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# **GLOBAL ETP FLOWS**



**JULY 2023** 

**Flows moderate:** flows into global ETPs moderated slightly in July to \$88.1B, down from \$99.8B in June, largely due to a slight drop off in equity buying.

**Fixed income buying rises:** equity flows fell from \$76.9B in June to \$59.7B in July, while fixed income buying rose slightly to \$30.9B and commodity flows remained in negative territory, with a further \$3.6B of selling.

**A selective approach:** precision exposures were at the fore in July, with a broad rise in sector ETP buying amid Q2 earnings season, and India ETP flows hitting their second-highest level on record.

### US leads the way in equities

Despite the drop from June, July still represented the second-highest inflow month this year for equity ETPs, against a backdrop of reduced equity allocations so far in 2023. As with June, US equity flows drove most of the buying (\$38.6B), while emerging market (EM) equity flows stayed relatively stable (\$11.1B), and Japanese equity buying fell from \$7.8B to \$2.6B.

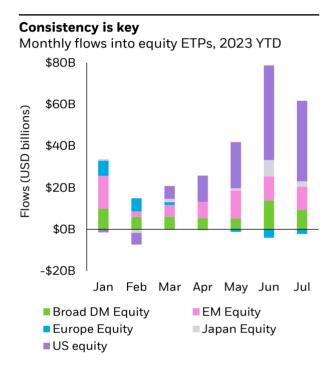
International investors have started to meaningfully sell European equity ETPs over the summer. The exposure saw a fourth consecutive month of outflows, but the pace of selling slowed MoM to -\$2.2B. US-listed European equities lost a further \$0.9B in July.

Sector positioning in European equities has also shown signs of shifting. Outflows from European financials continued in July (-\$0.3B), following the \$0.7B out in June. We have seen positioning come off in European tech (-\$0.2B) and healthcare (-\$0.1B), while European materials notched a second consecutive month of inflows, with \$0.1B added in July.

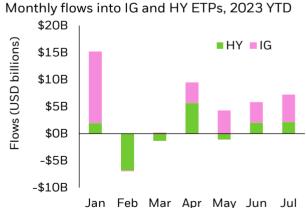


In fixed income, simultaneous inflows into investment grade (IG, \$5.1B) and high yield (HY, \$2.2B) ETPs continued for a second consecutive month in July, the first time this has happened since October-November 2022. In June, flows into IG were relatively equally split flows between listing regions, and this continued for EMEA and US-listed IG ETPs in July, with \$1.8B apiece.

For HY, the trend was similar, with \$0.8B into both EMEA and US-listed HY ETPs. US allocations were slightly down MoM, however, meaning that EMEA-listed ETPs accounted for a greater proportion of HY flows in July than in June.



### A building trend?



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### An Indian summer?

The \$11.1B added to EM equity ETPs was the lowest inflow month in the past three for the exposure, and once again heavily tilted towards APAC-listed inflows, which accounted for \$6.5B in July. Allocations to US-listed EM equity ETPs hit their highest level since January, with \$3.3B added in July, tilted towards single country exposures (\$1.8B). This contrasted with the trend in EMEA-listed flows, where broad EM equity buying has far outpaced single country allocations.

Indian equity ETPs notched up a further \$1.5B of inflows in July, the second-highest monthly inflow of the year and second-highest on record. In contrast to the record \$2.3B added in March 2023, the inflows in July came largely from international investors, with \$1.2B into US-listed Indian equity ETPs. Flows into EMEA-listed India ETPs have been positive for nine consecutive months, with a further \$0.2B added in July, taking YTD net inflows to \$0.7B.

On the bond front, flows into EM debt (EMD) ETPs followed the trend we saw in June, with buying relatively evenly split across listing regions for a second month in a row. Flows were led by EMEA-listed EMD ETPs (\$0.9B), culminating in a total \$2.0B into global EMD ETPs in July.

### Precision picks up

Flows into sector ETPs broadly rose in July, partly driven by positioning around the Q2 earnings season. Tech led the way, with \$5.0B added. US tech exposures saw \$1.0B of inflows in July, bringing the year-to-date total to \$6.3B, out of the \$20.8B YTD into broad tech ETPs.

Flows increased across all cyclical sectors, with energy (\$1.2B), financials (\$2.4B), industrials (\$1.6B) and materials (\$1.6B) all posting an increase in monthly allocations. For energy, this marks the first monthly inflows since November 2022, when \$1.0B was added. Between November and June, \$12.2B has come out of energy sector ETPs globally.

Similarly, in factors, value posted a second consecutive month of inflows, with \$0.8B added in July. Simultaneously, quality factor ETPs were sold for the first month since September 2022, with \$0.5B out.

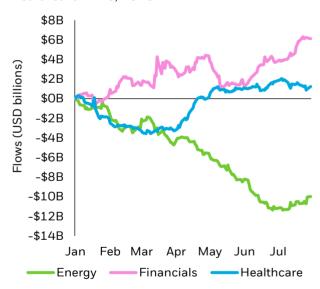
### A double record year

Monthly flows into India equity ETPs, January 2022-July 2023



### An injection of energy?

Cumulative flows into energy, financials and healthcare ETPs, 2023 YTD



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