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Risk-on flows accelerate

Credit Analysis

Inflows into IG funds accelerate further

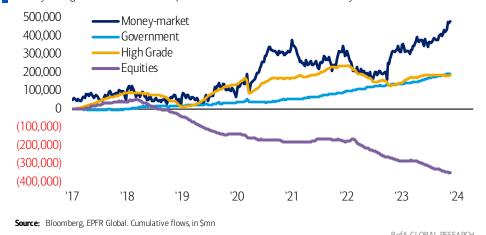
Inflows into high-grade and high-yield funds have accelerated further over the past week. Not only that, but for another week, Euro-focused European-domiciled HY funds recorded a sizable inflow, the third in a row. A lower rates vol backdrop over the past month has been supporting risk assets and credit. We see tailwinds in 2024, amid lower central bank policy rates and lower inflation. We expect inflows in high-grade funds to surpass those into government debt funds, as "risk-free" rates decline and the need to boost returns pushes fixed income investors to embrace credit again. A lower rates vol and lower yield backdrop can be a tailwind for fund flows into credit next year.

Over the past week...

High grade funds recorded an inflow last week, the third week of inflows in a row and the largest in 17 weeks. On the duration front, inflows were recorded across mid-term and long-term IG funds, while short-term IG funds recorded outflows.

High-yield funds recorded an inflow last week, the second inflow in a row and the largest in 29 weeks. HY ETF funds saw a sizable inflow last week. Looking into the domicile breakdown of HY funds, Global and Euro-focused funds recorded inflows, while US-focused funds recorded outflows.

Exhibit 1: Inflows into money-market and government bond funds have been sizable YTDMulti-year high "risk-free" rates have pushed more investors to own less risky assets



Government bond funds recorded a small outflow last week, the second week of outflows after 37 weeks of non-stop inflows. **Money market** funds recorded an inflow last week, more than reversing the outflow from the week before. **Global EM debt** funds saw a marginal outflow last week, the 17th week of outflows in a row. Overall, **fixed income** funds recorded a healthy inflow last week.

Equity funds recorded another outflow last week, the 37th week of outflows in a row; we note that the outflow was one of the smallest over the period. **Commodity** funds saw an outflow last week, the third outflow in a row.

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Table 1: Weekly and YTD European retail flows

Weekly fund flows data across assets

Sector	This Week	1 Wk (%)	YTD	YTD (%)
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HY	\$469	0.2%	(\$10,381)	(4.4%)
HY (ETFs)	\$325	1.2%	\$2,612	10.6%
IG	\$2,456	0.1%	\$41,163	2.7%
in euros	\$1,814	0.2%	\$20,009	2.6%
in sterling	\$18	0.0%	(\$129)	0.1%
in usd	\$391	0.1%	\$8,223	2.7%
IG (ETFs)	\$1,050	0.6%	\$19,912	12.8%
Loan	(\$24)	(0.2%)	(\$1,732)	(10.1%)
Govies	(\$287)	(0.1%)	\$56,710	11.5%
Fixed Income	\$2,398	0.1%	\$61,187	2.3%
MM	\$7,709	0.4%	\$170,632	10.7%
Equities	(\$372)	(0.0%)	(\$62,593)	(4.5%)
Equities (ETFs)	\$29	0.0%	\$4,028	1.4%
Commodities	(\$426)	(0.3%)	(\$7,464)	(5.5%)
Global EM debt	(\$123)	(0.0%)	(\$32,544)	(7.1%)

Source: EPFR Global. Wk = week

In \$mn; week ending 22^{nd} November. Data refers to European domiciled funds, except for EM debt funds that refer to global. Some IG funds can also allocate to government bonds. Note that IG funds are also split into other currencies away from Euro, USD and GPD.

Flow chart book

Chart 1: IG flows by maturity - Cumulative weekly flows (% of assets under management-AUM)

Mid-term IG funds have fared better than short- and long-term funds

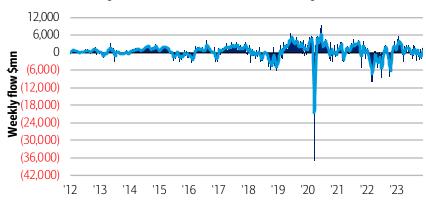


Source: EPFR Global. Maturity segments: short-term funds: up to 4yr; mid-term funds: 4-6yr; long-term funds: 6yr +

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Chart 2: High-grade weekly inflows/outflows

Last week's 4-week average has been \$648mn; blue line is 4-week average

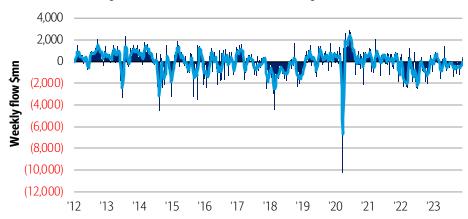


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Chart 3: High-yield weekly inflows/outflows

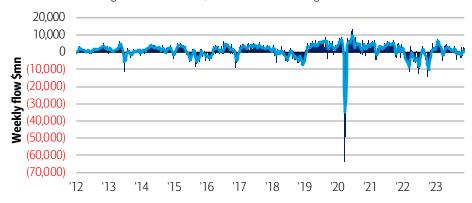
Last week's 4-week average has been -\$38mn; blue line is 4-week average



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Chart 4: Fixed-income weekly inflows/outflows

Last week's 4-week average has been \$812mn; blue line is 4-week average

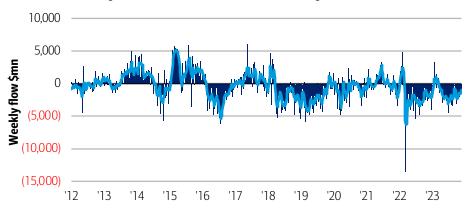


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Chart 5: Equity weekly inflows/outflows

Last week's 4-week average has been -\$988mn; blue line is 4-week average

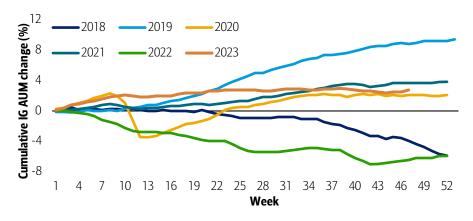


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Chart 6: Cumulative AUM increase/decrease

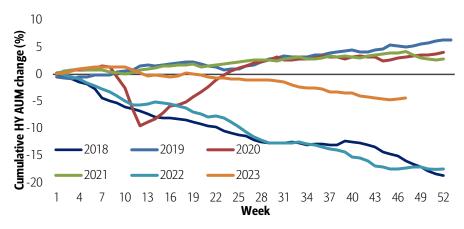
High-grade funds have seen inflows YTD of +2.7%



Source: EPFR Global

Chart 7: Cumulative AUM increase/decrease

High-yield funds have seen inflows YTD of -4.4%

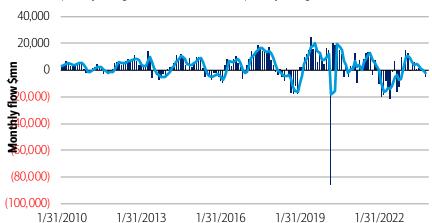


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Chart 8: High-grade monthly inflows/outflows

Last month's quarterly average was -\$2.1bn; blue line is quarterly average

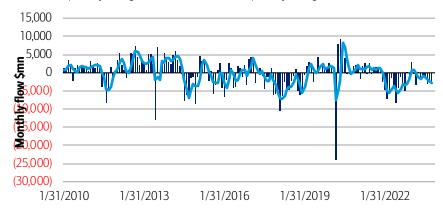


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Chart 9: High-yield monthly inflows/outflows

Last month's quarterly average was -\$2.8bn; blue line is quarterly average



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Chart 10: Fixed income monthly inflows/outflows

Last month's quarterly average was -\$4bn; blue line is quarterly average

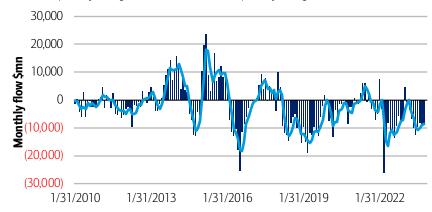


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Chart 11: Equities monthly inflows/outflows

Last month's quarterly average was -\$8.5bn; blue line is quarterly average



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Chart 12: European-domiciled HY fund flows, split by fund focus

Global and Euro-focused funds recorded inflows last week, with US-focused funds recording inflows.



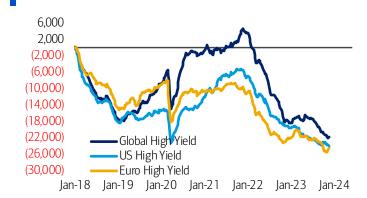
Source: EPFR Global, BofA Global Research

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${\bf Chart\ 13:\ Europe-domiciled\ HY\ credit\ fund\ flows\ by\ fund\ focus}$

Weekly cumulative fund flows (\$mn)



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