

■ Explanatory notes

■ Mutual funds

The statistics show open-end and closed-end funds. The scope comprises in particular investment funds created by so-called Kapitalverwaltungsgesellschaften and externally managed investment companies according to the Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch (KAGB).

Kapitalverwaltungsgesellschaften are companies whose main purpose is to manage funds on behalf of investors.

A distinction based on investor groups needs to be made between funds open to the general public and specialised funds. The latter are funds created for professional or semi-professional investors.

Whereas open-end funds primarily invest in securities, closed-end funds invest in tangible assets, such as real estate, land, aircraft, renewable energy plants and ships. In contrast to open-end mutual funds, share units in closed-end funds are not issued continuously. Instead, equity capital is collected during a placement phase, in which the investor often knows what assets are planned to be purchased.

Tables and time series can be called on www.bundesbank.de → Statistics → Banks and other financial institutions → Investment companies.

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