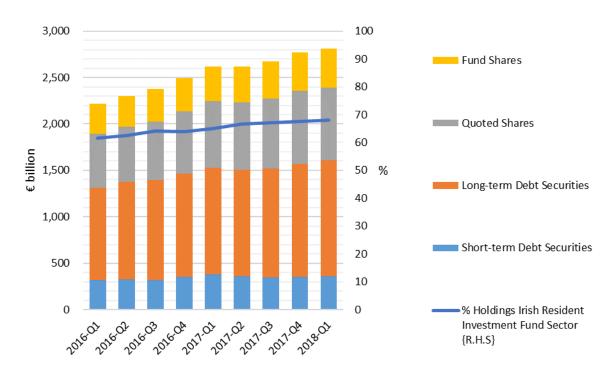
# Statistical Release

Securities Holdings Statistics - Q1 2018

1 August 2018

# **Total Securities Holdings of Irish Residents**



- ➤ The market value of holdings of securities by Irish residents stood at €2,814 billion at end-Q1 2018, an increase of 1.6 per cent over the quarter.
- Holdings of debt securities stood at €1,612 billion at end-Q1 2018. Holdings of government issued securities was €643 billion (or 40 per cent) in Q1 2018, with UK Government debt accounting for €250 billion (or 39 per cent).
- The securities holdings of Irish-resident households with domestic custodians was €8,783 million in Q1 2018. This represents just 0.3 per cent of the total holdings of Irish residents.

#### **Total Holdings**

The total value of securities held by Irish residents was €2,814 billion at end-Q1 2018<sup>1</sup>. This is an increase of almost €46 billion or 1.6 per cent over the quarter.

Debt securities holdings stood at €1,612 billion in Q1 2018. The government sector was the main issuer accounting for €643 billion of these holdings in Q1 2018. UK government debt was €250 billion or 39 per cent of total holdings of government debt (Chart 1).

Holdings of quoted shares increased by 8.6 per cent to almost €780 billion over the past year. By issuer sector, holdings of non-financial corporates (NFCs) quoted shares accounted for €612 billion (Chart 2). Within the NFC issuer sector, quoted share holdings in "airline" companies by Irish residents were €4 billion, of which 85.4 percent was held by Irish resident investment funds².

Holdings of Investment Fund shares accounted for €423 billion of total Irish resident holdings in Q1 2018, of which €280 billion are denominated in euro (chart 3). Shares issued by Irish resident Funds accounted for 41 per cent of the total (or €172 billion in Q1 2018).

Chart 1: Debt Securities Holdings by Irish Residents, by Issuer Region, Q1 2018

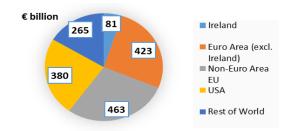
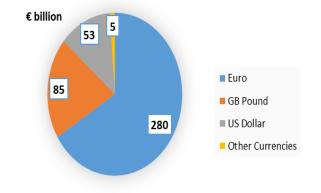


Chart 2: Quoted Shares Holdings by Irish Residents, by Issuer Sector, Q1 2017 – Q1 2018



Chart 3: Fund Shares Holdings of Irish Residents, by Nominal Currency, Q1 2018



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Securities are predominately held by the Investment Fund sector, which accounts for 68 per cent and thus, shapes much of the trends in the total holdings data. Money Market Funds hold 13 per cent of the total, with Insurance Corporations the next largest at 8.5 per cent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ISIN holdings only

## **Households**

The holdings of Irish-resident households with domestic custodians was €8,783 million at end-Q1 2018. This is a decrease of €413 million during the quarter. This is just 0.3 per cent of the total holdings of all Irish residents (Chart 4). The household holdings are predominately in quoted shares (68 per cent) with investment fund shares and debt securities accounting for 23 and 9 per cent, respectively.

Quoted shares held by Irish resident households totalled €6,003 million at end-Q1 2018. Of this, 58 per cent (€3,477 million) of the holdings were issued in euro (Chart 5). Quoted shares issued by "beverage" companies account for €254 million (4 per cent) of the shares held by Irish resident households in Q1 2018<sup>3</sup>.

Focusing on debt securities, 47 per cent of the €745 million held by Irish household in Q1 2018 was issued in Ireland (Chart 6).

### **Further information**

The data and explanatory notes can be accessed here.

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Chart 4: Holdings of Irish Resident Households by Instrument Type, Q1 2017 – Q1 2018



Chart 5: Holdings of Quoted Shares by Irish-Resident Households by Nominal Currency, Q1 2017 – Q1 2018

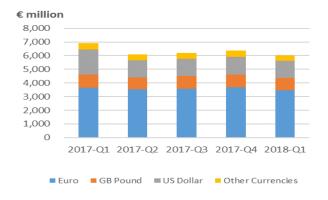
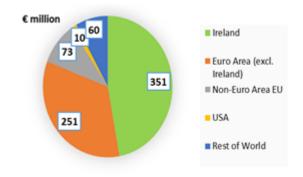


Chart 6: Holdings of Debt Securities by Irish Resident Households, by Issuer Region, Q1 2018



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