	130,061.0368
Europe ⁴	42,943	5,158,313	6,184,165	30,054	4,057,578	4,846,221	9,012	1,100,736	1,337,944

Source: FEFSI

¹ In the sense of publicly offered open-end investment funds (transferable securities and money market instruments), including funds-of-funds assets.

² In the sense of nationally regulated investment funds for which a classification in terms of market exposure (equity, bond, balanced and money market) is not possible.

³ Figures as of 31.12.2003.

⁴ Data for Romania and Russia are not included in this table.