

BELSIPA Market Report on retail structured products Q2/2018 | Public Version

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1. Introductory remark

BELSIPA, the association of issuers of structured products in Belgium, publishes with this document the regular update of its regular market report on the sale and trade of structured products to retail investors in Belgium. The reporting period is the second quarter of 2018 (April to June).

The commercial entities submitting data to the report comprise BELSIPA's members and a number of other important market participants. A complete list of the entities submitting data can be taken from the appendix section at the end of the report.

The reported categories are:

- · Turnover (primary and secondary market transactions),
- · Outstanding volume (retail customer assets invested, which equals "AuM"/"Assets under Management" for funds),
- · Number of new products launched on the retail market and
- · Total number of products (meaning the total of non-matured products on the secondary retail market) at the end of June.

These data are compared in the overview pages on product categories and underlying.

Please enjoy reading.



2. Highlights

Market Turnover: Primary market - Slight increase

In the second quarter of 2018 the turnover in the primary market accounted for 1'030 bn EUR, which is an increase of 12% compared to Q1 2018 but a decrease of 18% when compared to the equivalent second quarter of 2017. The turnover of structured products sold (back) on the secondary market in Belgium amounted to 0.857 bn EUR, a decrease of 20% compared to Q1 2018 and of 35% compared to last year equivalent Q2 2017. Underlying-wise, the turnover in equity-linked products in Q2 2018 accounted for 0.615 bn EUR (primary market) and 0.705 bn EUR (secondary market), respectively. It is noteworthy that significantly more structured products where sold on the primary market with a capital protection feature in Q2 than in Q1 2018 (28% more).

Outstanding Volume: No significant changes compared to the previous quarter

At the end of June 2018, the outstanding volume in structured products held by customers of the data-submitting entities was 31.14 bn EUR, which is no significant change compared to the end of the first quarter of 2018 (where the volume stood at 31.2 bn EUR).

Number of New Products: Increasing number of structured notes

The number of new structured products issued in Belgium between April and June 2018 increased by 9% (891 products issued in Q2 2018 against 818 new products in Q1 2018). 88% of all new products were issued in the leveraged products segment. On the investment (non-leverage) products side, the number of structured notes increased by 23% compared to Q1 2018, the number of structured funds by 33% in the same time-span. Measured by underlying type, equity-linked instruments represented a share of 85% of all newly issued products. In absolute terms, their number increased by 5% compared to the previous quarter Q1 2018.

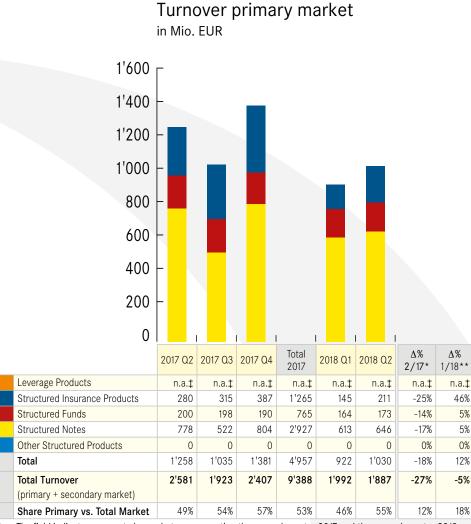
Total Number of Products: Slight increase compared to the previous quarter

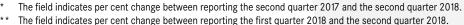
At the end of June 2018, a total of 3'302 products were open/non-matured on the Belgian market. The number of products hence remains roughly the same as at the end of the first quarter of 2018 (3'255). Compared with Q2 2017 it decreased though by 3%. With 45% of all non-matured products at the end of June 2018 (1'479 products out of 3'302), notes are still the dominating format of structured products in the Belgian market.

BELSIPA Market Report Q2/2018 per Product Category



April - June 2018





Structured leverage products are sold in the Belgian market without subscription period and as exchange-listed products, only. The relevant primary market turnover is for that reason part of the secondary market reporting and statistics (see right table on this page).

Turnover secondary market in Mio. EUR 1'400 1'200 1'000 800 600 400 200 $\Delta\%$ $\Delta\%$ 2017 Q2 2017 Q3 2017 Q4 2018 Q1 2018 Q2 2017 2/17* 1/18** Leverage Products 21 15 18 79 36 25 19% -31% Structured Insurance Products 459 307 184 1'309 231 186 -59% -19% 687 451 679 2'458 672 525 -24% -22% 156 115 145 585 128 118 -24% -8% Other Structured Products 3 0 0 3 0% 0% 1'323 888 1'026 4'431 1'070 857 -35% -20% 2'581 9'388 1'992 1'887 1'923 2'407 -27% -5% (primary + secondary market)

Source: Submitting Entities, Derivative Partners

45%

-11%

-15%

54%

46%

43%

47%

51%

Structured Funds

Structured Notes

Total Turnover

Share Secondary vs. Total Market

Total

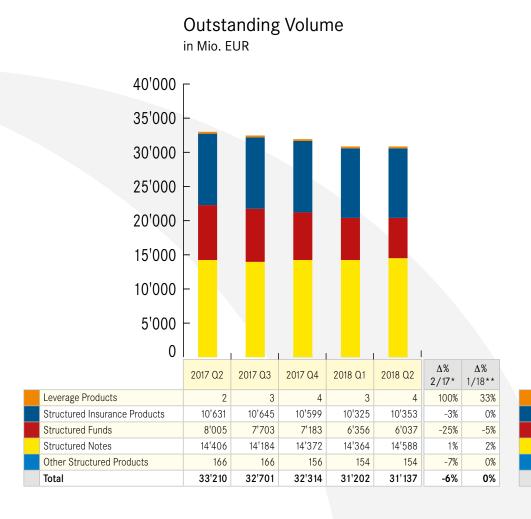
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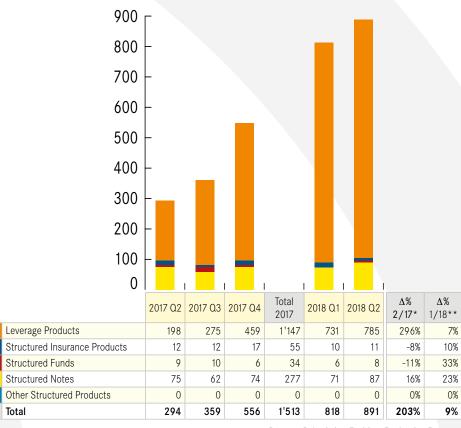
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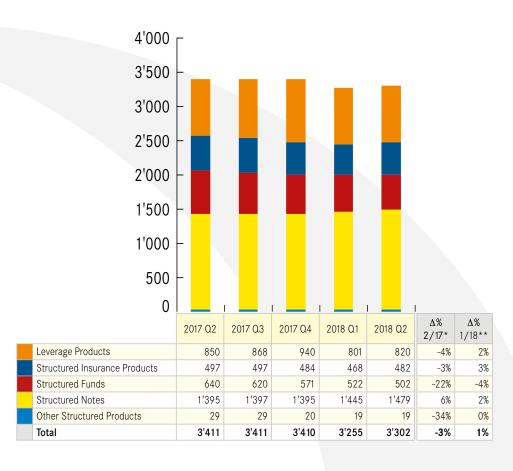
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Total Number of Products



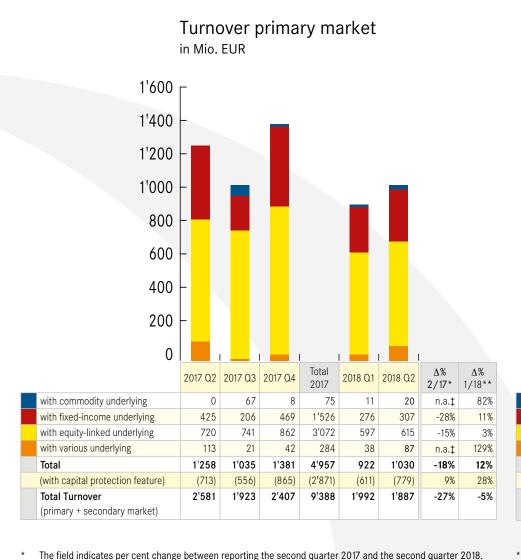
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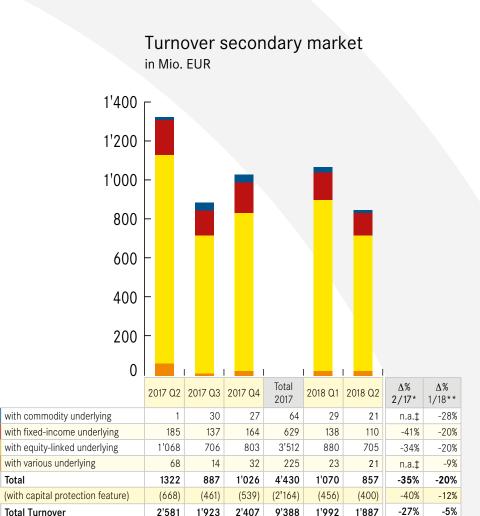
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Total

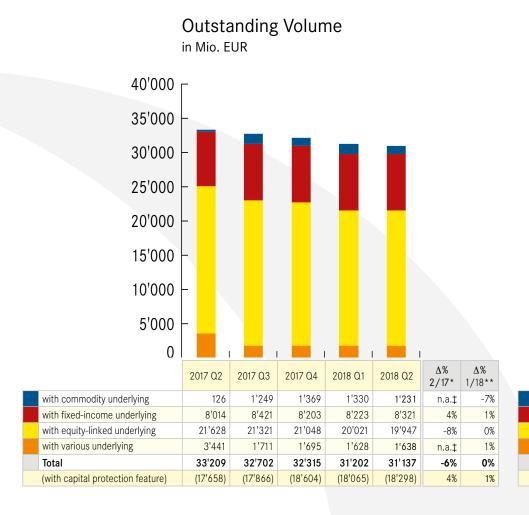
Total Turnover

(primary + secondary market)

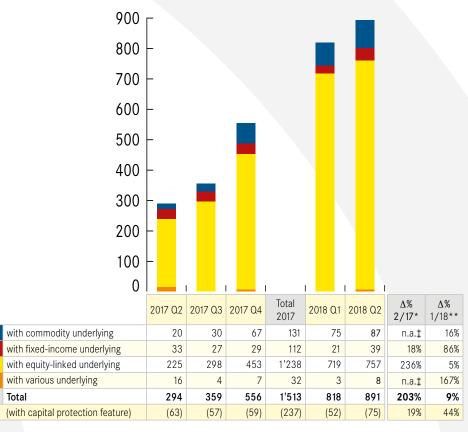
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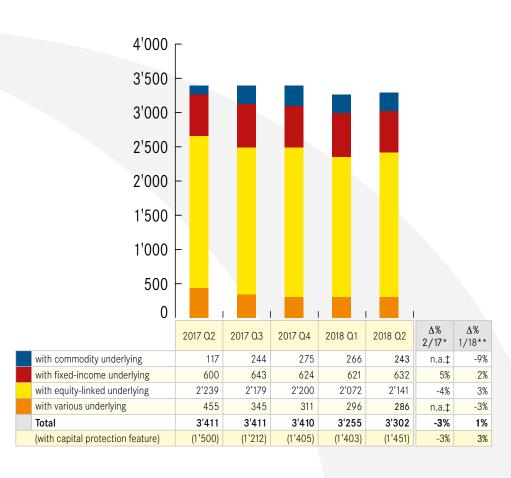
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Data sources

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