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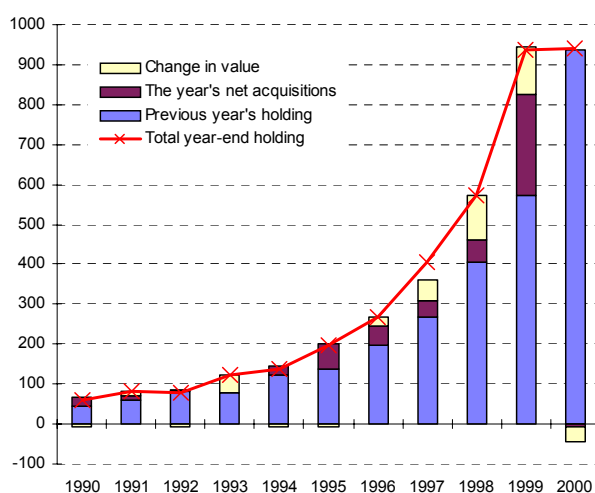
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Swedish portfolio holdings 2000

Foreign shares and mutual funds

The Riksbank's annual survey shows that at end 2000 the market value of Swedish investors' portfolio holdings of foreign shares and mutual funds totalled SEK 939 billion. This is an increase of approximately SEK 4 billion from the previous year-end. There are a number of adverse factors that have affected the value of these holdings during the year. Firstly, Swedish investors have sold foreign shares and mutual funds to a net value of SEK 9 billion. Secondly, a weaker Swedish krona has led to an increase in value, while falling share prices have reduced the total number of assets.

Diagram 1. Swedish holdings of foreign shares. SEK billion.



Holdings of foreign-registered funds increased by almost SEK 10 billion last year. However, holdings in both Swedish-registered funds abroad and directly owned shares declined during the year, by almost SEK 4 billion and SEK 3 billion respectively.

The survey can be ordered from Information Riksbanken; e-mail: forradet@riksbank.se, tel. +46-8-787 00 00, fax +46-8-21 05 31. It can also be downloaded from the Riksbank's website, www.riksbank.se (select *Statistics* from the main menu and then *Balance of Payments, Surveys* from the list).

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