



FundFlash US

January 2021



FundFlash provides a summary of the regional trends and developments in the funds market over the previous month.

The report is built using the Global Market Intelligence (GMI) funds module which tracks \$50trn in global funds assets with unique views of distributor and internationally sold business.

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### THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Investing enthusiasm ticks up in January as investors add \$72.9bn to their accounts, up from December's paltry \$9.3bn. Stock markets are mixed, as large-cap benchmarks end slightly down (the S&P 500 loses 1%) while the small-cap Russell 2000 notches a solid gain of 5%.

### **PRODUCTS**

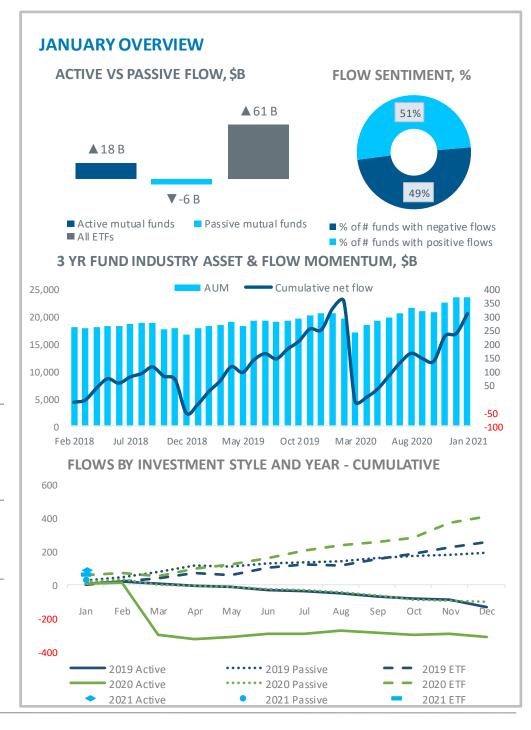
Fixed income inflows remain strong and they easily outpace equities. This leads active fund flows to outdraw passive fund flows, though both are dwarfed by ETF inflow activity of \$61bn.

### **DISTRIBUTORS**

Assets in the Online channel climb 1.97% while AUM in the much larger Direct/Institutional channel declines 0.49%.

### **COMPETITION**

Upstart ARK Investment Management places fourth for top industry inflows, behind behemoths Vanguard, BlackRock, and JP Morgan — both of the top-2 active products for inflows are from ARK. Risk is top-of-mind these days: four of the top-6 launches have downside protection or volatility management baked into their strategies.





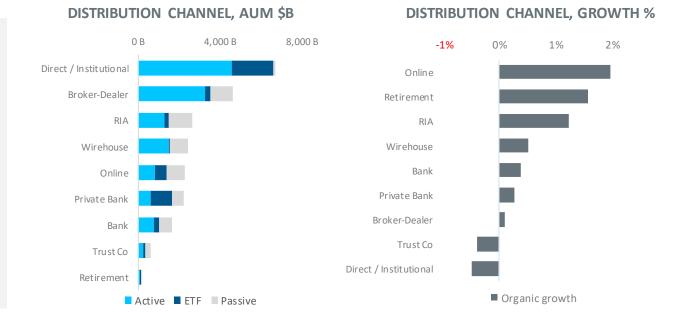


#### DISTRIBUTION

Assets in the Direct/Institutional channel grew to \$6.7trn in January, or about 29% of industry AUM.

Combined B/D, Wirehouse, and RIA assets grew to \$9.7trn or 42% of industry AUM.

The growing Online channel (now 10% of industry AUM) has one of the lowest active fund allocations – only 37%.



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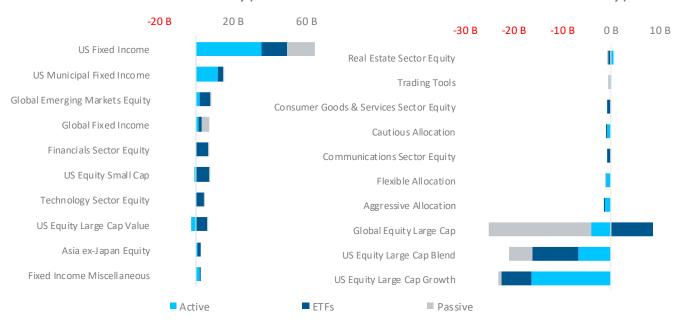
Overall, actively managed funds drove the greater part of flows as investors favored fixed income products this month.

Investors turned their gaze toward last year's underperformers: emerging markets and large value finally got a taste of inflows.

Huge outflows continued to pressure large caps, both domestic and global. Outflows hit allocation funds, but those outflows are likely due to a vehicle preference (SMA, CIT) over mutual funds.

### TOP-10 PRODUCT NET FLOW, \$B

### BOTTOM-10 PRODUCT NET FLOW, \$B





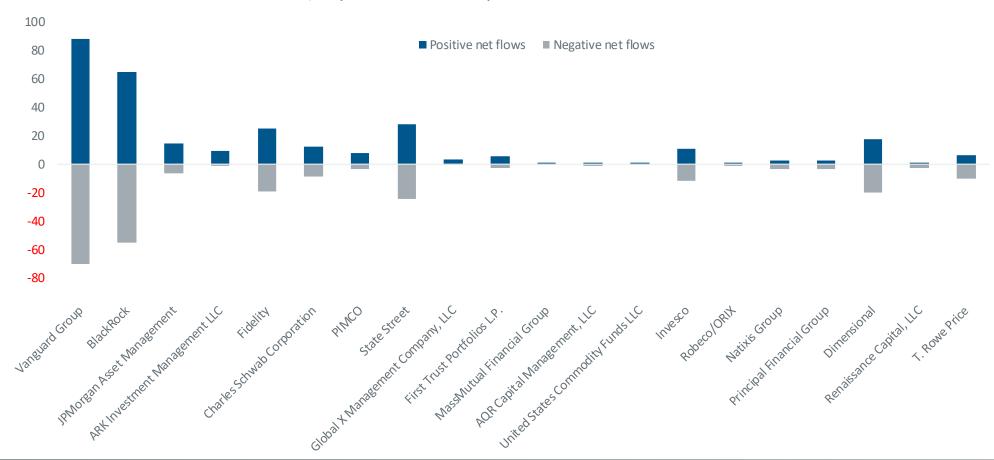
### **COMPETITION**

Vanguard ranked number one for net inflows this month as three of its products took the top spots for best passive inflows. Second-placed BlackRock had three offerings among the top-6 ETFs for inflows.

T Rowe Price saw roughly \$3.3bn in withdrawals from its Target Retirement mutual funds and several flagship equity funds also encountered outflows.

ARK Investment Management had two active ETFs — Innovation and Genomic Revolution — place first and second, respectively, for top active fund inflows, raking in \$5.1bn between them.

### POSITIVE vs NEGATIVE NET FLOW BY GROUP, \$B (TOP AND BOTTOM 10)





### **MONTHLY NET FLOW LEADERS**

		Fund name	Group	Sector	Launch date	AUM, \$B	Net flow, \$B	Organic growth
>	1	ARK Innovation ETF	ARK IM	US Equity Mid Cap	Oct 2014	22.609	2.853	16%
וסף מכוואפ וופר ווסא	2	ARK Genomic Revolution ETF	ARK IM	Healthcare Sector Equity	Oct 2014	10.699	2.221	29%
	3	American Funds Bond Fund of America	Capital Group	US Fixed Income	May 1974	71.583	1.730	2%
7	4	Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund	Vanguard	US Fixed Income	Oct 1982	74.166	1.652	2%
5 2	5	PIMCO Income Fund	PIMCO	US Fixed Income	Mar 2007	133.458	1.380	1%
	6	JPMorgan Hedged Equity Fund	JP Morgan AM	Long/Short Equity	Dec 2013	15.641	1.287	9%
	1	Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund	Vanguard	US Fixed Income	Jan 2009	226.883	6.911	3%
	2	Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund	Vanguard	Global Fixed Income	May 2013	130.196	4.186	3%
	3	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Vanguard	US Fixed Income	Dec 1986	235.005	1.932	1%
	4	Fidelity US Bond Index Fund	Fidelity	US Fixed Income	Mar 1990	58.102	1.062	2%
	5	Fidelity Series Bond Index Fund	Fidelity	US Fixed Income	Apr 2019	16.131	0.798	5%
	6	Fidelity SAI US Treasury Bond Index Fund	Fidelity	US Fixed Income	Mar 2016	7.986	0.772	11%
	1	Select Sector Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	State Street	Financials Sector Equity	Dec 1998	29.268	4.977	20%
	2	iShares Core Total USD Bond Market ETF	BlackRock	US Fixed Income	Jun 2014	9.639	3.661	61%
	3	iShares MSCI EAFE Value ETF	BlackRock	Global Equity Large Cap	Aug 2005	10.300	3.141	44%
	4	iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	BlackRock	Global Emerging Markets Equity	Oct 2012	73.726	3.053	4%
	5	Vanguard Total Bond Market ETF	Vanguard	US Fixed Income	Apr 2007	70.346	2.622	4%
	6	Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF	Vanguard	US Equity Large Cap Blend	May 2001	203.993	2.568	1%
		Fund name	Group	Sector	Style	AUM, \$m		
	1	GuideStone Global Impact Fund	GuideStone	Moderate Allocation	Active	153		
	2	FT Cboe Vest US Equity Buffer ETF - January	First Trust	US Equity Large Cap Blend	Active	45		
	3	Global X Adaptive US Risk Management ETF	Global X	US Equity Large Cap Blend	ETF	34		
	4	FT Cboe Vest US Equity Deep Buffer ETF - January	First Trust	US Equity Large Cap Blend	Active	28		
	5	Amplify BlackSwan ISWN ETF	Amplify Inv	Global Equity Large Cap	ETF	26		
	6	Direxion Daily Cloud Computing Bull 2X Shares	Rafferty	Trading Tools	ETF	22		



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