

SLOVAKIA

1. Economic and Financial Background

Table 1: Key Economic Indicators		
	2002	2003
Population (million)	5.38 (end of 2001)	5.38 (end of 2001)
GDP (EUR billions)	25,86 bil. EUR	29 bil. EUR
Real GDP growth (%)	4.4	4.2
Inflation rate (%)	3.4	8.5
Unemployment rate (%)	17.4	15.6
Stock market capitalization (EUR billions)	2.5	2.7
Stock market capitalization (% of GDP)	9.7	9.3
Bond market capitalization (EUR billions)	6.95	8.1
Bond market capitalization (% of GDP)	26.9	27.9
Household gross savings ratio (%)	6	6.7
Household financial wealth (EUR billions)	na	na
Average per capita financial wealth (EUR)	na	na

2. Key Trends in Global Market

Table 2: Net assets of the European Fund Industry (EUR billions)				
Year	Total assets under management	Of which:		
		UCITS nationally domiciled	Non-UCITS nationally domiciled	UCITS domiciled abroad and promoted by national providers
1999	0.09	0.05	0.04	
2000	0.14	0.1	0.04	
2001	0.19	0.15	0.04	
2002	0.39	0.35	0.04	
2003	0.98	0.82	0.04	

3. Key Trends in UCITS Market

Table 3: Number and net assets of UCITS	
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Year	Number of UCITS	Fund Launches	Total net assets (EUR bn)	Average net assets by fund	Net sales (EUR m)
1999	11	2	0.05	4.5	
2000	18	7	0.1	5.6	91*
2001	33	15	0.15	4.5	42
2002	39	6	0.35	9	163.1
2003	37	8	0.82	22.2	411.9

* 1998-2000 period

Table 4: UCITS assets by fund type (EUR billions)										
	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Net Assets	% of total	Net Assets	% of total	Net Assets	% of total	Net Assets	% of total	Net Assets	% of total
Equity			0.011	11	0.015	10	0.015	4	0.04	4.9
Bond			0.038	37	0.058	38	0.122	36	0.365	44.4
Balanced			0.049	47	0.066	45	0.118	34	0.111	13.5
Money Market			0.005	5	0.01	7	0.09	26	0.306	37.2
Fund of Funds			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other										
Total	na	na	0.103		0.149		0.345		0.822	

Table 5: Net sales of UCITS by fund type (EUR millions)					
	1999	2000*	2001	2002	2003
Equity		13.8	11.8	7.6	24.7
Bond		31.7	17.4	59.9	244.7
Balanced		41.8	7.1	15.3	-63.8
Money Market		4.2	5.2	80.3	206.3
Fund of Funds		0	0	0	0
Other					
Total		91.5	41.5	163.1	411.9

* 1998-2000 period

4. Key Trends in Other Nationally Regulated Funds

Table 6: Net assets of other nationally regulated funds (EUR billions)					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Real estate					
Alternative management					
Special funds					
Other *			0.04	0.04	0.045
Total			0.04	0.04	0.045

* Closed-end funds

5. Industry Structure

Table 7: Fund management companies		
Fund management companies	Assets under management of home domiciled funds (EUR bn)	Assets under management of home and foreign domiciled funds (EUR bn)
Top 5	0.8	0.8219
Industry Total	0.822	0.935

6. Legal & fiscal developments

7. Corporate Governance

The Bratislava Stock Exchange implicated Corporate Governance rules into the Listing rules.

8. Product development

Several foreign guaranteed funds come into the market.

9. Standardization efforts

The new association's internal rules have been set up in order to increase industry's standards. The new rules for guaranteed funds and the new Ethical standards come into effect.

10. Development in fund based pension products

Pension funds will be work next year in Slovakia.

Table 8: Investment funds in European retirement provision (EUR billions)					
	Dedicated investment fund vehicles	Unit-linked life insurance contracts	Traditional life insurance schemes	Traditional pension funds	Other
Assets under management					
Assets invested in investment funds					
Use in pension pillar (1st, 2nd or 3rd pillar)					

11. Other activities of the association

The association's lobbying activities focused mainly on the process of elaboration of amendment of Collective Investment Act, with emphasis on harmonization of national legal framework with the latest amendments of UCITS Directive, and the new Act on Pension Asset Management Companies.

Selected other activities organized and carried out by association:

- Regular reports on national investment funds industry.