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## Informed Investor: Money Monitor March 2018

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# ETFs flows take a breath

European ETF Market flows slowed down sharply in March. Net New Assets (NNA) fell to €992m from €7.9bn we saw in February. Equities attracted most of the inflows (€1.3bn) while Fixed Income ETFs recorded their first negative month since end of 2016 (-€334m).

# What happened last month?

- ETF flows slowed to €992M in March from €7.9bn
- ETF flows remain in positive territory for the year







Flows turned negative Fixed income -€334M

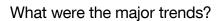




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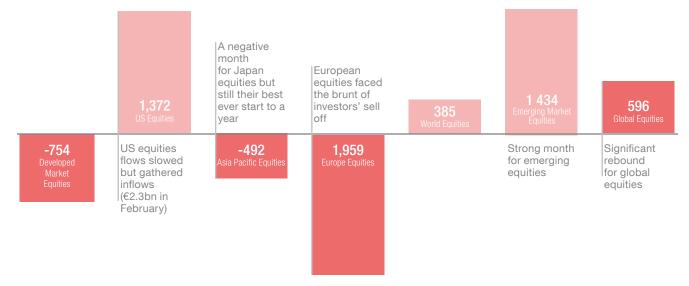


# Weak month for Equities



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Monthly Net inflows on European Equity ETFs



# Fixed income flows turned negative

Monthly Net inflows on European Fixed Income ETFs



#### Developed market government bonds enjoyed their second best month ever Slower month for European government bonds flows (€1.1bn in February) Emerging markets Inflation-linked government bonds slipped bonds back into the red turned negative 1,623 evelopeo Market 50 Money Market -1,166 -62 High -193 Yield Inflation Linked -444 Emerging Market Govies

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# Special focus

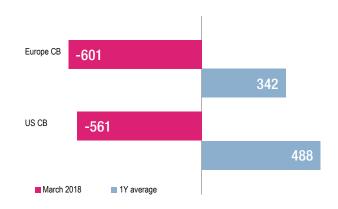
# Worst month ever for investment-grade credit ETFs

- After few years of record flows, riskier fixed income assets like investment-grade credit, high yield and emerging market debt have suffered their worst ever start to a year.
- Risk premia indicate credit is expensive compared to almost all asset classes.
- Sovereign bond yields are rising, therefore credit should be a less compelling prospect, both in Europe and the US.



Corporate bond ETFs monthly flows (EURM)

Corporate bond ETFs flows by Region (EURM)





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# What does it all mean?



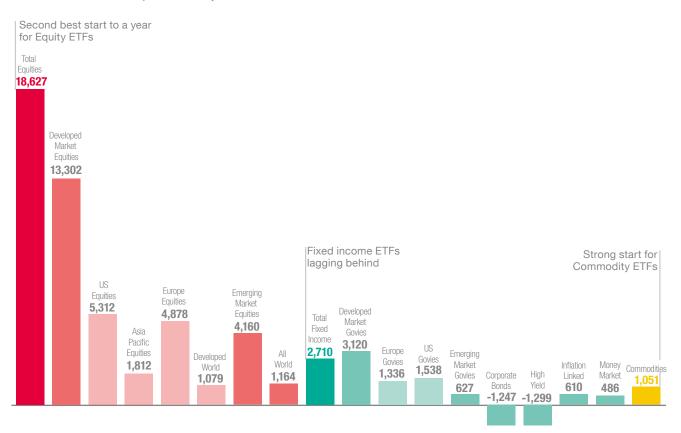
ETFs on the rise



Total AUM is up 0.2% since 2017



#### YTD Net Inflows on European ETFs by asset class



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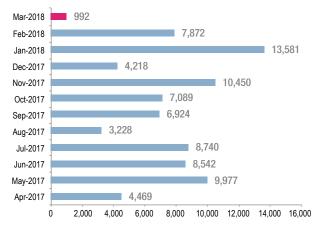


# **Appendix: The month in numbers**

# European ETFs in March 2018 Net Inflows (EURm)

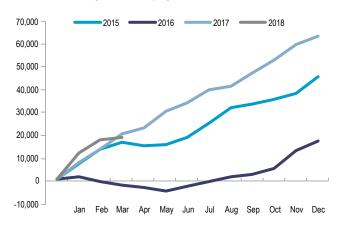
#### NNA slowed sharply to €922m from €7.9bn in February

Monthly NNA on European ETFs



## Equity

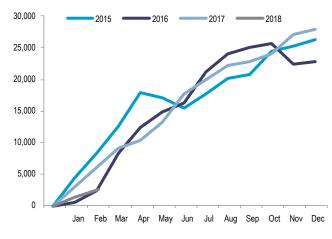
Second best start to a year for equity ETFs with €18.6bn of inflows Cumulated monthly NNA on equity ETFs



## Fixed income

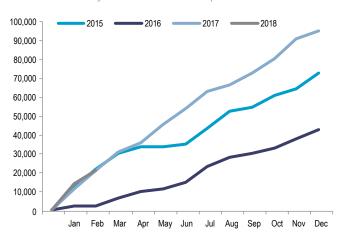
#### Worst start for fixed income ETFs (€2.7bn )

Cumulated monthly NNA on fixed income ETF



### Total

#### **Outstanding start to a year for European ETFs (€22.4bn)** Cumulated monthly NNA w assets on European ETFs



# Equity Emerging Market

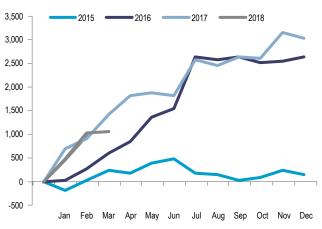
Record start for emerging market equity ETFs (€4.2bn) Cumulated monthly NNA on emerging market equity ETFs



# Commodities

#### Strong start for commodity ETFs (€1.0m)

Cumulated monthly NNA on commodity ETFs



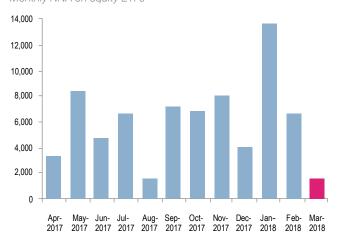
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# Overview by asset class

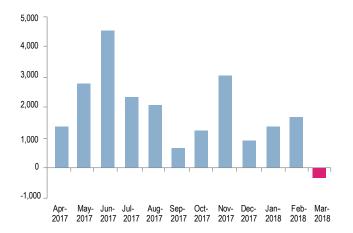
# Equity

Equity ETFs NNA slowed substancially (€5.4bn) Monthly NNA on equity ETFs



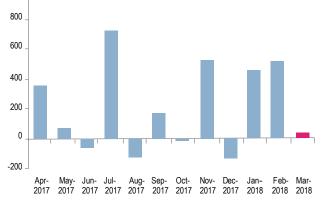
#### **Fixed Income**

Fixed income flows turned negative (-€334m) Monthly NNA on fixed income ETFs



## Commodities





EM equities out do developed market peers

Monthly NNA on developed vs. emerging markets equity ETFs

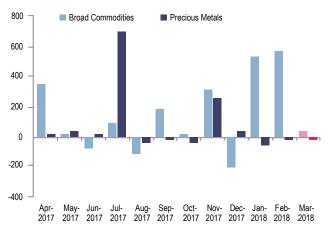


#### Emerging market bonds suffered from outflows (-€438m)

Monthly NNA on developed vs. emerging markets fixed income ETFs



Little to no interest in both Broad commodity & precious metals ETFs Monthly NNA on broad & precious metals ETFs



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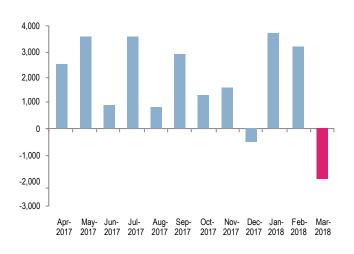
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# Equities

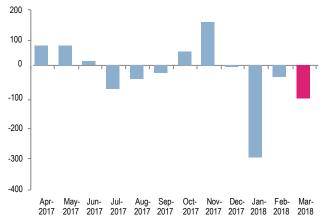
# **European Equities**

Europe equities faced the brunt of investors' selling (-€2bn) Monthly NNA on European equity ETFs



# Third consecutive negative month for Spanish and Italian equities (-€111M)

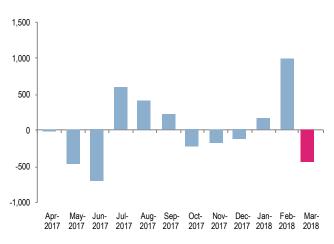
Monthly NNA on peripheral Europe equity ETFs



Financials turned negative (-€234m) Monthly NNA on European value equity ETFs 1,400 1,200 1,000 800 600 400 200 0 -200 Apr- May- Jun- Jul-2017 2017 2017 2017 Aug- Sep-2017 2017 Oct-Nov- Dec- Jan- Feb-Mar-2017 2017 2017 2018 2018 2018

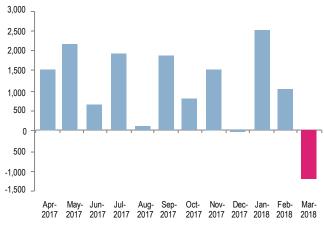
A Negative month for German equities (-€479M)

Monthly NNA on German equity ETFs

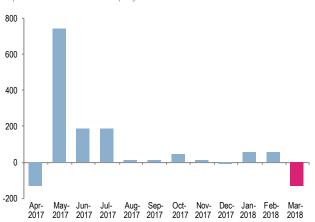


Eurozone ETFs saw significant outflows (-€1.2bn) Monthly NNA on Eurozone equity ETFs





Negative month for value ETFs (-€133m) Europe value/smart beta equity ETFs :



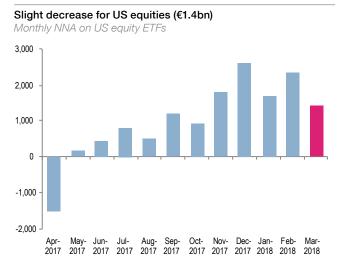
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# Equities (cont'd)

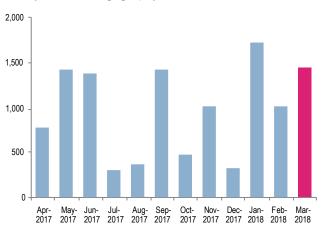
# US & Japan equities



# Emerging market equities

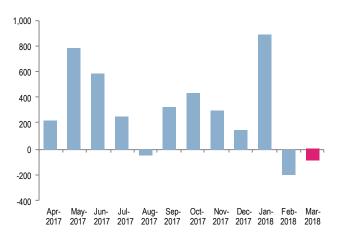
#### Slight increase for EM equities (€1.4bn)

Monthly NNA on emerging equity ETFs

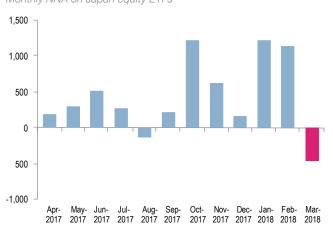


# Smart Beta / Value

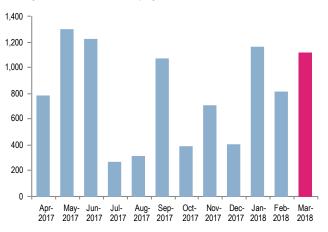
Negative month for smart beta (-€88m) Monthly NNA on Smart Beta ETFs



Japan equities flows turned negative (-€478m) Monthly NNA on Japan equity ETFs

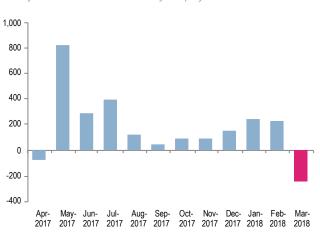


Broad EM equities gathered most of the flows (€1.2bn) Monthly NNA on broad EM equity ETFs



#### Value ETFs suffered outflows (-€247m)

Monthly net new assets on value style equity ETFs



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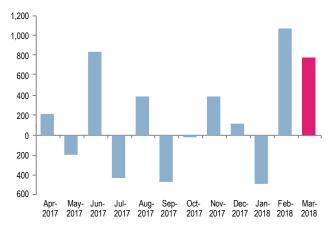


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# Fixed Income

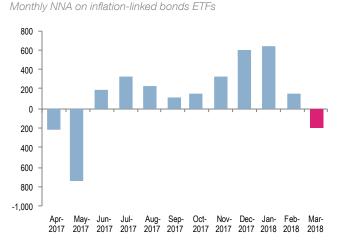
## **European Govies**

Flows slowed but remain strong into EU government bonds (€763m) Monthly NNA on EU government bond ETFs



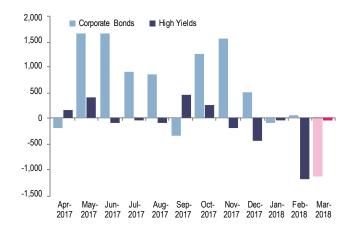
## Inflation Linked

Inflation-linked experienced negative flows (-€193m)



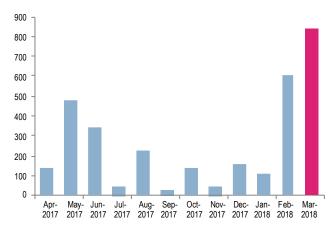
## Credit Market

Virtually flat month for HY, but worst month ever for IG (-€1.2bn) Monthly NNA on corporate & High Yield bond ETFs



## US Govies

Flows into US government bonds accelerated slightly (€830m) Monthly NNA on US government bond ETFs

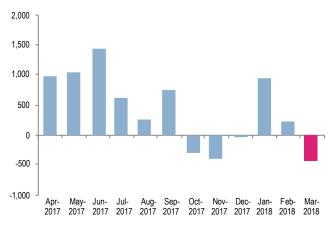


## EM debt

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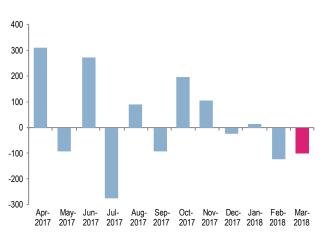
Negative flows for EM debt (-€438m)





# Short Bond Stategy

Outflows from short bond strategies (-€98m) Monthly NNA short bond strategy ETFs



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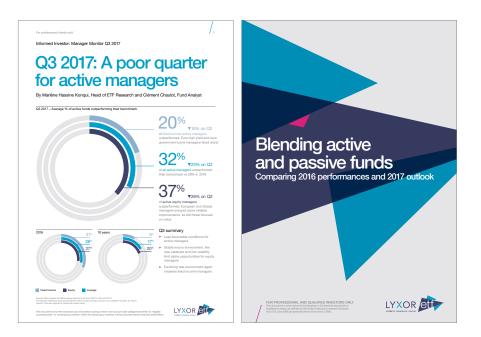
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