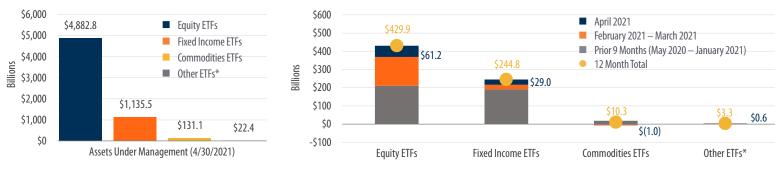
# **ETF DATA WATCH: ASSET FLOWS MONITOR**

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### **ETF Net Asset Flows by Asset Class**



• Net inflows for US-listed ETFs were strong in April, totaling \$89.8 billion. Total ETF assets under management reached \$6.17 trillion, another new all-time month-end high water mark.

• Equity ETFs brought in the lion's share of net inflows in April (+\$61.2 billion), bringing trailing 12-month net inflows to \$429.9 billion.

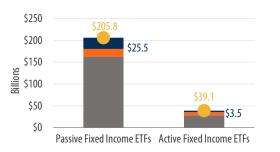
- Fixed income ETFs brought in \$29.0 billion in net inflows in April, bringing trailing 12-month net inflows to \$244.8 billion.
- Commodities ETFs had net outflows in April (-\$1.0 billion), bringing trailing 12-month net inflows to \$10.3 billion. A closer look shows that precious metals ETFs (-\$1.8 billion) accounted for most of April's net outflows, while broad market commodity ETFs had net inflows totaling \$0.9 billion.

FIXED INCOME ETFs	April 2021	February 2021 – March 2021	Prior 9 Months (May 2020 – January 2021)	12 Month Total
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#### \$120 \$91.8 \$100 \$7.9 \$80 Billions \$60 \$6.0 \$24.8 \$40 \$2.4 \$3.0 \$3.9 \$20 \$1.7 \$0 -\$20 Core and Multi-sector International Bond High Yield Preferreds/Convertibles **Corporate Bond** US Treasury & Agency Municipal Bond Senior Loan Bond

### ETF Net Asset Flows by Fixed Income Category

### **Active vs. Passive Net Flows**



## ETF Net Asset Flows by Fixed Income Maturity Target



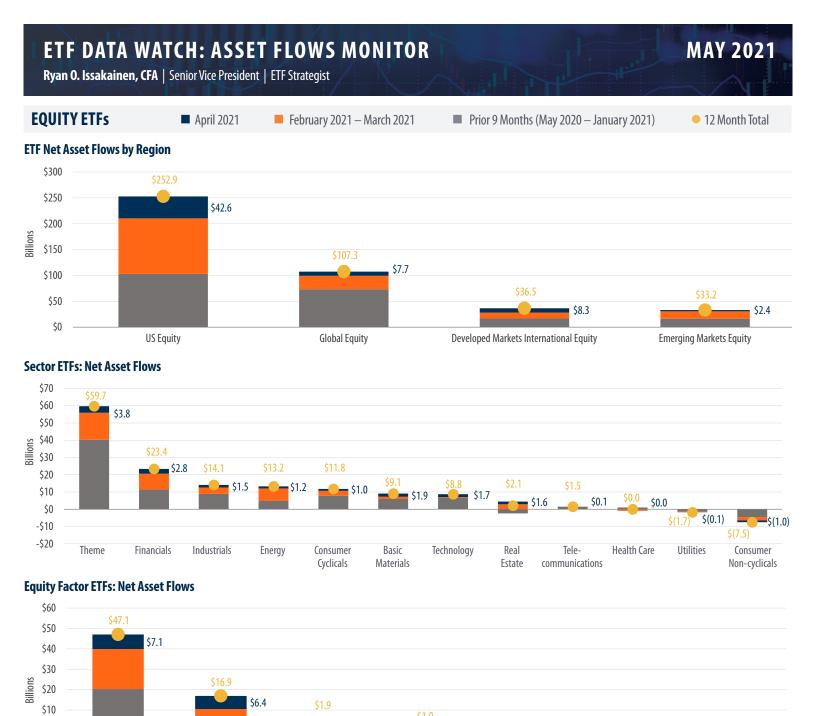
• Core and multi-sector bond ETFs were the strongest category for fixed income in April with net inflows totaling \$7.9 billion. Notably, all fixed income categories had net inflows >\$1 billion, including by corporate bond (+\$6.0 billion) and US Treasury and Agency bond (+\$3.9 billion) ETFs.

- Fixed income ETFs with broad maturity targets (+\$18.0 billion) had the strongest net inflows in April, followed by short-term/ultra-short-term (+\$8.9 billion), intermediate term (+\$2.2 billion), and floating rate (+\$1.7 billion). Long-term (-\$1.8 billion) was the only category with net outflows.
- Actively-managed fixed income ETFs had \$3.5 billion in net inflows in April, compared to \$25.5 billion for passively-managed fixed income ETFs. Assets in actively-managed fixed income ETFs rose to \$122.2 billion, accounting for 10.8% of all fixed income ETF assets (+\$1.14 trillion), as of 4/30/21.

Data Sources: FactSet and Morningstar. \*"Other ETFs" includes asset allocation, alternatives, and currency ETFs.

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**MAY 2021** 



• Net inflows for equity ETFs totaled \$61.1 billion in April, with US equity (+\$42.6 billion), developed markets international equity (+\$8.3 billion), global equity (+\$7.7 billion), and emerging markets equity (+\$2.4 billion) all receiving net inflows.

Multi-factor

\$(1.0)

\$1.3

\$0.0

Quality

• Net inflows for equity sector ETFs totaled \$14.4 billion in April, led by theme (+\$3.8 billion), financials (+\$2.8 billion), basic materials (+\$1.9 billion), real estate (+\$1.6 billion), and industrials (+\$1.5 billion). On the other hand, consumer non-cyclicals (-\$1.0 billion) and utilities (-\$0.1 billion) had net outflows in April.

• Within the "theme" category, infrastructure-related ETFs had \$1.0 billion in net inflows in April, bringing trailing 12-month net inflows to \$3.5 billion.

Momentum

• Net inflows for factor-based equity ETFs jumped to \$12.8 billion in April, bringing 12-month net inflows to \$41.7 billion. Value (+\$7.1 billion) and dividends (+\$6.4 billion) were the clear leaders in April, while low volatility (-\$1.1 billion) had another month of net outflows.

### Data Sources: FactSet and Morningstar

Value

Dividends

\$0

-\$10

-\$20

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\$0.0

Growth

\$(15.5)

Low Volatility

\$(1.1)