

### **BofA Securities Equity Client Flow Trends**

### Big week of selling by institutional clients

### First single stock outflows in 8 weeks

- Equity ETFs > single stocks: Last week (where S&P 500 was +1.1%), clients were net sellers of US equities (-\$0.7B) for the first time in three weeks. Clients sold single stocks for the first time in eight weeks vs. bought equity ETFs for the first time in four weeks.
- **Near-record institutional client sales:** Selling was driven by institutional clients, who had their second-largest outflow in our data history (since '08) and largest since 2015, led by sales of Tech and Discretionary stocks. Private clients and hedge funds were buyers. Despite last week's big outflows, institutional clients' outflows from stocks for the month of January were in-line with what we've seen on average over the last five years.
- Corporate buybacks decelerated but are tracking above typical levels at this time for an eleventh week in a row. YTD, buybacks as a percentage of S&P 500 market cap (0.29%) are above '23 highs (0.26%) at this time.

### **Near-record Staples outflows**

- Tech & Staples-led outflows: Clients sold stocks in 7 of the 11 GICS sectors, led by Tech and Staples (third-largest Staples outflow in our data history).
- Financials continued to see outflows, with the longest recent selling streak of the 11 sectors (last eight weeks). Despite the strong year-end rally, fund managers are still deeply underweight Banks (see Active managers' holding update report).
- **Comm. Svcs. has the longest recent buying streak** of any sector (last 13 weeks), while Industrials saw inflows for the first time in 11 weeks.

### ETFs: Blend/Growth>Value, large/small/broad market>mid

- **Growth>Value:** Clients bought ETFs across size segments (except mid) and in Blend/Growth but sold Value ETFs for the fifth consecutive week. Despite the recent Growth inflows, we expect Value to outperform in 2024 (see: SMID Year Ahead
- Most sector ETFs saw inflows, led by Tech ETFs; Financial ETFs led outflows.

### Exhibit 3: Institutional clients have been big net sellers of single stocks in January for most of the last five years

Institutional clients inflows/outflows in January (as a % of S&P 500 mkt cap)



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#### **Exhibit 1: Institutional clients are the** biggest net sellers post-crisis

Cumulative flows (\$ bn) by client type, January 2008-present



Source: BofA Securities

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### **Exhibit 2: Hedge funds are the biggest** net buyers in the past 12 months

L12m cumulative flows (\$ bn) by client type, January 2023-present



Source: BofA Securities

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For more details on BofA Securities client flows and a complete methodology behind the data in this report, please see pg.15-16. Note that flows span Monday-Friday of the previous week

### **BofA Equity Client Flow Trends**

This weekly product provides an aggregated view of BofA client trading flows into US stocks executed by the firm's cash equities business. By aggregating flows across many execution platforms and trading desks, we provide an overview of what sectors and market cap size segments are being bought or sold, and what type of client is buying or selling. The client types we include are hedge funds, institutional clients and private clients. The sectors are the 11 GICS (global industry classification standard) sectors, as well as ETFs, and the market caps are large, mid and small. Our data history spans January 2008-present. This product is not meant to be predictive of the market but aims to provide a holistic view of BofA client trading flows. For more details, see the Methodology section.

### Exhibit 5: Rolling four-week avg. flows positive since mid-Jan.

BofA client total net buys of US equities: four-week moving avg (\$ mn) and S&P 500, 2008-present



**Source:** BofA Securities, FactSet

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### Exhibit 6: BofA Securities equity client flows by year

Cumulative net buying (selling) in \$mn by sector, client type, size segment and overall

Sector	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Consumer Discretionary	(819)	2,760	4,221	(8,511)	(8,129)	(757)	336	(14,600)	(6,584)	(3,137)	(4,427)	(6,271)	(3,520)	2,180	(1,470)	(660)	(5,297)
Consumer Staples	(1,445)	(655)	293	(5,175)	(3,054)	(856)	(943)	(4,932)	(1,613)	660	(5,308)	(3,163)	(6,579)	(4,426)	(3,412)	(3,260)	(7,334)
ETFs	(2,532)	23,383	36,406	77,404	36,169	24,435	26,836	57,133	23,551	28,158	34,363	12,139	18,684	6,597	8,432	5,702	7,935
Energy	242	(1,641)	1,955	3,831	3,591	3,987	(1,615)	(5,712)	(5,054)	(1,230)	(4,074)	(3,288)	(5,323)	(933)	(4,290)	(1,970)	(8,694)
Financials	(1,603)	3,742	(442)	11,845	1,929	20,159	14,650	155	(4,726)	(858)	(5,408)	(4,983)	(2,248)	(1,730)	(4,734)	4,784	(2,257)
Health Care	3,520	3,077	2,289	(8,559)	(2,705)	1,909	6,755	(12,796)	(12,525)	(5,490)	(5,517)	(4,101)	(829)	2,243	(3,991)	(1,888)	(6,115)
Industrials	(665)	(10,631)	(2,979)	(8,188)	(8,475)	(971)	519	(10,502)	(10,507)	(3,036)	786	(2,110)	(1,699)	(653)	(1,576)	(91)	(6,736)
Information Technology	(2,204)	30,778	21,852	(2,796)	(2,421)	15,441	7,271	(6,603)	(8,518)	1,193	(3,128)	(2,703)	(1,217)	2,730	1,475	(4,355)	(6,177)
Materials	(90)	1,318	4,502	251	(1,084)	3,319	387	(2,678)	(2,418)	(3,479)	(1,229)	(3,664)	(3,045)	(1,783)	(1,270)	(413)	(1,068)
Real Estate	444	1,793	3,156	2,750	2,939	(3,216)	(1,624)	(4,155)	(366)								
Communication Services	5,787	17,938	5,867	(11,418)	(904)	1,974	(2,509)	(806)	1,028	596	3,223	1,743	(204)	690	(517)	365	(273)
Utilities	517	(1,009)	(642)	(312)	2,066	(2,569)	(1,036)	(2,968)	(942)	156	(636)	425	(808)	732	(893)	(461)	(1,622)
Client																	
Hedge Funds	(1,225)	10,953	(26,688)	(18,609)	(7,646)	363	(7,297)	(2,164)	(2,957)	(2,434)	(4,683)	(3,417)	(2,085)	(5,695)	(4,456)	6,418	(1,223)
ex. ETFs	(231)	1,515	(26,293)	(39,181)	(12,160)	(4,722)	(2,989)	(3,852)	(4,894)	(5,944)	(8,933)	(822)	(2,723)	(3,590)	(3,607)	7,568	(1,556)
Institutional	(7,522)	(15,002)	6,655	(18,133)	(286)	758	(17,246)	(52,717)	(49,137)	(26,153)	(18,235)	(32,792)	2,668	1,493	(13,755)	6,088	(15,150)
ex. ETFs	(14,058)	(7,169)	5,460	(26,187)	(9,025)	(9,852)	(11,255)	(60,771)	(52,225)	(19,309)	(25,640)	(29,542)	(4,693)	1,725	(15,002)	7,823	(16,713)
Retail	(889)	(18,384)	16,086	(1,287)	(10,737)	(28,106)	(1,462)	7,787	(13,983)	1,764	(13,205)	(18,800)	(39,973)	(23,049)	(25,999)	(23,361)	(21,266)
ex. ETFs	1,532	(40,162)	(19,521)	(50,065)	(33,652)	(36,846)	(38,596)	(39,604)	(34,366)	(29,728)	(35,914)	(34,997)	(50,657)	(31,983)	(34,033)	(31,949)	(27,305)
Corporates	10,799	92,617	80,823	89,112	38,544	89,721	75,091	38,587	37,019	40,767	44,850	39,401	32,449	32,897	31,964	8,609	N/A
Size																	
Large cap	1,811	74,613	45,249	45,701	27,060	59,743	46,487	(4,151)	(20,314)	665	4,815	(16,887)	(10,081)	4,480	(9,505)	(3,755)	(33,155)
ex. ETFs	58,392	54,279	30,321	(12,266)	1,056	46,762	33,004	(45,223)	(35,414)	(9,903)	(13,568)	(15,814)	(17,812)	5,284	(10,483)	(3,820)	(34,028)
Mid cap	(645)	(7,964)	23,919	5,571	(6,377)	1,842	4,098	(2,004)	(6,543)	9,329	3,991	2,151	3,050	237	(2,845)	301	(3,074)
ex. ETFs	(8,706)	(8,178)	10,635	(6,663)	(10,557)	(4,856)	(4,542)	(12,476)	(11,340)	(1,441)	(6,010)	(4,742)	(3,851)	(3,819)	(6,363)	(1,159)	(7,356)
Small cap	(2)	1,596	2,349	(188)	(806)	1,152	(1,498)	(2,351)	(2,202)	3,950	(80)	(872)	90	928	103	1,207	(1,410)
ex. ETFs	(634)	(748)	(2,598)	(7,391)	(6,793)	(3,605)	(6,211)	(7,941)	(5,856)	(2,870)	(6,060)	(5,402)	(3,961)	(2,416)	(3,830)	(2,970)	(4,187)
Untagged flow	0	(4,515)	(7,882)	(41,558)	(14,415)	(13,345)	(1,924)	11,379	(4,599)	(1,919)	(3,266)	(5,159)	(1,131)	(1,154)	586	(511)	(13,179)
Total	1,152	66,338	68,597	9,563	5,508	49,510	47,103	2,916	(33,274)	11,613	5,380	(21,136)	(7,919)	4,492	(11,659)	(2,758)	(50,817)
Single stocks only (ex-ETFs)	3,684	47,470	40,072	(26,282)	(16,246)	38,420	22,191	(65,596)	(52,226)	(14,626)	(25,717)	(28,117)	(25,472)	(951)	(20,677)	(7,949)	(45,573)
Total ex. corporate buybacks	(9,647)	(26,279)	(12,227)	(79,549)	(33,036)	(40,211)	(27,988)	(35,672)	(70,293)	(29,154)	(39,469)	(60,537)	(40,368)	(28,405)	(43,624)	(11,366)	N/A

Source: BofA Securities. Note: Data on Real Estate since 8/31/16. Fins. includes Real Estate prior to 8/31/16. Comm, Svcs. based on new sector from 10/1/18-present & previous Telecom. Svcs. prior to 10/1/18

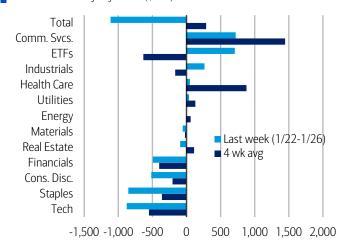
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### Weekly flows by client, sector, & size

## Exhibit 7: By sector, Comm. Svcs. saw biggest inflows & Tech saw biggest outflows

BofA client net buys by sector (\$ mn)

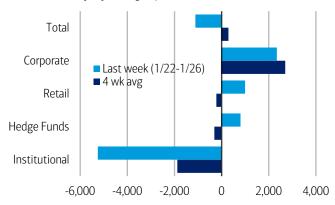


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### Exhibit 8: By clients, Corporate clients led inflows and Institutional clients led outflows

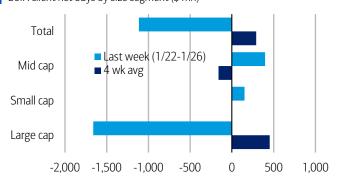
BofA client net buys by client group (\$ mn)



**Source:** BofA Securities

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### **Exhibit 11: By size, SMID caps led inflows and Large caps led outflows** BofA client net buys by size segment (\$ mn)



**Source:** BofA Securities

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## Exhibit 8: Weekly net buying (selling) by the 11 GICS sectors (single stocks) and ETFs overall

Last four weeks and rolling average trends, \$mn

Sector	Last wk (1/22/24)	1/15/ 24	1/8/2 4	1/1/2 4	4 wk. avg.	12 wk avg	52 wk avg
Cons. Disc.	-517	313	-379	-236	-205	-130	25
Cons. Staples	-854	17	-530	-78	-361	-286	-54
Energy	-2	389	-195	49	60	-59	-20
Financials	-494	-773	-190	-146	-401	-236	27
Health Care	50	1326	1551	593	880	-55	95
Industrials	263	-678	-42	-207	-166	-419	-208
Tech	-877	650	-342	-1635	-551	1,136	449
Materials	-55	5	-20	-20	-22	-28	14
Real Estate	-94	163	217	158	111	-14	34
Comm. Svcs.	721	1652	1845	1569	1447	1,117	419
Utilities	37	167	180	133	129	37	-14
ETFs	709	79	-1092	-2228	-633	736	595
Total	-1114	3310	1003	-2047	288	1,799	1,363
Total ex. ETFs	-1822	3231	2095	180	921	1,064	768
Total incl.							
untagged							
flows	-714	3274	944	-2109	349	1,460	1,299

**Source:** BofA Securities; Note: ETFs classified as a 12th "sector" and broken out further on the subsequent page. Real Estate GICS sector was broken out from Fins. beginning 8/31/16. Comm. Svcs. flows based on new sector from 10/1/18 onward & Telecom prior to 10/1/18.

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### Exhibit 10: Weekly net buying (selling) by client type

Last four weeks and rolling average trends, \$mn

Client	Last wk (1/22/2 4)	1/15/ 24	1/8/2 4	1/1/24	4 wk. avg.	12 wk avg	52 wk avg
Hedge Funds	803	554	-121	-2461	-306	-381	177
ex. ETFs	436	295	-663	-1827	-439	-531	-2
Institutional	-5254	1520	-2335	-1452	-1880	-1,215	-284
ex. ETFs	-5358	1007	-1604	-934	-1722	-1287	-213
Private Client	996	-1506	116	-494	-222	-539	-333
ex. ETFs	758	-825	1018	581	383	-1035	-819
Corporates	2342	2754	3343	2361	2700	3,908	1,796
Total	-1114	3321	1003	-2047	291	1,773	1,355
Total ex. ETFs	-1822	3231	2095	180	921	1,064	768
Total incl. untagged							
flows	-714	3274	944	-2109	349	1460	1299

Source: BofA Securities

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### Exhibit 12: Weekly net buying (selling) by size segment

Last four weeks and rolling average trends, \$mn

Market Cap	Last wk (1/22/2 4)	1/15/ 24	1/8/ 24	1/1/2 4	4 wk. avg.	12 wk avg	52 wk avg
Large cap	-1662	3420	1376	-1324	453	1,846	1,389
ex. ETFs	-1978	3091	2345	656	1028	1298	880
Mid cap	397	-41	-331	-670	-161	-69	-105
ex. ETFs	40	67	-317	-318	-132	-197	-141
Small cap	150	-54	-45	-53	-1	24	36
ex. ETFs	116	89	68	-158	28	-33	-6
Total	-1114	3325	1000	-2047	291	1,801	1,320
Total ex. ETFs	-1822	3246	2095	180	925	1,064	768
Total incl. untagged							
flows	-714	3274	944	-2109	349	1460	1299

Source: BofA Securities

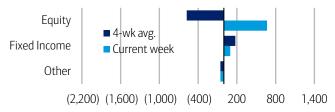


### **ETF flow color**

We provide additional color on ETF net buys<sup>1</sup>, with a breakout of this flow available since the start of 2017. We use Bloomberg Fund Classifications to manually tag/group ETFs by asset class focus, sector, strategy, and market cap; see Appendix for details. The majority of ETF flows in a given week are equity ETF flows (about 95% on avg. since '17) and ETFs are included as a category of equity flows in the standard charts beginning on pg 2. See pg. 5 for four-week avg. and cumulative ETF flows by sector.

### Exhibit 12: Clients bought Equity/Fixed Income ETFs and sold Other ETFs

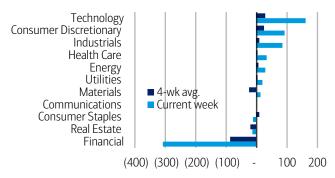
ETF net buys by asset class (\$ mn)



**Source:** BofA Securities. Note: Other includes Commodity, Specialty, Alternative, Mixed Allocation

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## **Exhibit 14: ETFs most positive in Technology and negative in Financial** Equity ETF net buys by sector (\$ mn)

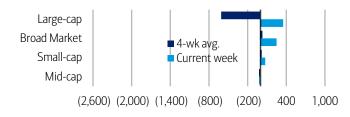


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### Exhibit 14: By size, Large/Small-cap/Broad Market ETFs led inflows while Mid-cap ETFs led outflows

Equity ETF net buys by market capitalization (\$ mn)

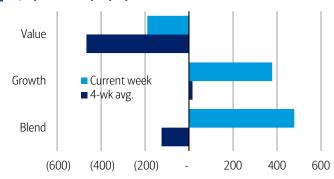


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## Exhibit 16: By style, Value ETFs led outflows and Growth/Blend ETFs led inflows

Equity ETF net buys by style (\$ mn)



Source: BofA Securities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note that net buys (sales) of ETFs by our clients presented throughout this report do not include creation of new ETF shares by BofA—these flows would show up as single stock net buys (sales) in the underlying sectors of the stocks that comprise the ETF.

### Rolling four-week average trends by sector (single stock)

### Exhibit 17: Cons Disc.: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)



Source: BofA Securities

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### **Exhibit 20: Financials: recent outflows**

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

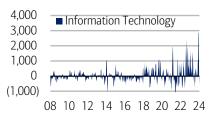


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### **Exhibit 23: Tech: recent outflows**

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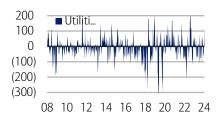


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### **Exhibit 26: Utilities: recent inflows**

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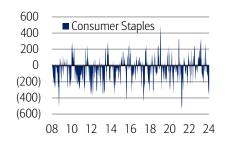


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### **Exhibit 18: Staples: recent outflows**

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

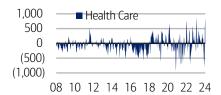


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### Exhibit 21: Health Care: recent inflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

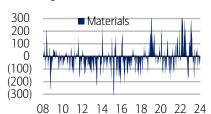


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### Exhibit 24: Materials: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

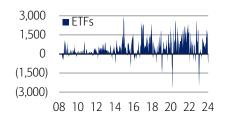


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### Exhibit 27: ETFs: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

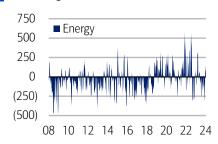


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### **Exhibit 19: Energy: recent inflows**

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

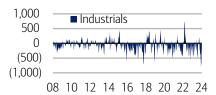


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### **Exhibit 22: Industrials: recent outflows**

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

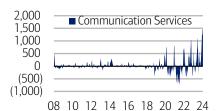


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### Exhibit 24: Comm. Svcs.: recent inflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

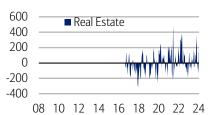


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### **Exhibit 27: Real Estate: recent inflows**

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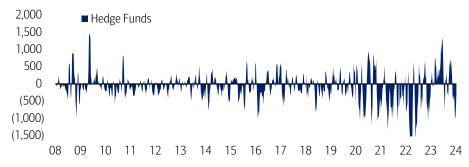


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### Rolling four-week average trends by client type

### **Exhibit 29: Hedge Funds: recent outflows**

Net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

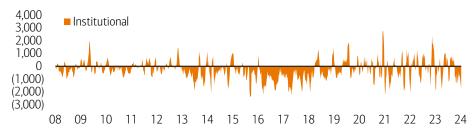


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#### **Exhibit 30: Institutional clients: recent outflows**

Net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

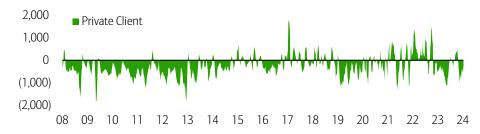


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#### **Exhibit 31: Private clients: recent outflows**

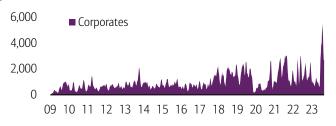
Net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)



Source: BofA Securities

### Exhibit 32: Buybacks by corp. clients at historical high levels

Corporate clients (4 week avg, \$ mn)



**Source:** BofA Securities

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# **Exhibit 33: Corp. client buybacks above S&P 500 buybacks trend**BofA corporate clients' 4 week avg. buybacks (YoY % chg) vs. S&P 500 total quarterly buybacks (YoY % chg), since 2010



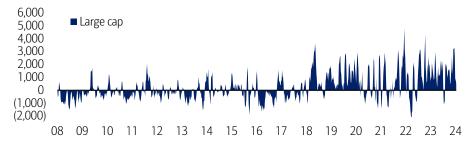
Source: S&P, BofA Securities



### Rolling four-week average trends by market cap

### Exhibit 34: Large caps: recent inflows

Large cap net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

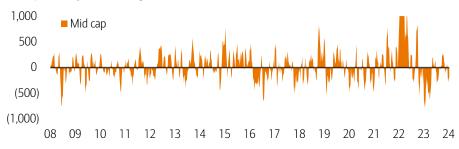


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### **Exhibit 35: Mid caps: recent outflows**

Mid caps net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

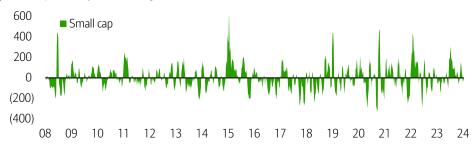


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### Exhibit 36: Small caps: recent outflows

Small caps net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

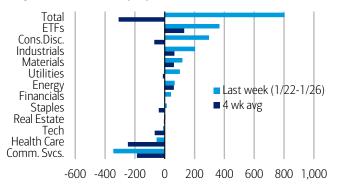


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### Sector & size flows by client type last week

### Exhibit 37: Hedge Funds bought most sectors, led by ETFs

Hedge funds clients net buys by sector (\$ mn)

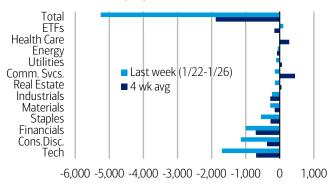


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### Exhibit 39: Institutional clients sold most sectors led by Tech

Institutional clients net buys by sector (\$ mn)

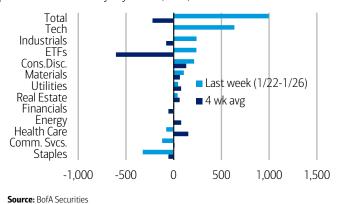


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### **Exhibit 41: Private clients bought Tech and sold Staples**

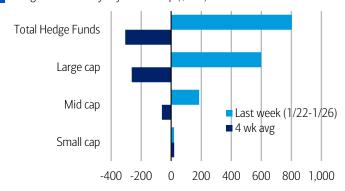
Private clients net buys by sector (\$ mn)



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### Exhibit 38: Hedge Funds were buyers of all sizes

Hedge fund net buys by market cap (\$ mn)



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## Exhibit 40: Institutional clients bought SMID caps and sold Large caps

Institutional clients net buys by market cap (\$ mn)

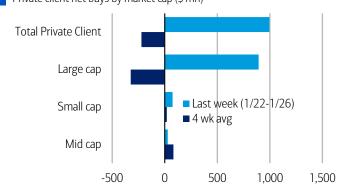


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#### Exhibit 42: Private clients bought all sizes led by Large caps

Private client net buys by market cap (\$ mn)



Source: BofA Securities



### ETF flows: z-scores (3m and 1yr)

### Exhibit 43: Weekly Client ETF Flows: z-scores as of latest week

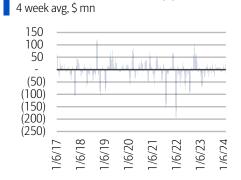
Based on 1) current week's z-score vs. the past 3 months (3m column), and 2) current 4-week moving average z-score vs. the past year (52 weeks) of 4-week moving averages (1yr column)

	Total		Hedge Fu	nd Clients	Institutio	nal Clients	Private Clients		
	3m	1y	3m	1y	3m	1y	3m	1y	
Total	-0.11	-1.46	0.15	-0.21	0.09	-0.11	-0.36	-2.01	
Asset Class									
Equity	-0.19	-1.25	0.49	-0.05	-0.24	-0.64	-0.45	-1.65	
Fixed Income	0.25	0.08	-1.33	-0.42	0.48	1.08	0.13	-1.01	
Style									
Blend	-0.19	-0.61	0.57	-0.05	-0.52	-0.60	-0.48	-0.62	
Growth	0.45	-0.13	-0.29	0.30	1.18	-0.16	-0.04	-0.19	
Value	-0.50	-3.45	-0.53	-3.08	0.16	-1.42	-0.51	-3.45	
Sector									
Consumer Discretionary	1.53	1.76	-0.96	1.21	2.45	1.20	0.73	0.14	
Consumer Staples	0.01	0.48	1.12	0.56	-1.08	-0.07	-0.77	0.31	
Energy	0.63	0.38	-1.48	0.07	0.60	0.27	-0.39	-0.26	
Financial	-2.30	-1.95	-0.03	-0.89	-1.82	-1.76	-1.57	-0.20	
Health Care	0.40	0.42	0.51	-0.43	-0.09	0.60	0.31	0.41	
Industrials	2.02	0.56	1.97	0.61	0.64	0.08	1.66	0.11	
Technology	1.49	0.82	0.17	0.44	2.04	1.03	1.32	0.50	
Materials	0.47	-0.90	0.77	-1.08	-0.35	-0.34	0.33	-0.11	
Real Estate	-0.07	-0.24	-0.47	-1.12	0.43	-0.85	-1.20	0.36	
Communications	-0.81	-0.22	-1.48	0.07	0.60	0.27	-0.39	-0.26	
Utilities	0.54	0.91	0.93	0.97	-0.80	-0.69	0.50	0.61	
Size									
Large-cap	-0.26	-1.26	0.23	-0.03	-0.17	-0.75	-0.53	-1.53	
Mid-cap	-0.62	-0.79	0.58	1.61	-0.06	0.17	-0.84	-2.06	
Small-cap	-0.24	-0.49	1.77	0.11	-1.02	-0.16	-0.29	-0.90	
Broad Market	0.65	-0.29	-0.35	-0.58	0.84	-0.03	0.99	-0.10	

**Source:** BofA Securities

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### Equity ETF flows: 4-week average flows by sector

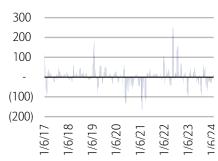


**Exhibit 43: Disc. ETFs: flows flip positive** 

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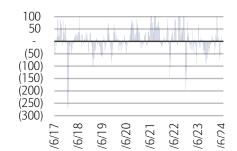
## **Exhibit 44: Staples ETFs: recent inflows** 4 week avg, \$ mn



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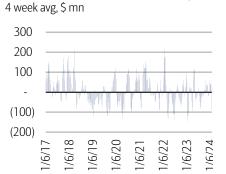
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## **Exhibit 45: Energy ETFs: recent inflows** 4 week avg, \$ mn



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### **Exhibit 46: Financial ETFs: flows flip negative**

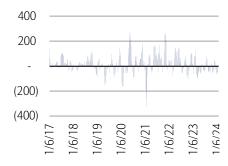


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## Exhibit 47: Health Care ETFs: flows flip positive

4 week avg, \$ mn

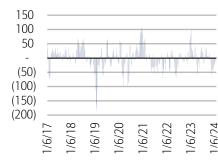


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## Exhibit 48: Industrials ETFs: flows flip positive

4 week avg, \$ mn

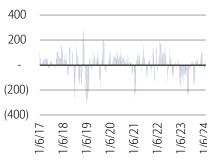


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### **Exhibit 49: Tech ETFs: flows flip positive**

4 week avg, \$ mn

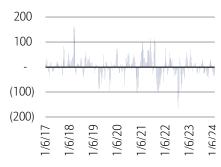


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### Exhibit 50: Materials ETFs: recent outflows

4 week avg, \$ mn

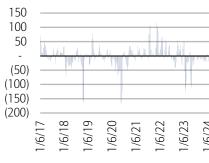


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### Exhibit 51: Real Estate ETFs: recent outflows

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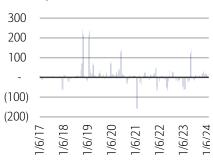


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## Exhibit 52: Comm. Svcs. ETFs: flows flip negative

4 week avg, \$ mn

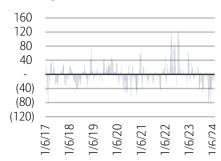


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### Exhibit 53: Utilities ETFs: flows flip positive

4 week avg, \$ mn

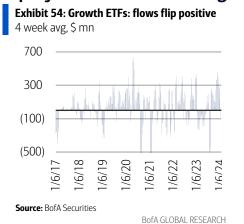


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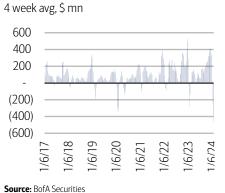
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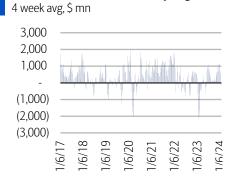
### **Equity ETFs: 4-week average flows by strategy**



### Exhibit 55: Value ETFs: recent outflows



### Exhibit 56: Blend ETFs: flows flip negative

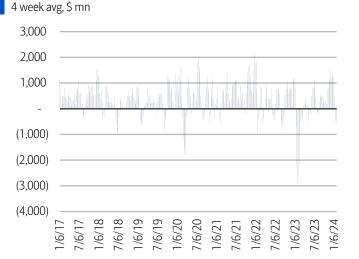


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### Equity ETFs: 4-week average flows by market cap





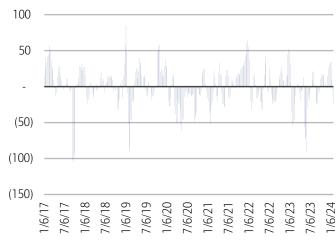
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### Exhibit 58: Mid cap ETFs: recent outflows



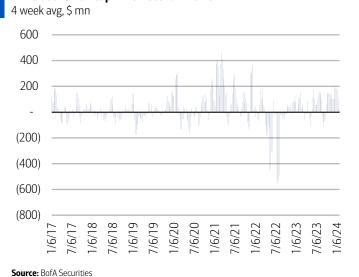
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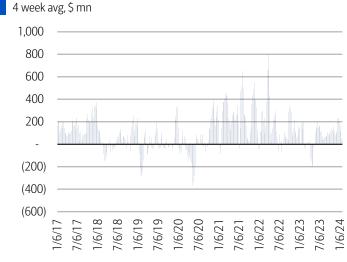
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### **Exhibit 59: Small cap ETFs: recent inflows**



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#### **Exhibit 60: Broad Market ETFs: recent inflows**



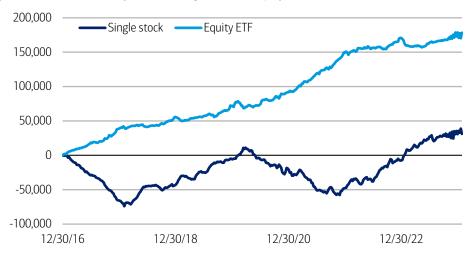
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### Cumulative equity sector flows: single stock vs. ETF

Exhibit 62: ETFs inflows have slowed, single stock outflows have flipped to inflows in 2023

Overall BofA client net buys (sales) of single stocks vs. equity ETFs, \$ mn

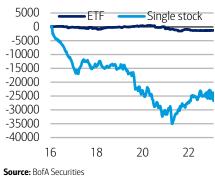


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Exhibit 63: Cons Disc. Single stock flows flip negative and ETFs recent inflows

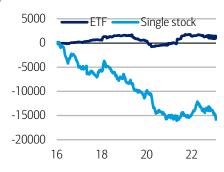
Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



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## Exhibit 64: Staples: Single stock and ETFs flows flip negative

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

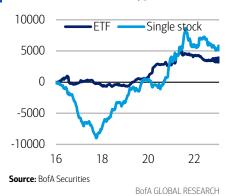


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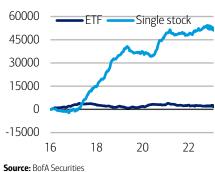
## Exhibit 65: Energy: Single stock flows flip negative and ETFs flows flip positive

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



## Exhibit 66: Financials: Single stock and ETFs recent outflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

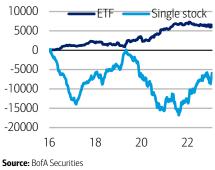


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## Exhibit 67: Health Care: Single stock recent inflows and ETFs flows flip positive

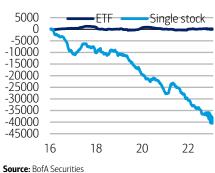
Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



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## Exhibit 68: Industrials: Single stock and ETFs flows flip positive

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



## Exhibit 69: Tech: Single stock flows flip negative and ETFs recent inflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



## Exhibit 72: Comm. Svcs.: Single stock recent inflows and ETFs flows flip positive

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



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## Exhibit 70: Materials: Single stock flows flip negative and ETFs recent inflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



## Exhibit 73: Utilities: Single stock and ETFs recent inflows

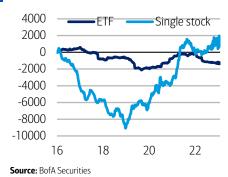
Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



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## Exhibit 71: Real Estate: Single stock flows flip negative and ETFs recent outflows

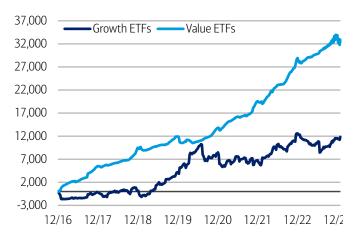
Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



### **Cumulative Equity ETF flows by Size and Style**

### **Exhibit 74: Value ETF flows outpacing Growth ETF flows**

Growth ETF vs. Value ETF cumulative net buys, 2017-now (\$ mn)



**Source:** BofA Securities

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## Exhibit 76: Trend of persistent inflows into Large Cap ETFs has faltered/seen mixed trends recently

Large Cap ETF cumulative net buys, 2017-now (\$ mn)



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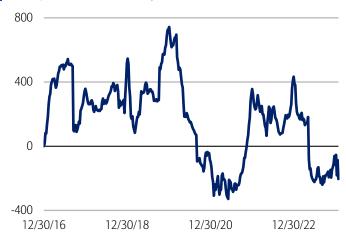
### **Exhibit 75: Blend ETFs generally seeing inflows recently**

Blend ETF cumulative net buys, 2017-now (\$ mn)



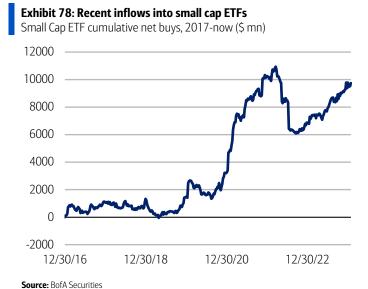
### Exhibit 77: Mid Cap ETFs: recent buying after selling spate

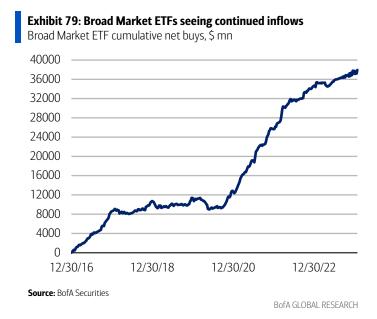
Mid Cap ETF cumulative net buys, 2017-now (\$ mn)



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### **BofA Equity Client Flow Trends Methodology**

This product seeks to answer the questions of:

- 1) What sectors are being bought or sold by BofA clients?
- 2) What market cap size segments are being bought or sold?

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3) What type of client is buying or selling?

This product, which we plan to publish weekly, provides an aggregated view of BofA client trading flows into US stocks executed  $\underline{by}$  the cash equities business of the firm. By aggregating flows across many execution platforms and trading desks, the goal of this product is to provide an overview of what sectors and market caps are being bought or sold, and what type of client is buying or selling. This product is not meant to be predictive of the market, but aims to provide a holistic view of BofA client trading flows by client type, sector and market cap.

The trading flow is for US stocks only and is shown here as "net buys," defined as the dollar amount of buy orders less sell orders. Since this product is meant to provide client action context of recent market and sector performance based on client trading flows, we capture the data as "net buys" rather than trading volume. The order flow shown here represents all US single stock and ETF trades executed by the firm within the cash equity business, excluding OTC and Pink Sheets. Order flow on derivatives such as options, futures and swaps is not included. We show the data on both a weekly basis and as a four-week moving average basis to capture trends. The weekly data, while being timelier, can be influenced by block trades and is therefore more volatile. We believe the four-week moving average is better reflective of trends. Our interpretation of the data is based purely on aggregated trading flows and does not reflect any portfolio positions.

The four client types we include are: (1) hedge funds; (2) institutional clients; (3) private clients; and (4) corporates. All clients that are not hedge funds, corporates or private clients are categorized as institutional clients, and include mutual funds, pension funds, insurance companies, investment counselors, banks, broker dealers, etc.

Market cap size segments are small (<\$2bn), mid (\$2-10bn) and large (>\$10bn). The sectors included are the 11 GICS sectors, as well as ETFs. Beginning 8/31/16, Real Estate is broken out from Financials as the 11<sup>th</sup> GICS sector. Data from 10/1/18 onward



reflect the new Communication Services sector, while data prior to 10/1/18 reflect the former Telecom sector. We treat all historical net buy ETF flows as if they reflect net buys of US equities. The ETF data primarily consists of US equity ETFs, but may include flows into asset classes such as gold, other commodities and international stocks/bonds traded via US-based ETFs. In addition, net buys of ETFs may include a small amount of purchases of short fund or "bearish" ETFs. However, we believe our aggregate measures for overall US equity flows, as well as size segments and client types, still represent client actions. We began including more granularity on ETF flows as discussed in more detail below in September 2017, with data based on January 2017-present.

The first section of this report shows overall flows into US equities, with weekly charts and tables displaying the breakdown of flows by client type, sector, and market cap. The second section provides more detail on flows by client type, showing the breakdown of each client category's flows by sector and size. The weekly data we publish encompasses flows for the Monday through Friday of the prior week.

We have decided to no longer produce exhibits showing a breakout of pension fund flows (a subset of the Institutional client grouping) or sector-/size-segment level granularity on the corporate client buyback flow contained in prior issues of this product.

Color on ETF flows: We began publishing exhibits on ETF flow granularity in the September 5, 2017 edition of this report. In order to provide more color on ETF flows, based on data available back to January 2017, we began classifying ETF net buys manually by ticker based on Bloomberg Fund Classifications to aggregate each week's ETF net buys by asset class focus (Equity, Fixed Income, Commodity, Alternative, Mixed Allocation, Specialty), by sector (based on the 11 equity sectors), by strategy (Growth, Value, Blend), and by market capitalization (Large, Mid, Small, Broad Market). Note that net buys of ETFs by our clients presented throughout this report do not include creation of new ETF shares by BofA—these flows would show up as single stock net buys (sales) in the underlying sectors of the stocks that comprise the ETF. Market capitalization categorizations of ETFs by Bloomberg are based on the benchmark tracked/replicated; the prospectus may also be considered. Bloomberg may also overrule the classification of the benchmark (for example, by tagging an ETF tracking the S&P 500 as large cap even though the benchmark is multi-cap). Broad market ETFs invest in large, mid or small cap companies. Market cap classifications of ETFs by Bloomberg used in page 4 of this report may differ from the overall market cap categorizations of single stocks/ETFs by Unity in the remainder of this report.

A note on the BofA equity client flow data: Total net buys of US equities (Exhibit 5 on page 2) encompass the total trading flows we have described above. This includes a small portion of "unknown" trades, which result when the client, sector, or market cap is unable to be categorized. These "unknowns" are excluded from Sector, Client and Market Cap breakouts on pages 3-7. Hence, the overall net buys from Exhibit 5 will not exactly match the totals on these pages. Sector, client and market cap unknowns each represent less than 4% of trading volumes on average over our data history.



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