

BofA Securities Equity Client Flow Trends

Record small cap ETF inflows

ETFs > stocks last week; opposite still true YTD

- **Overall inflows:** Last week (where S&P 500 was -0.4%), clients were net buyers of US equities (+\$1.2B) after selling equities the week before. Clients bought both single stocks and ETFs, with ETF inflows outpacing single stock flows for the third week – opposite of YTD trends, where clients have been bigger buyers of stocks.
- **Institutional clients were the sole buyers** (besides corporates), while hedge fund and retail clients were net sellers last week.
- **Corp. client buybacks accelerated** but are tracking below the typical seasonal levels at this time for the first time in 14 weeks. YTD, buybacks as a percentage of S&P 500 market cap (0.30%) are above '23 highs (0.27%) at this time.

More record Comm. Svcs. inflows

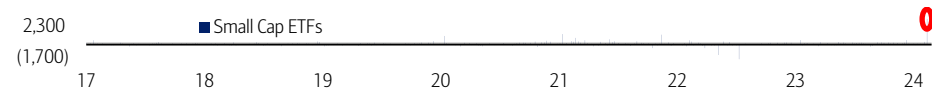
- **Comm. Svcs. flow momentum continues:** Clients bought stocks in six of the 11 sectors, led by Comm. Svcs. (where the last three weeks have been the three biggest weeks of Comm. Svcs. net buying in the history of the sector since '18. The sector also has the longest recent buying streak of any sector (16 weeks).
- **Health Care and Tech saw the largest outflows:** Net sales of Health Care were the largest since Dec., while Tech saw its fourth consecutive week of outflows – the longest selling streak in Tech since June 2022. Rolling 4-wk. avg. Tech flows are now the most negative since June 2021.
- **Other sector flows to know:** Financials saw their biggest weekly inflow since Sept., and Industrials has now seen inflows in 3 of the last 4 weeks, with rolling 4-wk. avg. flows for the sector turning positive for the first time since Oct.

ETFs: record small cap inflows

- **Clients bought equity ETFs for a fourth week**, with inflows across all styles (Growth/Value/Blend) and in Small Cap & Broad Market ETFs. Large and Mid Cap ETFs saw outflows after inflows the week before. Most sector ETFs saw outflows led by Staples ETFs, while Cons. Disc. ETFs led inflows.
- **Small cap ETF momentum continued**, with inflows in 22 of the 23 past weeks, and largest weekly inflow in our data history since '17 (mainly Retail-driven buying). Despite more positive sentiment, positioning in small caps remains light (see [SMID Year Ahead](#)) and valuations remain inexpensive vs. history (see [SMID Valuations](#)).

Exhibit 3: Record breaking Small Cap ETFs weekly inflow

Weekly inflows/outflows for Small Cap ETFs



Source: BofA Securities

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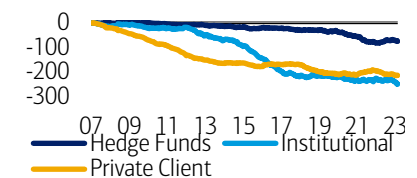
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Exhibit 1: Institutional clients are the biggest net sellers post-crisis

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

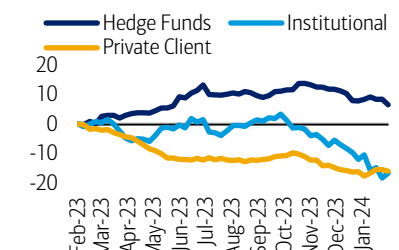


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Exhibit 2: Hedge funds are the biggest net buyers in the past 12 months

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



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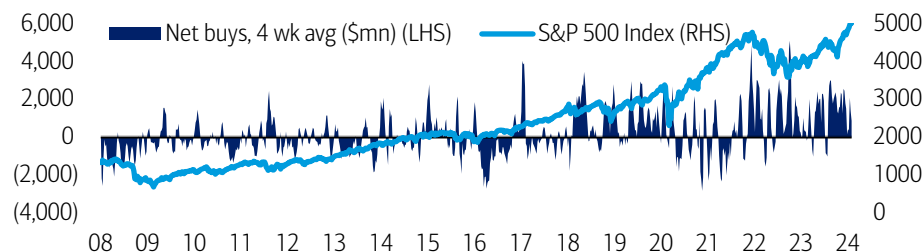
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This weekly product provides an aggregated view of BofA client trading flows into US stocks executed by the firm's cash equities business. By aggregating flows across many execution platforms and trading desks, we provide an overview of what sectors 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	(1,244)	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	(1,821)	(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	808	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	(208)	(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	(1,600)	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	2,978	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	(530)	(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	(5,938)	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	(544)	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	(432)	1,793	3,156	2,750	2,939	(3,216)	(1,624)	(4,155)	(366)								
Communication Services	13,601	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	333	(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	(3,893)	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	(2,309)	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	(8,420)	(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	(16,312)	(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	(186)	(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	(341)	(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	17,908	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	5,526	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	59,743	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	(288)	(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	(9,136)	(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	(180)	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	(651)	(748)	(2,598)	(7,391)	(6,793)	(3,605)	(6,211)	(7,941)	(8,556)	(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	5,403	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)	4,594	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	(12,505)	(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

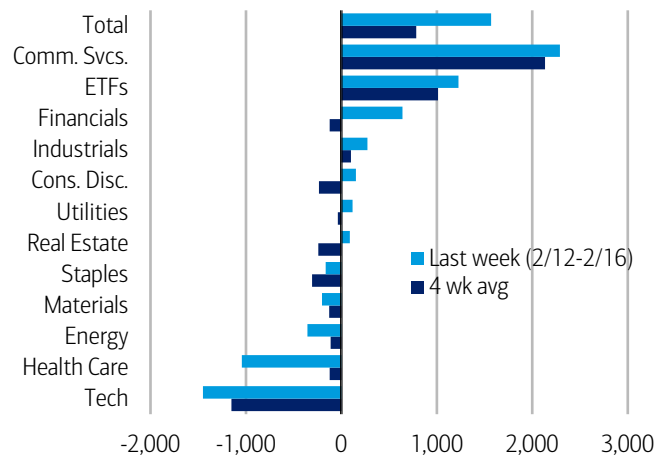
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Weekly flows by client, sector, & size

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

BofA client net buys by sector (\$ mn)

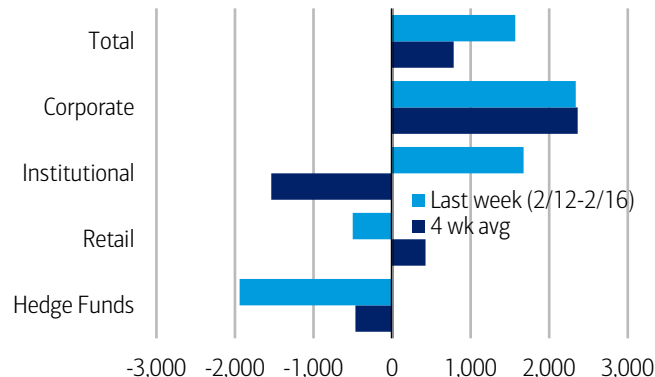


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Exhibit 8: By clients, Corporate clients led inflows and Hedge Fund clients led outflows

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

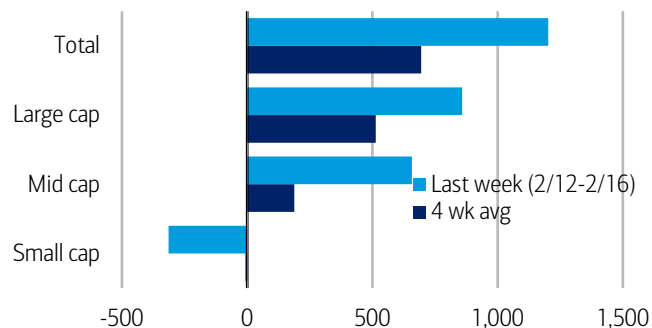


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Exhibit 11: By size, Large caps led inflows and Small caps led outflows

BofA client net buys by size segment (\$ mn)



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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 (2/12/24)	2/5/2 4	1/29/ 24	1/22/ 24	4 wk. avg.	12 wk avg	52 wk avg
Cons. Disc.	152	-665	89	-517	-235	-197	-21
Cons. Staples	-165	-49	-163	-854	-308	-269	-64
Energy	-355	-183	89	-2	-113	-40	-29
Financials	639	-979	343	-494	-123	-205	41
Health Care	-1043	39	462	50	-123	21	60
Industrials	273	-174	36	263	99	-322	-176
Tech	-1451	-1770	-513	-877	-1153	482	346
Materials	-202	-83	-169	-55	-128	-70	-11
Real Estate	88	-439	-525	-94	-243	-65	19
Comm. Svcs.	2289	2154	3372	721	2134	1,624	577
Utilities	116	-225	-76	37	-37	0	-16
ETFs	1227	1176	938	709	1012	710	652
Total	1568	-1200	3882	-1114	784	1,668	1,378
Total ex. ETFs	341	-2376	2944	-1822	-228	958	726
Total incl. untagged flows	1153	-1857	4848	-714	858	1,243	1,355

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 (2/12/24)	2/5/2 4	1/29/ 24	1/22/ 24	4 wk. avg.	12 wk avg	52 wk avg
Hedge Funds	-1941	88	-814	803	-466	-504	126
ex. ETFs	-1390	-112	-571	436	-409	-567	-37
Institutional	1673	-3495	923	-5254	-1538	-1,091	-319
ex. ETFs	850	-3589	485	-5358	-1903	-1252	-265
Private Client	-502	-43	1247	996	425	-314	-306
ex. ETFs	-1457	-925	510	758	-279	-783	-846
Corporates	2339	2250	2520	2342	2363	3,519	1,865
Total	1568	-1199	3876	-1114	783	1,609	1,367
Total ex. ETFs	341	-2376	2944	-1822	-228	958	726
Total incl. untagged flows	1153	-1857	4848	-714	858	1243	1355

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 (2/12/24)	2/5/2 4	1/29/ 24	1/22/ 24	4 wk. avg.	12 wk avg	52 wk avg
Large cap	858	-1207	4063	-1662	513	1,541	1,369
ex. ETFs	519	-2261	3093	-1978	-157	1074	827
Mid cap	658	-26	-276	397	188	-9	-78
ex. ETFs	-171	-89	-170	40	-98	-189	-137
Small cap	-314	47	89	150	-7	29	34
ex. ETFs	-7	-25	15	116	25	-3	-4
Total	1202	-1185	3876	-1114	695	1,561	1,325
Total ex. ETFs	341	-2375	2938	-1822	-230	958	726
Total incl. untagged flows	1153	-1857	4848	-714	858	1243	1355

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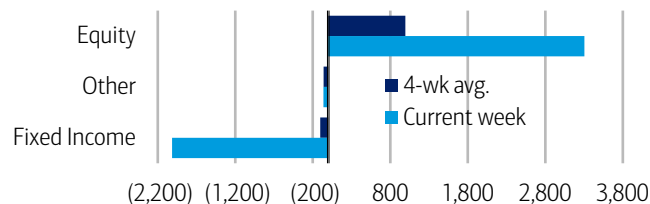


ETF flow color

We provide additional color on ETF net buys¹, 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 ETFs and sold Fixed Income/Other ETFs

ETF net buys by asset class (\$ mn)

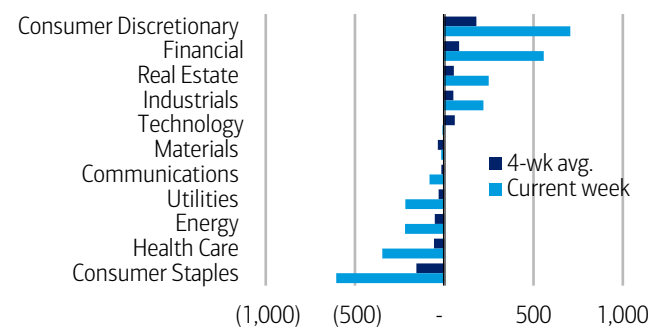


Source: BofA Securities. Note: Other includes Commodity, Specialty, Alternative, Mixed Allocation

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Exhibit 14: ETFs most positive in Consumer Discretionary and negative in Staples

Equity ETF net buys by sector (\$ mn)

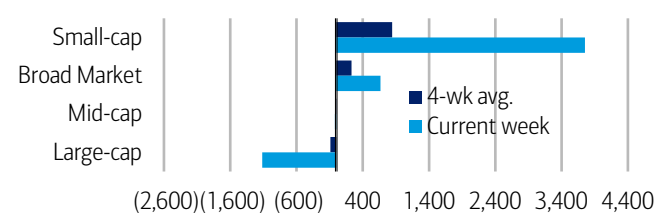


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Exhibit 14: By size, Small caps led inflows and Large caps led outflows

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

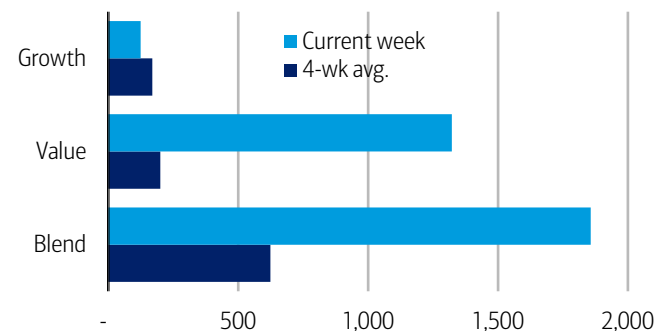


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Exhibit 16: All style ETFs saw inflows led by Blend ETFs

Equity ETF net buys by style (\$ mn)



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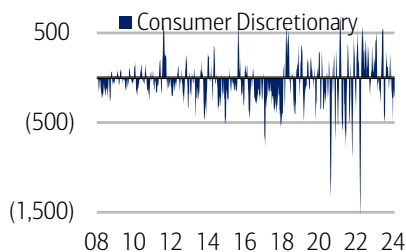
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¹ Note that net buys (sales) of ETFs by our clients presented throughout this report do not include creation of new ETF shares by BofA—these flows would show up as single stock net buys (sales) in the underlying sectors of the stocks that comprise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

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

Exhibit 17: Cons Disc.: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

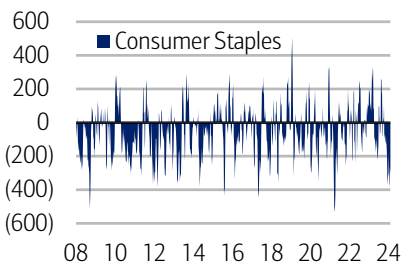


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Exhibit 18: Staples: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

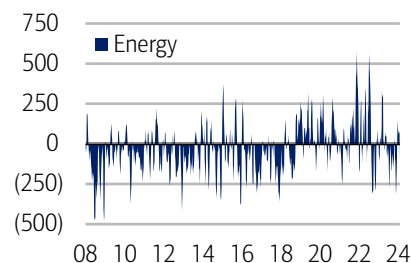


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Exhibit 19: Energy: flows flip negative

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

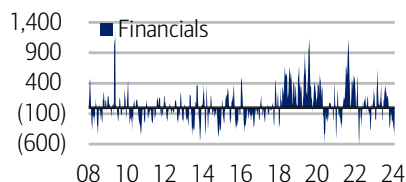


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Exhibit 20: Financials: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

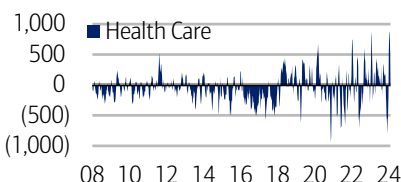


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Exhibit 21: Health Care: flows flip negative

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

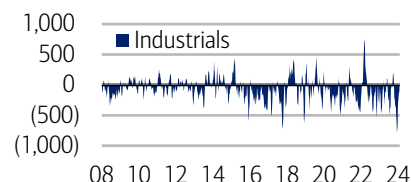


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Exhibit 22: Industrials: flows flip positive

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

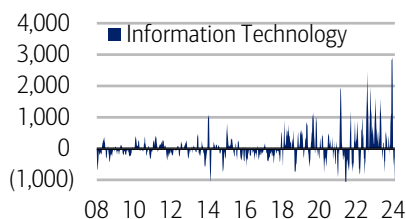


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Exhibit 23: Tech: recent outflows

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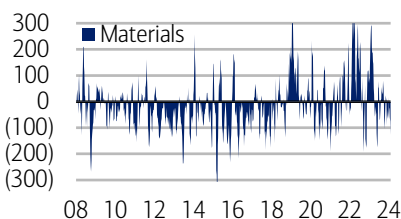


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Exhibit 24: Materials: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

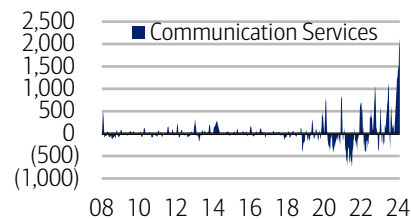


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Exhibit 24: Comm. Svcs.: recent inflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

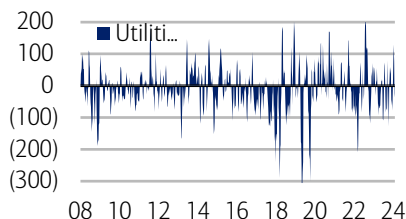


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Exhibit 26: Utilities: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

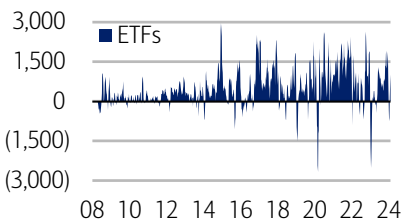


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Exhibit 27: ETFs: recent inflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)

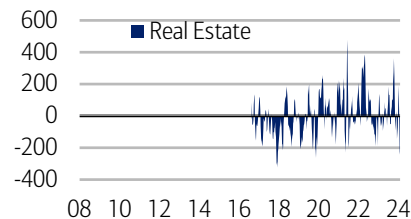


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Exhibit 27: Real Estate: recent outflows

4 week avg. flows (\$ mn)



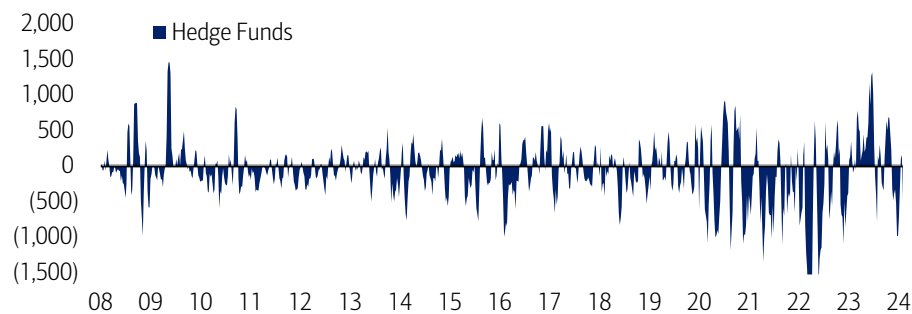
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Rolling four-week average trends by client type

Exhibit 29: Hedge Funds: flows flip negative

Net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

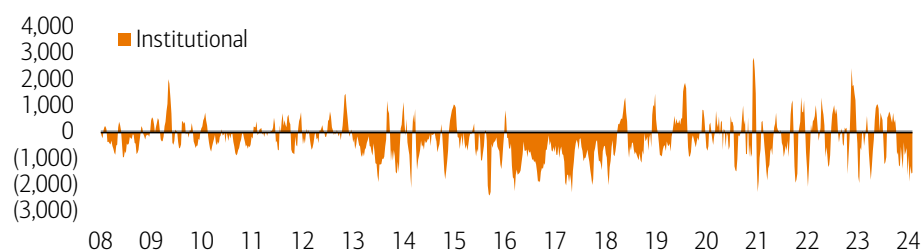


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Exhibit 30: Institutional clients: recent outflows

Net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

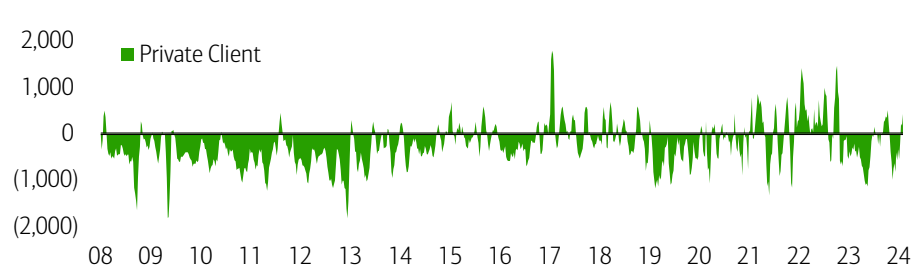


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Exhibit 31: Private clients: recent inflows

Net buys (4 week avg, \$ mn)

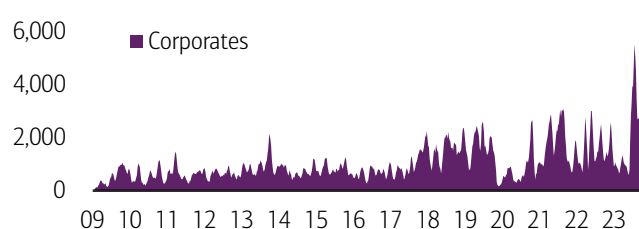


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Exhibit 32: Buybacks by corp. clients at historical high levels

Corporate clients (4 week avg, \$ mn)

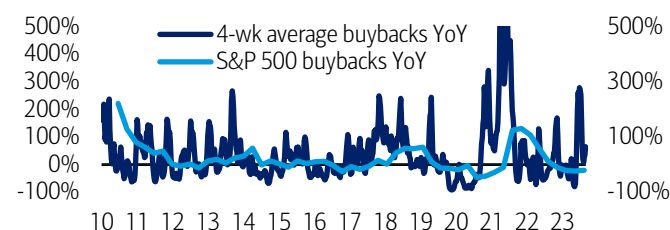


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Exhibit 33: Corp. client buybacks above S&P 500 buybacks trend

BofA corporate clients' 4 week avg. buybacks (YoY % chg) vs. S&P 500 total quarterly buybacks (YoY % chg), since 2010



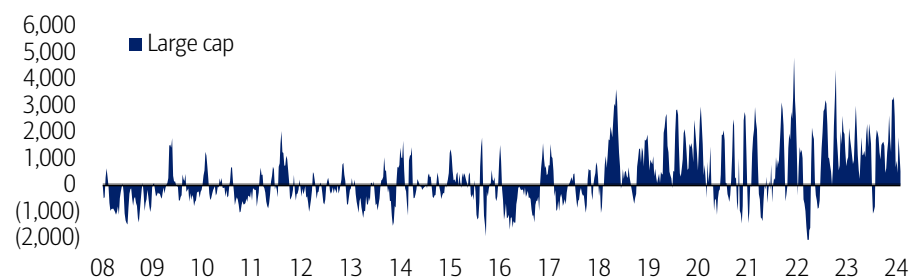
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Rolling four-week average trends by market cap

Exhibit 34: Large caps: recent inflows

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

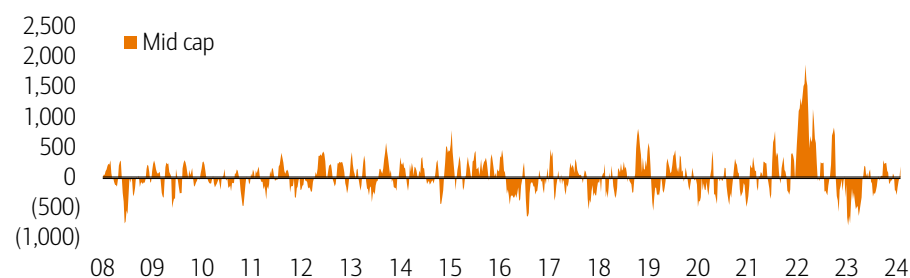


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Exhibit 35: Mid caps: recent inflows

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

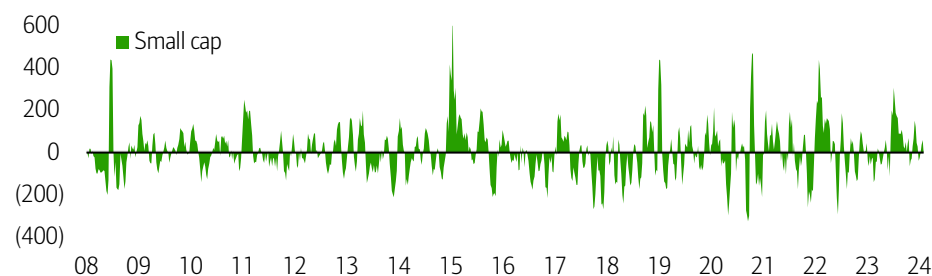


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Exhibit 36: Small caps: flows flip negative

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



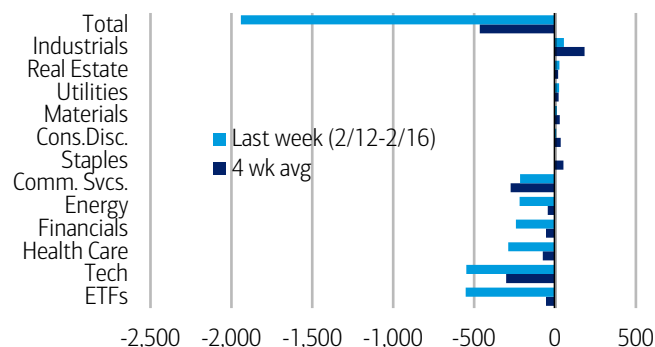
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Sector & size flows by client type last week

Exhibit 37: Hedge Funds bought Industrials and sold ETFs

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

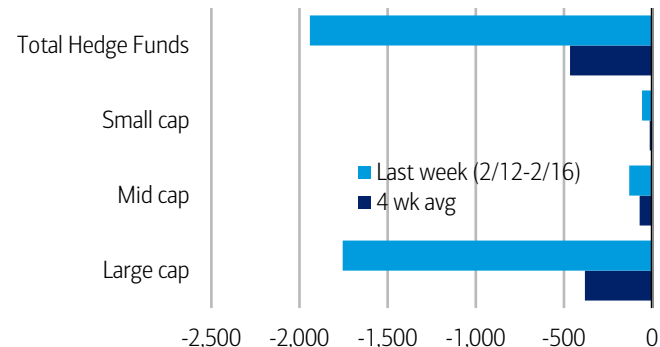


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Exhibit 38: Hedge Funds sold all size segments led by Large caps

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

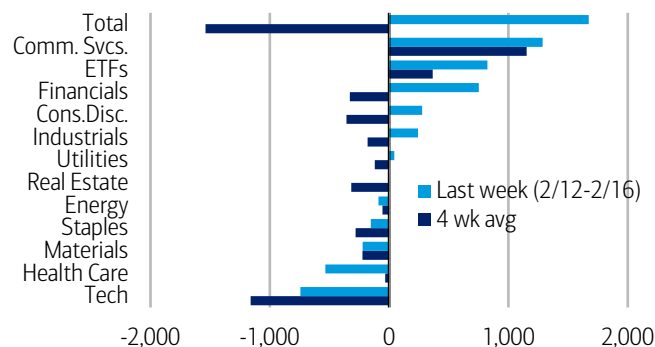


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Exhibit 39: Institutional clients bought Comm. Svcs. and sold Tech

Institutional clients net buys by sector (\$ mn)

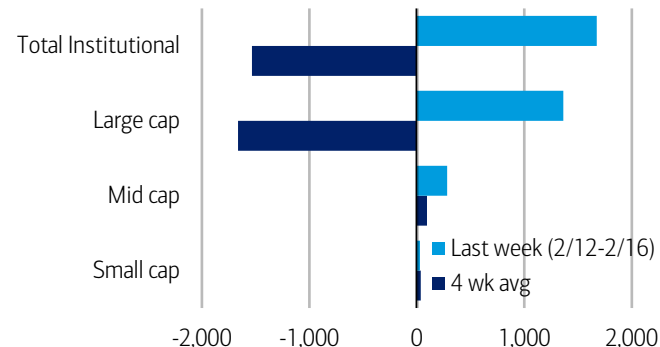


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Exhibit 40: Institutional clients bought all size segments led by Large caps

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

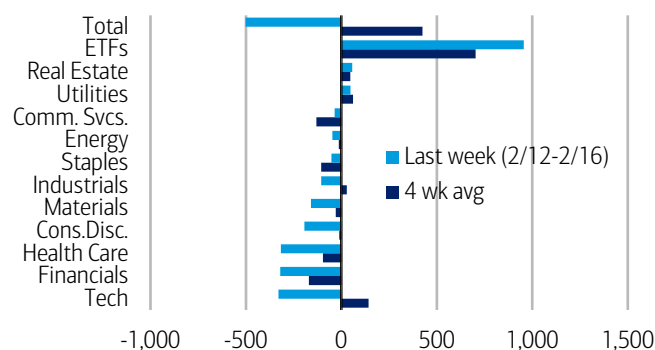


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Exhibit 41: Private clients bought ETFs and sold Tech

Private clients net buys by sector (\$ mn)

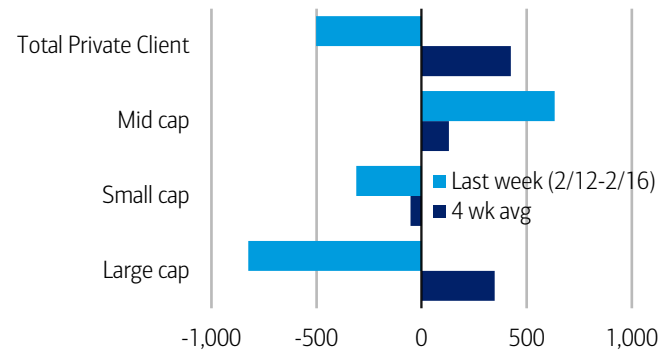


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Exhibit 42: Private clients bought Mid caps and sold Large caps

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



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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 Fund Clients		Institutional Clients		Private Clients	
	3m	1y	3m	1y	3m	1y	3m	1y
Total	0.50	0.69	-1.45	-1.14	0.99	2.03	0.57	0.46
Asset Class								
Equity	1.62	1.27	-1.36	-0.48	0.87	0.83	2.31	1.78
Fixed Income	-2.36	-1.64	-0.66	-1.73	0.27	1.03	-3.16	-2.81
Style								
Blend	1.41	1.00	-0.30	0.14	1.22	0.83	1.94	1.42
Growth	-0.16	0.87	-2.89	-2.19	0.27	1.72	2.01	1.11
Value	2.11	1.14	-0.40	-0.80	-3.06	-3.92	2.40	1.62
Sector								
Consumer Discretionary	3.16	6.00	-0.28	-0.81	-0.27	1.65	3.32	6.71
Consumer Staples	-3.08	-4.19	-0.79	-0.47	1.53	0.35	-3.17	-5.66
Energy	-2.67	-1.09	-1.95	-1.18	1.15	0.78	-3.16	-0.73
Financial	2.42	2.04	0.89	1.35	2.30	0.95	-0.37	1.24
Health Care	-2.28	-0.65	0.04	0.36	0.69	0.99	-3.32	-2.82
Industrials	2.78	2.57	0.12	0.78	-0.42	-0.77	3.31	5.20
Technology	-0.35	1.07	0.09	0.23	-0.45	1.77	-0.38	0.61
Materials	0.31	-1.71	-0.07	-1.67	0.50	0.20	0.30	-3.54
Real Estate	2.92	2.98	0.16	0.10	-0.72	1.04	3.32	3.31
Communications	-3.00	-0.87	-1.95	-1.18	1.15	0.78	-3.16	-0.73
Utilities	-2.79	-0.83	-0.49	0.66	0.52	-0.20	-3.29	-1.34
Size								
Large-cap	-1.15	-0.44	-1.54	-0.73	1.29	0.99	-1.84	-1.00
Mid-cap	-0.68	0.15	-1.68	0.72	-0.88	0.48	0.16	-0.85
Small-cap	3.29	5.90	1.39	1.44	-0.11	-0.11	3.32	6.77
Broad Market	2.25	1.93	-0.41	-0.86	-0.79	0.16	3.12	3.51

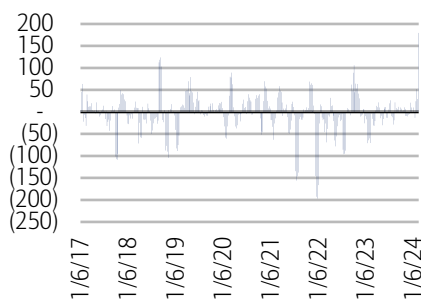
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Equity ETF flows: 4-week average flows by sector

Exhibit 43: Disc. ETFs: recent inflows

4 week avg, \$ mn

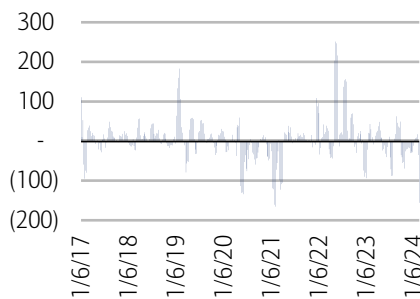


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Exhibit 44: Staples ETFs: recent outflows

4 week avg, \$ mn

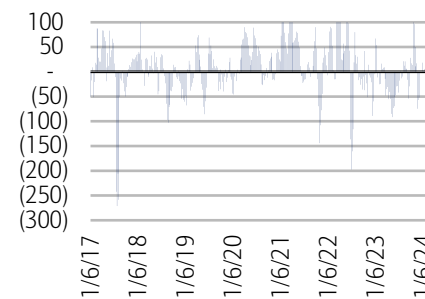


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Exhibit 45: Energy ETFs: recent outflows

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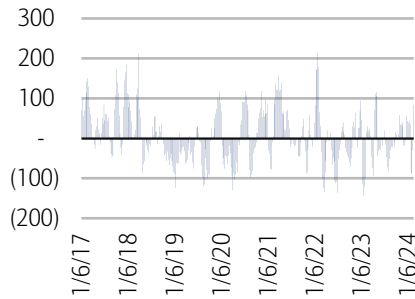


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Exhibit 46: Financial ETFs: flows flip positive

4 week avg, \$ mn

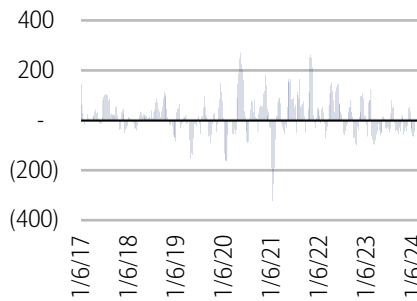


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Exhibit 47: Health Care ETFs: flows flip negative

4 week avg, \$ mn

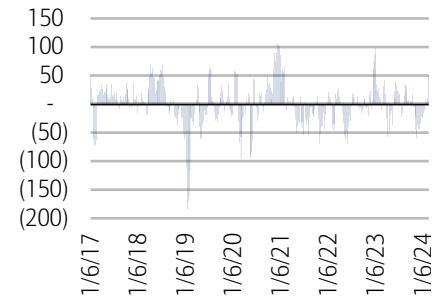


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Exhibit 48: Industrials ETFs: recent inflows

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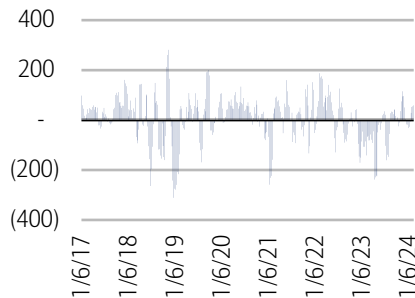


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Exhibit 49: Tech ETFs: recent inflows

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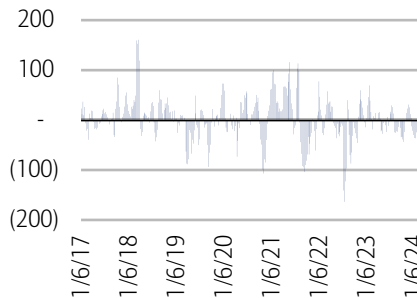


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Exhibit 50: Materials ETFs: recent outflows

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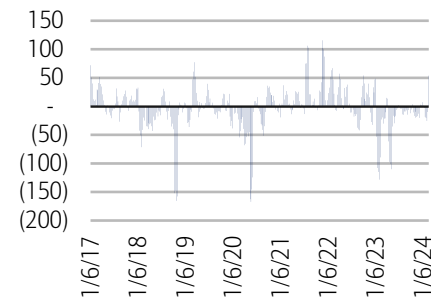


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Exhibit 51: Real Estate ETFs: flows flip positive

4 week avg, \$ mn

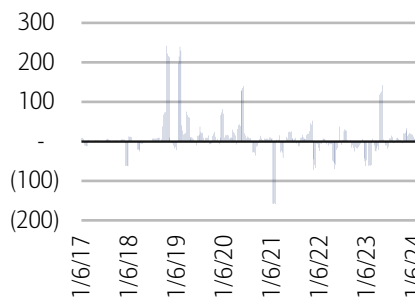


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Exhibit 52: Comm. Svcs. ETFs: flows flip negative

4 week avg, \$ mn

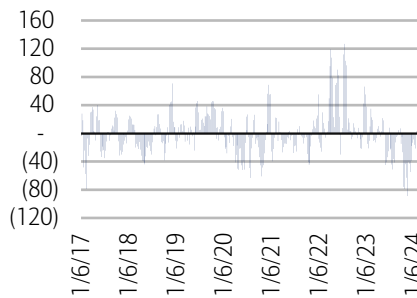


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Exhibit 53: Utilities ETFs: flows flip negative

4 week avg, \$ mn



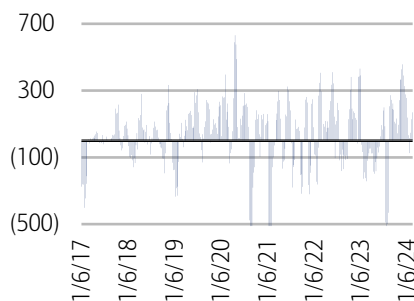
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Equity ETFs: 4-week average flows by strategy

Exhibit 54: Growth ETFs: recent inflows

4 week avg, \$ mn

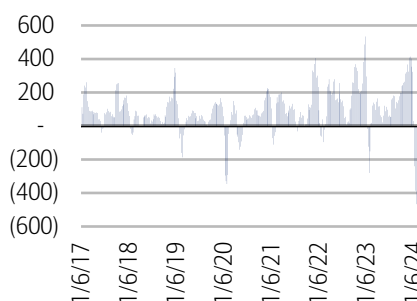


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Exhibit 55: Value ETFs: flows flip positive

4 week avg, \$ mn

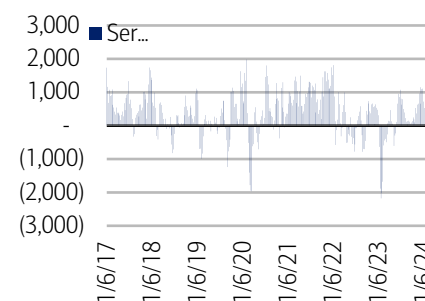


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Exhibit 56: Blend ETFs: recent inflows

4 week avg, \$ mn



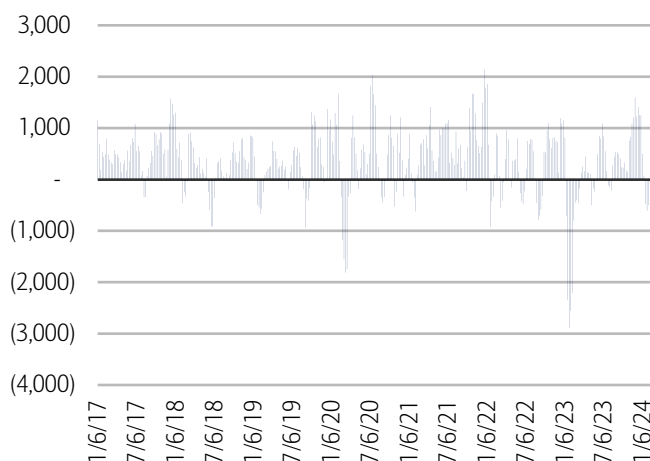
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Equity ETFs: 4-week average flows by market cap

Exhibit 57: Large cap ETFs: recent outflows

4 week avg, \$ mn

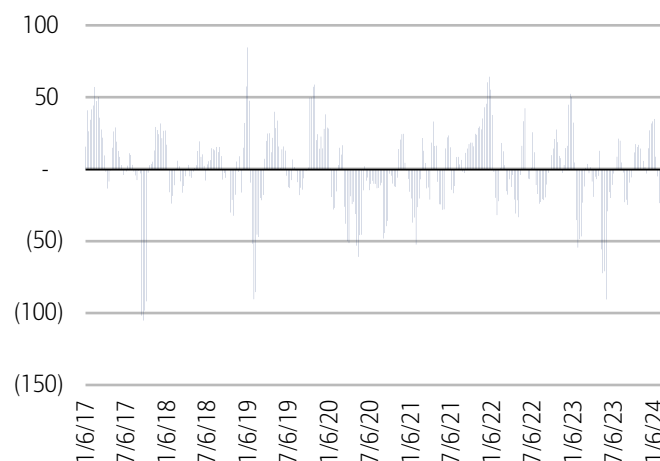


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Exhibit 58: Mid cap ETFs: recent outflows

4 week avg, \$ mn

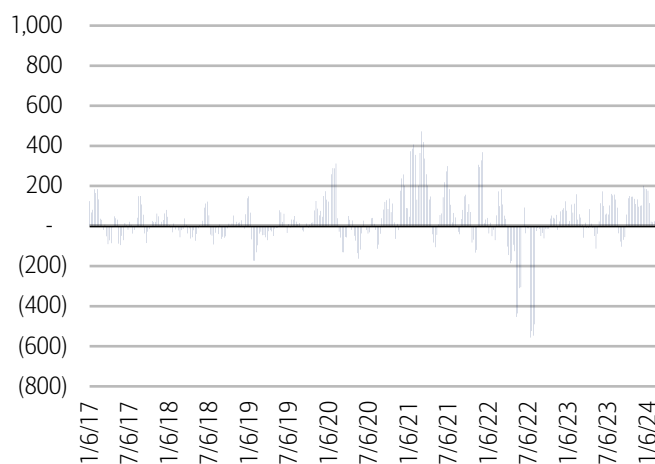


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Exhibit 59: Small cap ETFs: recent inflows

4 week avg, \$ mn

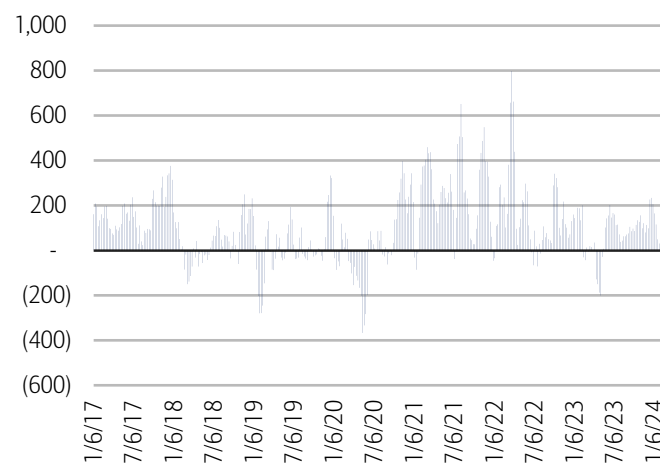


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Exhibit 60: Broad Market ETFs: recent inflows

4 week avg, \$ mn



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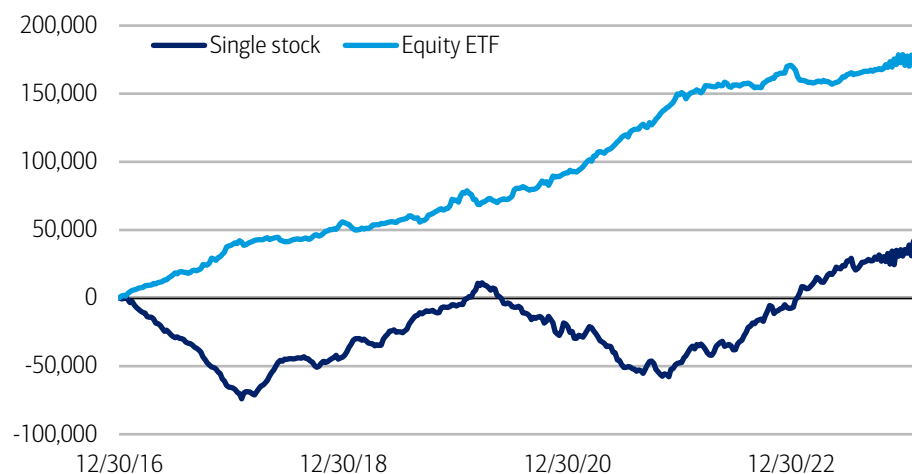
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Cumulative equity sector flows: single stock vs. ETF

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

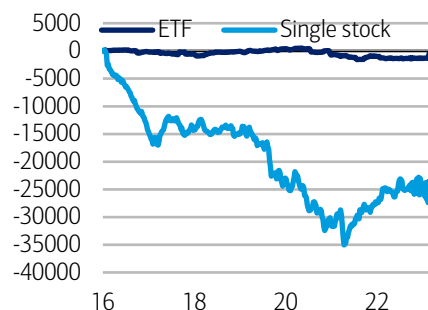


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Exhibit 63: Cons Disc. Single stock and ETFs flows flip positive

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

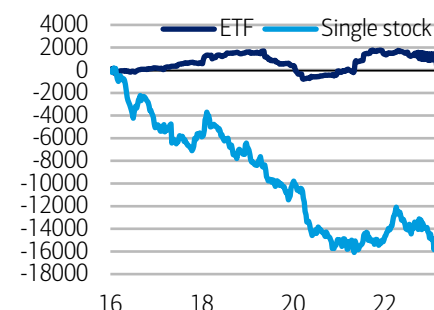


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Exhibit 64: Staples: Single stock and ETFs recent outflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

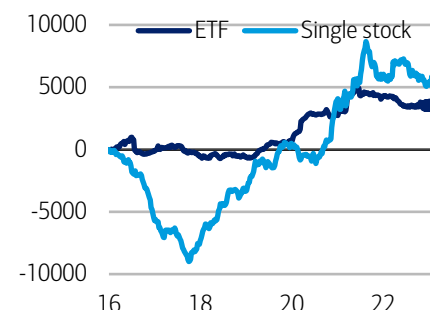


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Exhibit 65: Energy: Single stock recent outflows and ETFs flows flip negative

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

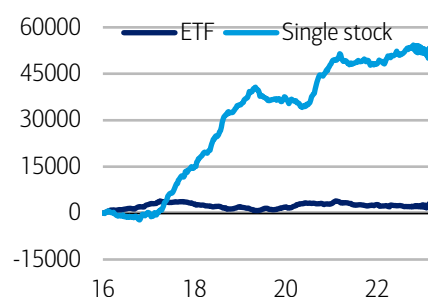


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Exhibit 66: Financials: Single stock flows flip positive and ETFs recent inflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

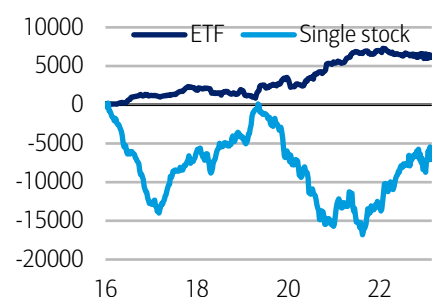


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Exhibit 67: Health Care: Single stock and ETFs flows flip negative

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

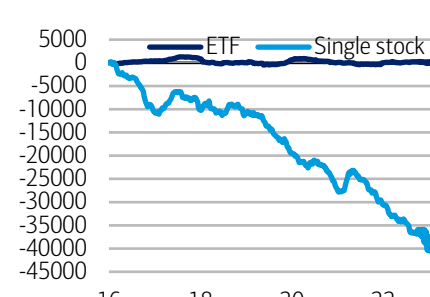


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Exhibit 68: Industrials: Single stock flows flip positive and ETFs recent inflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

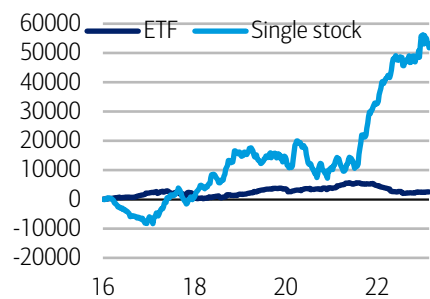


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Exhibit 69: Tech: Single stock recent outflows and ETFs flows flip negative

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

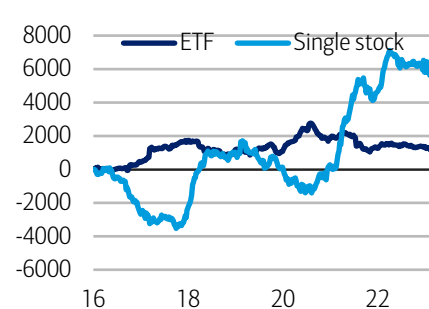


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Exhibit 70: Materials: Single stock and ETFs recent outflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

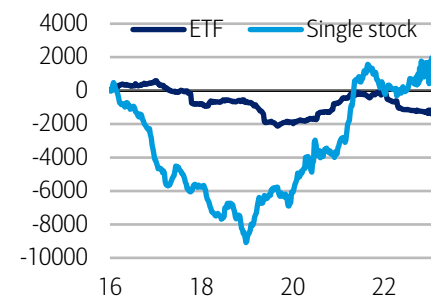


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Exhibit 71: Real Estate: Single stock flows flip positive and ETFs recent inflows

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

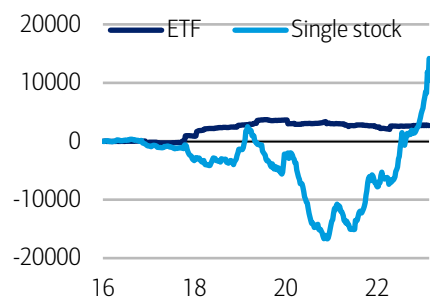


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Exhibit 72: Comm. Svcs.: Single stock recent inflows and ETFs flows flip negative

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn

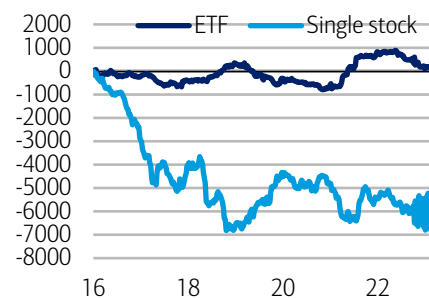


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Exhibit 73: Utilities: Single stock flows flip positive and ETFs flows flip negative

Cumulative flows 2017-now, \$mn



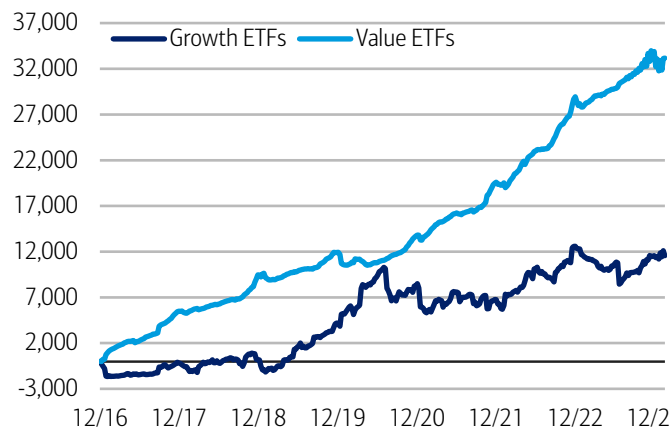
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Cumulative Equity ETF flows by Size and Style

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)



Source: BofA Securities

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Exhibit 75: Blend ETFs generally seeing inflows recently

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

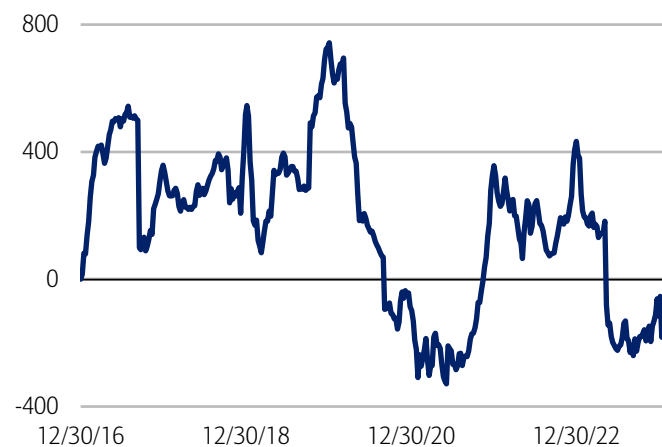


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Exhibit 77: Mid Cap ETFs: recent buying after selling spate

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



Source: BofA Securities

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Exhibit 78: Recent inflows into small cap ETFs

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



Source: BofA Securities

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Exhibit 79: Broad Market ETFs seeing continued inflows

Broad Market ETF cumulative net buys, \$ mn



Source: BofA Securities

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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?
- 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 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 11th 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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Underperform	N/A	≥ 20%

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