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Informed Investor: Money Monitor November 2018

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Strong rebound for European ETFs

Net new assets in the European ETF market rebounded to €4bn in November – well up from the €753m we saw in October. Equities gathered the bulk of the inflows (€2.8bn), after another strong month for US equities (€1.4bn) and further signs of renewed interest in ESG ETFs (€491m) and China equities (€334m). Fixed income ETF inflows doubled, led by developed market government bonds after they enjoyed their best month ever (€1.9bn). Commodities, meanwhile, continued their descent.





What were the major trends?

Equity inflows rebound



Monthly net inflows on European Equity ETFs



Fixed income flows double

Monthly net inflows on European Fixed Income ETFs

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Source: Monthly data in EURM from 01/11/2018 to 30/11/2018, Bloomberg, Lyxor. The figures relating to past performances refer to past periods and are not a reliable indicator for future results.



€1.5bn

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Special focus

China comes right into focus

China equity ETF recorded their 3rd best month ever with €334m of inflows in November. This may be the latest sign of a more durable trend, which began in June as shown in Graph 2 below and is unmatched when looking at monthly flows on Chinese equities for the last three years. So, what's behind it? In our view, the equity investing environment is much more favourable than it was. First, Chinese equities may have bottomed out - given easier financial conditions in the US (see negative correlation Strong inflows €334m

with Chinese equity prices in graph 1), a potential easing of trade tensions and the likelihood of more accommodative measures from the central bank and the Chinese government. Second, growth remains twice as fast as the US even if it is slowing right now – and that slowdown may only be down to more specific, possibly temporary factors anyway. Third, valuations are cheap and this could sustain a recovery after the recent sell-off (MSCI China fell 11.5% in October).





Source: Monthly data from 30/11/2015 to 30/11/2018, Bloomberg, Lyxor Cross Asset Research, Lyxor ETF. The figures relating to past performances refer to past periods and are not a reliable indicator for future results



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What does it all mean?

A moderately successful year so far - €5bn above 2016 ETFs on the rise Total AUM is up 4.5% since 2017

€45.5bn

YTD net Inflows on European ETFs by asset class



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Appendix: The month in numbers

NNA rebound to €4.0bn from €753m in October

Monthly NNA on European ETFs



Equity

Still a good year for equity ETFs (€31.6bn YTD)

Cumulated monthly NNA on equity ETFs



Fixed income

Fixed income inflows head past the €10bn mark

Cumulated monthly NNA on fixed income ETFs



Total

Still a decent year for European ETFs

Cumulated monthly NNA on European ETFs



Equity Emerging Market

Emerging market equity flows have slowed

Cumulated monthly NNA on emerging market equity ETFs



Commodities

Worst ever year for commodity ETFs

Cumulated monthly NNA on commodity ETFs



Source: Monthly data in EURM from 01/01/2015 to 30/11/2018, Bloomberg, Lyxor. The figures relating to past performances refer to past periods and are not a reliable indicator for future results



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European ETFs in November 2018 Net Inflows (EURm)

Overview by asset class

Equity



Fixed Income

Significant inflows for Fixed Income ETFs (€1.5bn) Monthly NNA on fixed income ETFs



Commodities





Source: Monthly data in EURM from 01/12/2017 to 30/11/2018, Bloomberg, Lyxor.

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Monthly NNA on developed vs. emerging markets equity ETFs

Emerging Market

Developed market equities still outdo EM peers

Developed Market

10,000

DM bonds outdo EM peers again

Monthly NNA on developed vs. emerging markets fixed income ETFs



...mainly due to broad commodity ETFs Monthly NNA on broad & precious metals ETFs



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Equities

European Equities

Flows on European Equity ETFs plummeted Monthly NNA on European equity ETFs



First positive month for Italian and Spanish equities since Nov-17 Monthly NNA on peripheral Europe equity ETFs





Eurozone equity flows turn negative

Virtual flat month for German equity ETFs

Monthly NNA on German equity ETFs



Little interest on developed Europe equities

Monthly NNA on developed Europe region equity ETFs



First positive flows into financials Europe equity ETFs since February Monthly NNA on financials Europe equity ETFs



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Equities (cont'd)

US & Japan equities

Positive trend weakens slightly for US Equity ETFs Monthly NNA on US equity ETFs



Emerging market equities

Small inflows continue on emerging market equity ETFs Monthly NNA on emerging market equity ETFs



Smart Beta / Value

Best month ever for smart beta ETFs

Monthly NNA on smart beta ETFs



Japan equity rebound wasn't reinforced

Monthly NNA on Japan equity ETFs



Still little interest on broad EM equity ETFs

Monthly NNA on broad EM equity ETFs



Second consecutive positive month for value style equity ETF flows Monthly NNA on value style equity ETFs



Source: Monthly data in EURM from 01/12/2017 to 30/11/2018, Bloomberg, Lyxor. The figures relating to past performances refer to past periods and are not a reliable indicator for future results.



Fixed Income

European Govies

Inflows into EU government bonds accelerate

Monthly NNA on EU government bond ETFs



Inflation Linked

Inflation-linked bond flows remain negative



Credit Market

Corporate bonds favoured over HY peers Monthly NNA on corporate & high yield bond ETFs



US Govies

Still solid inflows into US treasuries

Monthly NNA on US government bond ETFs



EM debt

Modest inflows into emerging market debt

Monthly NNA on Emerging market debt ETFs



Short-bond strategy

Strong rebound for short bond strategies Monthly NNA on short bond strategy ETFs



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