

## FINANCIAL MARKETS: A KEY COMPONENT OF THE ECONOMY

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**Аннотация.** В статье анализируются финансовые рынки, их виды, функции и значение в экономике. Финансовые рынки выполняют важные функции, такие как направление инвестиций, обеспечение движения капитала и укрепление экономической стабильности. Также рассматриваются современные тенденции и перспективы развития рынка.

**Ключевые слова:** Финансовый рынок, рынок капитала, денежный рынок, валютный рынок, рынок деривативов, инвестиции, цифровизация, FinTech, зеленые финансы, регулирование, управление рисками, ликвидность, фондовый рынок, ценные бумаги, банковская система.

**Abstract.** The article analyzes financial markets, their types, functions, and importance in the economy. Financial markets perform important functions such as directing investments, ensuring capital flows, and strengthening economic stability. It also discusses current trends and development prospects of markets.

**Keywords:** Financial market, capital market, money market, foreign exchange market, derivatives market, investments, digitization, FinTech, green finance, regulation, risk management, liquidity, stock market, securities, banking system.

Financial markets are an integral part of the modern economy, serving to efficiently allocate capital flows, attract investment, and ensure financial stability. Through these markets, savings are channeled to various sectors of the economy, and economic entities and the state have the necessary funds to ensure economic growth.

The financial market performs the following main functions:

- **Efficient allocation of capital** - Financial resources are directed to financing production, services and innovations.
- **Ensuring liquidity** - conditions are created for the quick sale or purchase of assets with minimal losses.
- **Risk management** - market participants have the opportunity to reduce financial losses by diversifying assets.
- **Price formation** - the real market price of securities, currencies and other financial instruments is determined based on supply and demand.

These functions ensure the efficient functioning of the economic system, creating the basis for the expansion of entrepreneurial activity and innovative development.

Financial markets are divided into different segments, each with its own characteristics and supporting specific economic processes.

1. **Capital market** - a market for long-term investments, which includes the issuance and sale of stocks, bonds, and other securities.
2. **Money market** - a network where short-term financial transactions are carried out, operating through instruments such as interbank lending and government bonds.
3. **Foreign exchange market** - a market where national and foreign currencies are exchanged, supporting international trade and investment.
4. **Derivatives market** - includes complex financial instruments such as futures, options, and swaps that allow for risk management and speculative transactions.

These markets are influenced by various economic and institutional factors:

- **Macroeconomic stability** – inflation, economic growth rates, and monetary policy have a significant impact on the dynamics of financial markets.
- **Regulation and public policy** – Legal norms governing the activities of financial institutions determine the stability of the investment environment.

**Technological development** - Innovations such as digital financial technologies (FinTech), blockchain, and artificial intelligence are changing the way

financial markets operate.

Modern financial markets are evolving in an environment of high levels of globalization and integration, which expands their investment opportunities but also introduces new risks.

In the future, financial markets are expected to become more transparent, technologically advanced, and environmentally sustainable. These trends will create new opportunities for investors and entrepreneurs, and serve to strengthen the financial ecosystem.

Financial markets are an integral part of the economic system, contributing to economic development by efficiently allocating capital, providing liquidity, and attracting investment. They are divided into different segments, each of which serves specific needs of the economy.

Today, financial markets are evolving in the direction of globalization, digitalization, and green investments. In the future, strengthening financial regulation, the development of FinTech technologies, and innovative investments will help shape a new economic model.

Stable and efficient functioning of financial markets ensures the development of the entire economic system. Therefore, it is important for financial institutions and investors to deeply analyze market changes and adapt to new trends.

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