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News& Events

30th Anniversary of the Capital Markets Board of Turkey

As part of the Capital Markets Board of Turkey's (CMB) 30th anniversary celebration, the CMB organized in partnership with the OECD, a series of international conferences titled "Reform and Regulation in Financial Markets" and "Corporate Governance, Innovation and Value Creation" on 31 January 2012 and 1 February 2012 in Istanbul.

The program started with the opening speeches of Mr. Ali BABACAN, Deputy Prime Minister and Mr. Vedat AKGİRAY, Chair of the CMB. One of the keynote speakers of the conference was Mr. Erdem BAŞÇI, Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey.

In the conference, financial market regulations namely for post financial crisis crucial topics such as regulation of credit rating agencies, OTC Derivatives, financial literacy, investor protection and systemic risk were discussed.

Participants from a variety of countries such as the Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and OECD Member States participated in the conference

Financial Education Program

In October 2010, the CMB launched the Financial Education Program in order to help citizens to improve their understanding of capital markets-related financial products and concepts and manage their money. This program is inclusive in the sense that it will address to various target groups with different backgrounds (income, education, age etc).

Within the framework of this program, the CMB conducted surveys among two target groups, women and university students, with the objective to measure the level of awareness and knowledge on capital markets-related concepts.

Please see the following website for more details:

http://www.cmb.gov.tr/duyurugoster.aspx?aid=2012118&subid=1&ct=f&yanmenuid=1&ext=.pdf&filename=2012118_1.pdf

Main Legislative Amendments

Communiqué Serial: VI, No: 32 Amending the Communiqué Serial: VI, No: 11 on Principles Regarding Real Estate Investment Companies (Date of Official Gazette: 31.01.2012)

The Communiqué on Real Estate Investment Companies has been amended to meet the evolving needs of market environment and adopt current developments in corporate governance area. The amendment will enable real estate investment companies,

- to use advisory services provided by related parties within the fee cap determined by the CMB
- to open participation accounts at participation banks
- to issue lease asset backed securities.

Besides, rules on independent directors of real estate investment trusts have been harmonised with those of corporate governance principles for listed companies.

With the amendment, leading shareholders, in the absence of preference shares, are required to keep their positions at least for two years following the company's IPO.

Main Indicators

	December 2010	September 2011	December 2011
Number of ISE Companies	344	361	366
Market capitalization of ISE companies (Million \$)	307,551	291,179	225,691
Market capitalization as a % of GDP	41.79	39,57	30,67
Number of investors in ISE	1,043,135	1,092,791	1,097,037
Investors Deposit Balance (% of Total)			
-Foreign	66.2	62.2	61.9
-Domestic	33.8	37.8	38.1
Number of open mutual fund accounts	3,248,601	3,536,645	3,817,617
Number of pension funds participants	2,460,096	2,680,074	2,735,521
Intermediary Institutions	144	142	142
-Brokerage Firms	103	102	102
-Banks	41	40	40
Investment Funds NAV*	29,477	28.863	27,049
-Mutual Funds NAV (\$ Million)	21,620	20,536	19,186
-Pension Funds N AV (\$ Million)	7,822	8,291	7,832
-Foreign Funds NAV (\$ Million)	35	36	31
NAV of investment funds as a % of GDP	4.00	3.9	3,6
Investment Trusts NAV (\$ Million)	488	451	398
Real Estate Investment Trusts NAV (\$ Million)	11,189	11,808	11,808
Venture Capital Investment Trusts NAV (\$ Million)	121	119	119
Total Investment Trusts NAV as a % of GDP	1.6	1.68	1,67
Number of Portfolio Management Companies	28	29	31
Portfolio value of port. man. comp. (\$ Million)	30,304	24.753	29,676
Number Of Independent Auditing Companies	92	93	93
Number Of Real Estate Appraisal Firms	82	96	98
Number Of Rating Agencies	9	9	9

*NAV: Net Asset Value, ** GDP as of December 2010 (735,828 \$ Million)

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