ETF Market Flows Analysis

data as of end February 2023

Global appetite for exchange-traded funds (ETFs) cooled off in February with in-flows of €14.9bn. This was the lowest allocation since April 2022.

Equities gained €7.2bn while fixed income saw in-flows of €4bn, possibly reflecting investors' concerns about the direction of interest rates. European investors added €6.8bn while US investors allocated €6.1bn, breaking the long-run trend of the North American market usually being several times larger than the European one.

The most popular strategy was ultra-short bonds, gaining €10bn last month and illustrative of investors' waitand-see attitude towards debt. Large blend strategies had the most significant outflows of €10bn in February.

European Flows – Monthly Overview

Equities

European UCITS equity ETFs gained €5.9bn with emerging market equities adding €4.6bn. Within this allocation, EM broad indices proved popular with in-flows of €3.9bn. European developed market equities gained €2.4bn while there were outflows of €2.7bn from US equities.

Investors withdrew €1bn from minimum volatility and €500m from quality strategies, possibly reflecting a return to an equity risk-on appetite.

Of the total €5.9bn allocation to equities, €3.2bn were added to ESG strategies while €2.7bn was added to traditional products. Like last month, ESG emerging markets were the most popular strategy gaining €1.5bn, equivalent to around a third of the total allocation to equity emerging-market strategies.

Fixed Income

Investors added only €0.5bn to European UCITS fixed income ETFs this month, reflecting uncertainty about the direction of interest rates. Once again, corporate debt proved more popular with investors adding €1.2bn to investment-grade bonds and withdrawing €1.1bn from government debt.

In particular, investors added €500m to euro-denominated corporate bonds and withdrew €1.4bn from eurodenominated government debt.

Fixed income ESG gained €1.1bn this month with investment-grade corporate bonds being the most popular strategy (€700m). In contrast, investors withdrew €600m from traditional fixed income products.

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