

Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) exposures to commercial real estate

Recommendation E of the ESRB Recommendation on closing real estate data gaps (ESRB/2016/14)¹ indicates that ESMA is recommended to publish aggregated data on the exposures of the entities subject to its supervision to commercial real estate (CRE) markets in the EU.

In accordance with the guidance provided in the Annex to the Recommendation the entities under the scope of ESMA supervision are investment funds and the data to be used should be those extracted from the AIFMD database.

ESMA is publishing data on exposures of AIFs to CRE markets in the EU as of 31st December 2021.

AIF exposures to commercial real estate (31/12/2021)	
AIF Strategy "Commercial Real Estate" (EU aggregated data / yearly)	Number of AIFs: 2480 AIFs marketed and/or managed by authorised EU AIFMs*
	NAV: EUR 543bn, AIFs managed and/or marketed by authorised EU AIFMs*
	Geographical breakdown of the investments**
	EEA: 88%
	NON-EEA: 12%
Value of CRE (EU aggregated data / yearly)	Total value of CRE investments**: EUR 558bn

*Representing 94% of the total CRE funds in terms of NAV.

** AIFs pursuing primarily a CRE strategy.

1 Coverage

- At the end of 2021, 2789 AIFs were pursuing a CRE strategy of which 2480 were AIFs marketed and/or managed by authorised EU AIFMs (Net Asset Value of EUR 543bn). Within this sample, 2002 AIFs were pursuing primarily a CRE strategy, and 478 AIFs were pursuing partially a CRE strategy.
- AIFs managed by sub-threshold AIFMs registered at national level with no access to the AIFMD passport are not included in the table.

¹ https://www.esrb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/recommendations/2016/ESRB_2016_14.en.pdf (please see Annex 1 of this note for relevant extracts of the Recommendation).

- Feeder AIFs are excluded to avoid any duplication of assets.
- This information relies solely on the AIFMD reporting at the end of 2021
- Commercial real estate exposures from entities not reporting under AIFMD are not included. This can especially be the case of some entities created under national laws.

2 Geographical breakdown

- Geographical exposures are calculated as a percentage of the total NAV, taking into consideration the domicile of the investments.
- The geographical breakdown is based on data reported by AIFs marketed and/or managed by authorised EU AIFMs pursuing primarily a CRE strategy.

3 Total value of CRE investments

- Total value of investment refers to the value of real estate held physically by CRE funds, which is the value reported in the AIF's most recent financial accounts or, if this is not available, at fair value.
- The total value of investment is based on data reported by AIFs marketed and/or managed by authorised EU AIFMs pursuing primarily a CRE strategy.