Informed Investor: Money Monitor

A look back at European ETF market flows last month

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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.



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.



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Special focus

The search for yield

Record inflows €4.6bn

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-todate, 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. 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



*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

●-€4.3bn

Equity ETFs flows collapse Monthly NNA on equity ETFs 8,000 6,000 4,000 2,000 -2,000 -4,000 -2,000 -4,000 -

Jun- Jul- Aug- Sep- Oct- Nov- Dec- Jan- Feb- Mar- Apr- May Jun-2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019



Monthly net inflows on Equity ETFs in Europe





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Source: Monthly data from 01/01/2014 to 30/06/2019, Bloomberg, Lyxor International Asset Management.

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Fixed income flows rebound sharply

Flows surged into fixed income ETFs

Monthly NNA on fixed income ETFs



2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019

Best H1 ever for fixed income ETFs

Cumulated monthly NNA on fixed income ETFs



€5.6bn



YTD net inflows on fixed income ETFs in Europe



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Source: Monthly data from 01/01/2014 to 30/06/2019, Bloomberg, Lyxor International Asset Management

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Commodity flows turn slightly negative

Commodity ETFs flows turn negative Monthly NNA on commodity ETFs



Jun- Jul- Aug- Sep- Oct- Nov- Dec- Jan- Feb- Mar- Apr- May Jun-2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019

Commodity ETFs still in the red

Cumulated monthly NNA on commodity ETFs



Monthly net inflows on commodity ETFs in Europe









Source: Monthly data from 01/01/2014 to 30/06/2019, Bloomberg, Lyxor International Asset Management.

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Smart beta's positive trend stalls

First negative month for smart beta in 2019

Monthly NNA on smart beta ETFs



Jun- Jul- Aug- Sep- Oct- Nov- Dec- Jan- Feb- Mar- Apr- May Jun-2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019

Smart beta ETFs enjoyed a strong H1

Cumulated monthly NNA on smart beta ETFs



Monthly net inflows on smart beta ETFs in Europe





Source: Monthly data from 01/01/2014 to 30/06/2019, Bloomberg, Lyxor International Asset Management.

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Best month ever for ESG ETFs



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Monthly NNA on ESG ETFs





Best start to a year ever for ESG ETFs







Source: Monthly data from 01/01/2014 to 30/06/2019, Bloomberg, Lyxor International Asset Management.

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