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IOSCO Research launches statistics web portal on securities markets

The Research Department of the International Organization of Securities Commissions today launched a statistics web portal that provides the public with a global overview of specific securities markets.

The objectives of the new portal are threefold. First, it seeks to provide a centralized point for monitoring global trends, risks and vulnerabilities; second, to provide a mechanism for comparison of how well markets are recovering in light of the crisis; and finally, to provide IOSCO members and the broader financial community with easy access to key statistics, charts and indicators on a number of securities markets, including:

- Corporate Debt including global and regional issuances of investment grade and high yield debt
- Covered Bonds
- Securitized Products including issuance since the crisis
- Islamic finance sukuk bonds, with more products to be covered in the coming months
- Equity IPO volumes
- Equity market valuations CAPE and Tobin's q measure
- Syndicated Loans including average cost of deals
- Housing price indices of selected countries

The portal will be updated on a monthly basis and represents the first step in an ongoing process to offer the public critical information on securities markets. In the coming months, the website will be further refined and developed. New additions already are in the pipeline.

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To view the new website, please click on the following link: <u>http://www.iosco.org/research/index.cfm?section=statistics</u>

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1. **IOSCO** is the leading international policy forum for securities regulators and is recognized as the global standard setter for securities regulation. The organization's membership regulates more than 95% of the world's securities markets in more than 115 jurisdictions and it continues to expand.

2. **The IOSCO Research Department** was established in 2011, as part of IOSCO's Strategic Direction 2010-2015. The Research Department provides research support to IOSCO Committees and Task Forces and produces analysis on market developments, and potential systemic and emerging risks in securities markets – for the information of the IOSCO membership and the public. The Research Department is also a member of the IOSCO Committee on Emerging Risks.

The Research Department is supported by an external Expert Network – from academia, private industry and other international economic and financial organizations. The network is used to enrich the Research Department's data gathering and analysis exercises. If you are interested in joining the external Expert Network, please email research@iosco.org

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