FSMA Retail Investor Dashboard
Technical Appendix – Q1 2025

This technical appendix describes how the statistics shown in the retail investor dashboards have been computed. More specifically, these figures have been generated using data from the MIFIR database, which reports information on stock exchange transactions of financial instruments under supervision of EU financial market regulators.

We consider the following instruments to be in-scope:

- Stocks: instruments with CFI-codes beginning with E, but not EY.
- ETFs: instruments with CFI-codes beginning with CE.
- Bonds: instruments with CFI-codes beginning with DB, DN, DT, DY.

Unless specified otherwise, all statistics derive from the behavior of Belgian retail investors trading financial instruments through an entity supervised by the FSMA. Note that the underlying data sample used to generate the various charts may vary slightly between dashboards due to periodic changes in the set of supervised entities. As a result, some of the figures shown in the charts may differ across subsequent publications.

Since the publication of the previous dashboard, the FSMA has implemented a revised methodology to better account for split transactions. Specifically, we aggregate transactions when an account trades the same ISIN code multiple times in the same direction (i.e. multiple buy or sell orders) at the same time stamp at an identical price. We recognize that this does not fully address the issue of split transactions (especially for less liquid instruments with lower trading volumes). However, we consider the current adjustment to be a best effort given that the MIFIR database only reports transaction data but not order data.

- "Number of retail investors who carried out at least one transaction": this statistic shows the number of different Belgian retail investors who have carried out at least one transaction to buy or sell a financial instrument of focus, through an entity supervised by the FSMA, during the period under review.
- "Number of new retail investors": this statistic shows the number of Belgian retail investors who, during the period under review, traded in a financial instrument of focus through an entity supervised by the FSMA for the first time since the inception of the database (January 1, 2018). This statistic includes both retail investors who have never been active before as well as those who have not been active since January 1 2018.
- "Difference between the number of buy and sell transactions for each type of financial instrument": this statistic shows the difference between the total number of buy transactions and the total number of sell transactions, carried out by Belgian retail investors in a financial instrument of focus, during the period under review and through an entity supervised by the FSMA.
- "Number of transactions carried out by Belgian retail investors": this statistic shows the total number of transactions in a financial instrument of focus carried out by Belgian retail investors, through an entity supervised by the FSMA, during the period under review.
- "Daily net traded value of stocks (Chart 8) or ETFs (Chart 10) by Belgian retail investors, segmented by age group": this statistic breaks down the daily net traded value of stocks (or ETFs) by age segments. Joint Accounts are assigned to an age segment based on the average

age of the Belgian investors associated with the account. The age of an investor is always calculated at the time of the transaction.

- "Daily net traded value of stocks (Chart 9) or ETFs (Chart 11) by Belgian retail investors, segmented by gender": this statistic breaks down the daily net traded value of stocks (or ETFs) by gender.

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