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#### Informed Investor: Money Monitor June 2019

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### Slight rebound for European ETF flows

Net new assets in the European ETF market rebounded slightly in June to €2.6bn from the €2.1bn we saw in May. The month confirmed a trend we've been monitoring recently, with fixed income ETFs attracting most of the inflows (€5.6bn). In contrast, equity ETFs suffered their worst month ever (-€4.3bn).

Meanwhile, flows into commodity and Smart beta ETFs returned to the red (-€78m for both categories). ESG ETFs were again one of the biggest winners in June. They enjoyed their best month ever with €1.4bn of inflows, driven by broad strategies.

### What happened last month?

- ► ETF flows rebounded slightly
- A very weak month for equities
- ▶ Big bounce back for fixed income





Huge outflows from equities

-€4.3bn | €5.6bn



Fixed income flows rebound sharply



Commodity flows turn slightly negative



trend stalls

-€78m



Smart beta's positive Best month ever for **ESG ETFs** 

### How does the YTD picture look?

- European ETFs enjoyed a good H1
- Fixed income, smart beta and ESG lead the way





**Equity ETFs are** this year's laggards



Still the best start to a year for fixed



Negative year so far for commodities

-€2.2bn | €27.3bn | -€300m | €5.0bn | €5.2bn



Strong start for smart beta



Record start to a vear for ESG

Source: Monthly data in EURM from 01/01/2019 to 30/06/2019 Bloomberg, Lyxor International Asset Management. Note: This report is based on the data available on 30/06/2019. Asset and flow data may be slightly adjusted as additional data becomes available All categories are exclusive and sum up to the total market flows.





#### Special focus

# The search for yield

Investors have redoubled their search for yield in the current very low interest rate environment. With German, French and Japan government bonds' yields negative, corporate bonds (both IG & HY) and income-generating equity strategies have been in high demand. In Europe, flows surged into these kinds of strategies. Year-to-date, they have gathered €16.7bn of assets - around 47% of overall ETF market flows\*. This accelerated again in June after Mario Draghi commented on the possibility of adding more QE in Europe and central banks in Japan and the US reiterated their dovish stance, which pushed all interest rates simultaneously in negative territory.

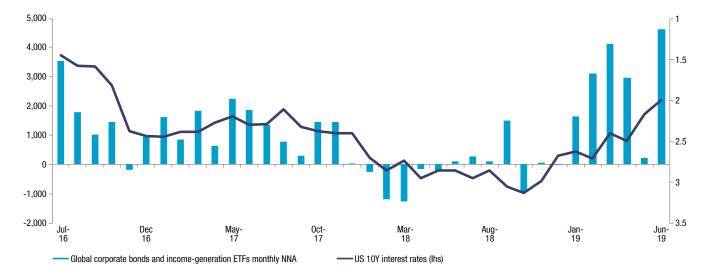
**Record inflows** 

€4.6bn

Monthly inflows reached a high for the year of **€4.6bn** - an amount not seen since 2015 – and accounted for 74% of total monthly flows\*.

The general policy dovishness and the historical correlation between US 10-year yield moves and flows into, or out of, global corporate credit and income-generation ETFs flows (see graph below), mean it's likely these categories will retain their popularity with investors for months to come. We expect to see significant inflows along the way.

#### Global corporate credit and income-generation ETFs monthly flows vs. US 10Y yield

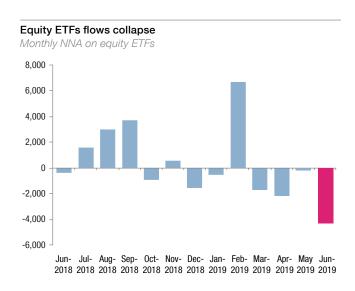


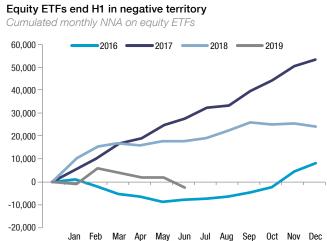


<sup>\*</sup>Restated for an exceptional creation of €3.4bn in February and an exceptional redemption of €3.7bn in June from a MSCI ACWI ETF, total flows amount to €6.27€ in June and €35.3bn YTD. Source: Lyxor ETF, Bloomberg data from 30/06/2016 to 30/06/2019.

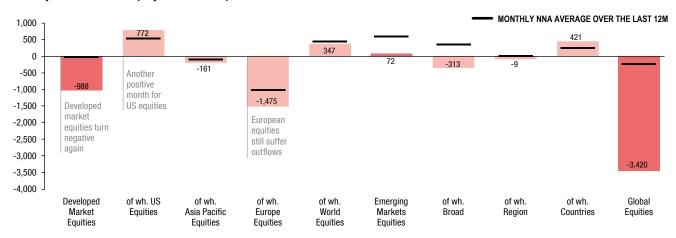
# Huge outflows from equities

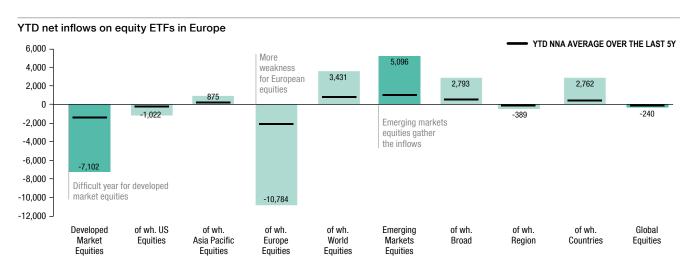






#### Monthly net inflows on Equity ETFs in Europe



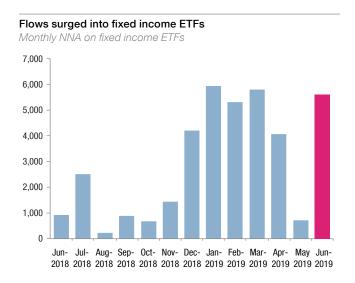


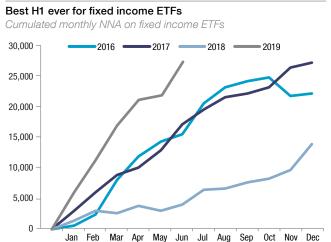
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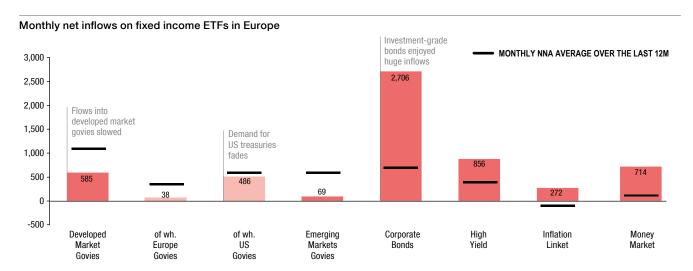


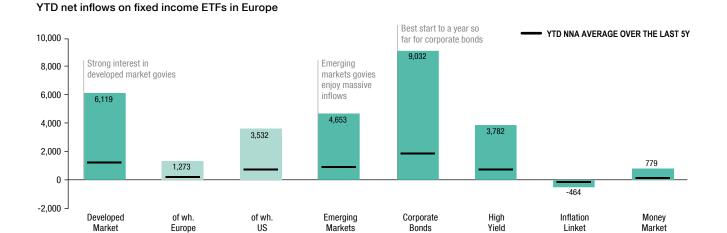
## Fixed income flows rebound sharply











Govies

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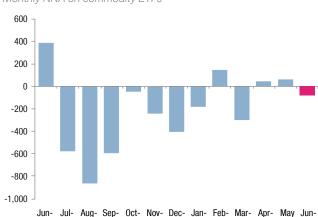
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# Commodity flows turn slightly negative



#### Commodity ETFs flows turn negative

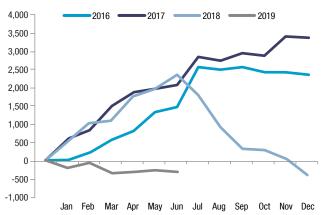
Monthly NNA on commodity ETFs



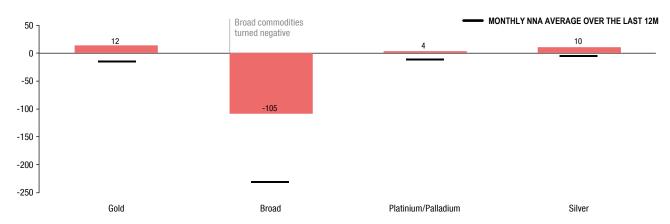
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#### Commodity ETFs still in the red

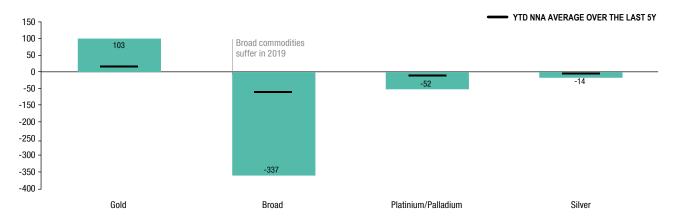
Cumulated monthly NNA on commodity ETFs



#### Monthly net inflows on commodity ETFs in Europe



#### YTD net inflows on commodity ETFs in Europe

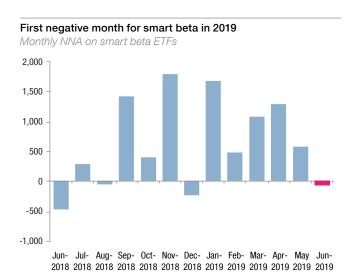


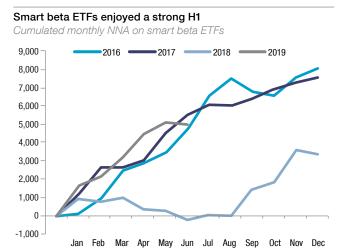
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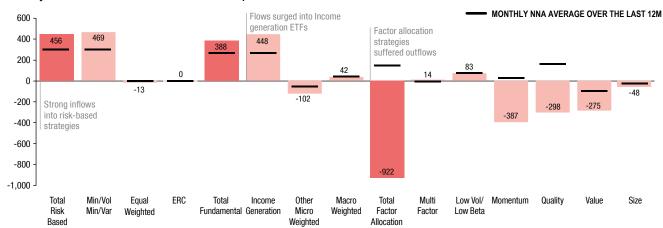
### Smart beta's positive trend stalls



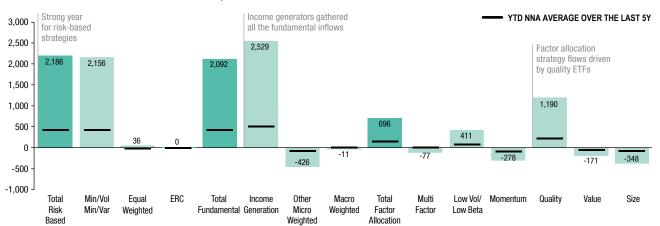




#### Monthly net inflows on smart beta ETFs in Europe





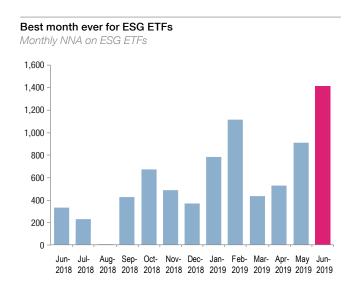


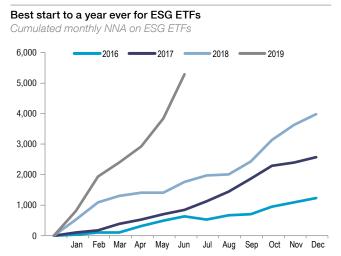
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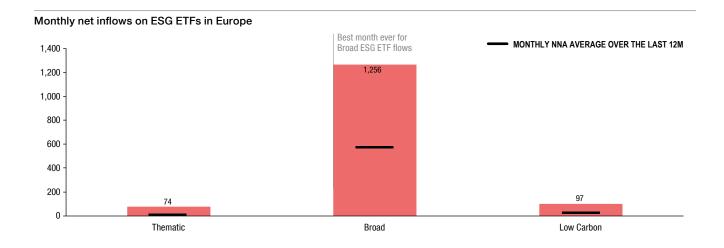


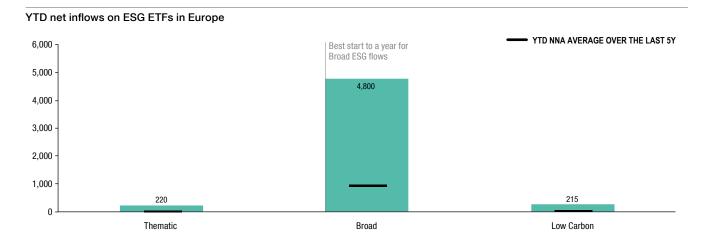
### Best month ever for ESG ETFs











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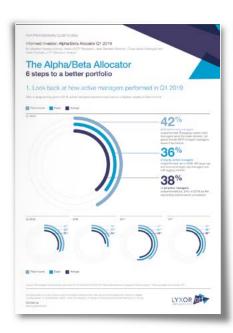
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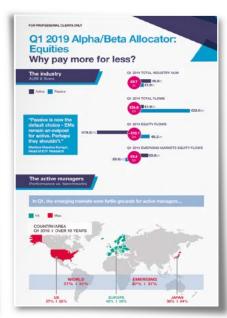
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