# **Weekly Pulse**

# **Amundi ETF**



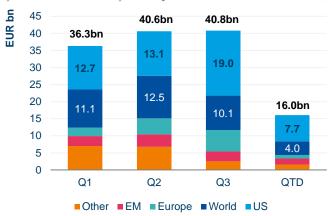
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Market volatility increased across most asset classes over the week due to concerns that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) may decelerate its pace of monetary normalisation. US economic activity demonstrated continued resilience heightening concerns that inflation may pick up after the US elections. Noticeable inflows were observed in US and EM equity ETPs. In fixed income, flows into EUR government debt and US inflation-linked exposures increased.

#### **FLOWS ARE POURING INTO US EQUITIES**

Equities UCITS ETF - quarterly net new assets (in EUR bn)



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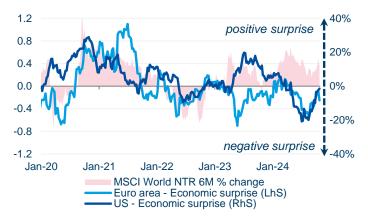
#### **KEEP THE BALL ROLLING IN US EQUITIES**

- ▶ Investors pile up on US equities ahead of the elections: October ranks amongst strongest month for net new assets in US equities this year. Focus remains on candidates' stance on taxes and foreign trade policy. Market performance tends to be strongest under a scenario of split control.
- Market performance less driven by tech's **heavyweights:** the income growth gap between megacaps and the rest of the US equity market should shrink in the quarters ahead.

#### Related indices

S&P 500 Net Total Return MSCI USA NTR USD S&P 500 Equal Weight ESG Leaders Select NTR

#### **ECONOMIC SURPRISE MONITOR & EVENT CALENDAR**



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#### Key events:

- US: Conference Board consumer confidence, ADP employment data, Q3 (A) GDP, Core PCE price index, personal income & spending, non-farm payroll, ISM manufacturing
- Europe: France consumer spending, Q3 (P) GDP, Oct CPI, Germany Q3 (P) GDP, Oct (P) CPI, ECB members to speak at various events
- China: Industrial profits, Manufacturing PMI, Caixin PMI

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# Keep the ball rolling in US equities

With the US presidential election fast approaching, markets are increasingly focusing on the candidates' manifestos and their potential market implications. Taxation, foreign trade, immigration and fiscal policy are key areas of focus for investors. Meanwhile, economic activity has proved more resilient, strengthening the momentum behind a "no landing" scenario, and supporting expectations for a more gradual pace of rate cuts.

The stretched valuation levels of the largest US listed companies leave them more vulnerable to heightened volatility in the period ahead, as markets evaluate the Fed's policy path and the navigate uncertainties surrounding the US election outcome. In this environment, we continue to favour <u>equal-weighted indices</u>.

#### Investors pile up on equities ahead of the US elections

The S&P 500 has delivered outstanding returns since the beginning of the year, realising 22.5% gains (NTR in USD as at 23/10/2024). This has not only been led by the combination of concentrated gains in companies tied to artificial intelligence, but also by further loosening in the broader financial conditions. More recently, high frequency data has surprised on the upside (see the US economic surprises tracker on the cover page), and the possibility of continued economic growth came back as a possibility for market participants. These improvements have led markets to revise their expectations that the Fed may slow down the pace of rate

cuts. Current expectations are now for 150bps rate cuts by end 2025.

The strong performance of US equities has reinforced investors' interest in the local market. US equity UCITS ETFs have gathered the lion's share of flows so far this year with the pace of asset gathering accelerating quarter after quarter. Uncertainty surrounding the US elections' outcome did not in any way deter investors: month-to-date flows into US equities already ranks October as second-strongest month this year.

Still, markets are increasingly focusing on the candidates' programs and their potential implications for the US economy, which we have summarised in the table. Taxation, foreign trade, immigration and fiscal policy are at the forefront of the candidates' manifesto. Candidate K. Harris advocates for higher taxes on corporations and the wealthy to fund social initiatives and green

**ELECTION SCENARIOS** 4 TRUMP Republican sweep Democratic sweep Harris divided Trump presidency Republican House Republican Senate **Democratic senate** Corporate tax hike;Immigration reform;No fiscal consolidation. Corporate tax cut; **Domestic** policy Status quo; Tough on China to stay; Renegotiate USMCA in 2026. Status quo;
 Tough on China to stay;
 Renegotiate USMCA in 10% universal tariff; Trade Reciprocal tariff; 60% tariff on some select Chinese imports. Fiscal policy pressures lead to tighter medium term monetary policy. Fed policy Relatively tight fiscal Inflation fears from Easy fiscal policy to be offset by tighter monetary policy to hit 2% inflation target. policy puts onus on Fed to provide monetary H

2024 US election scenarios and equity market implications

#### **EQUITY MARKET IMPLICATIONS**



Source: Amundi Investment Institute as at October 2024. USMCA: United States-Mexico-Canada agreement. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance

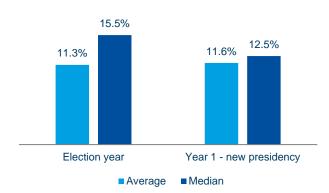
policies, while D. Trump is proposing tax cuts, deregulation and an increase in oil production. In the short term, US market sentiment is likely to focus on <u>Trump's potential lower corporate tax</u> regime. Meanwhile, a K. Harris election could bring continuity, especially if Democrats lack a House majority, which would allay fears about wealth taxes and higher corporate rates.

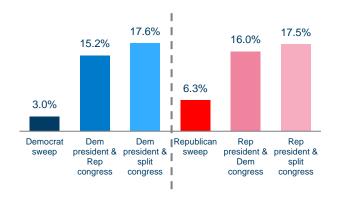
In assessing the S&P 500's performance in election years since 1948, we find that market performance tends to be the highest with split control between the President and the house or representatives. Additionally, the perception that a Democratic win would be a bad outcome for the markets is not supported by historical performance data. As shown in the charts on the following page, the S&P 500 has posted positive average performance in the year following an election for both parties. Ultimately, the performance of US equities tends to be more driven by underlying economic activity, the outlook for monetary policy rates and earnings trends.

#### US equities perform during election year

# g election year Performance tends to be highest with split control

S&P 500 performance on election year (TR, since 1948)





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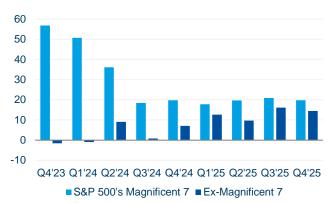
## Market performance less driven by tech's heavyweights

Looking ahead, technology heavyweights' contribution to the S&P 500's earnings growth could level off further in the period ahead. The S&P 500 is becoming less dependent on the earnings trends of Nvidia and

the rest of the tech sector, which likely means earnings surprises from the sector should have less effect in the quarters ahead. Even with the earnings beats seen in the tech sector during Q2, the contribution of the Magnificent seven to the S&P500's income growth seems to have peaked last year. Expectations are for the income growth gap between megacaps and the rest of the US equity market to shrink in the quarters ahead.

On this basis, the greater diversification benefits offered by an equal-weight approach such as the S&P 500 equal-weight ESG leaders select index could prove particularly beneficial, compared to other market capitalisation weighted indices. The index targets 60% of the S&P 500 stocks with a focus on the top 50% ESG scores (the full index methodology is available <a href="here">here</a>). Beyond that, the ESG tilt also results in a greater bias towards higher dividend stocks (12)

**S&P 500's income growth gap to shrink with megacaps** Bloomberg Estimate net income growth, S&P 500 (YoY, in USD)



Magnificent 7: Tesla, Alphabet, Meta Platforms, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, NVIDIA. Source: Bloomberg, Amundi. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. BEst consensus estimates as at 24/10/2024.

in a greater bias towards higher dividend stocks (12 months forward dividend yield at <u>1.24% vs 1.88%</u> for the S&P 500 Equal Weight ESG leaders select) and a more balanced sector allocation compared to the S&P 500 index.

Overall, we anticipate positive earnings growth for US equities for the remainder of the year. The stretched valuation levels of the largest US listed companies leave them more vulnerable to bouts volatility as the Fed adjusts its path for normalisation along with potential changes in corporate taxes and foreign trade policy. In this context, we believe an equal-weight exposure to US equities could allow for a more diversified approach to the local market.

#### **Related indices**

Index name	Bloomberg ticker	Asset class	Amundi ETF replication
S&P 500 Net Total Return	SPTR500N	Equities	Derivative
MSCI USA NTR USD	NDDUUS	Equities	Full
S&P 500 Equal Weight ESG Leaders Select NTR	SPXELSUN	Equities	Full

Source: Amundi

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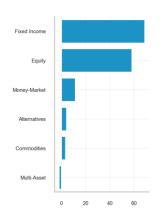
# **Summary of key exposures** (focus of the week in bold)

Market theme	Related exposures						
warket theme	Equities	Fixed income/ Commodities					
Inflation / growth / policy response	US equities/ Equal-weight  Europe / Small caps  Emerging markets/ex China  Global Financials/Utilities	EUR IG credit  EUR government bonds  US Treasuries  USD inflation -linked					
Portfolio construction	Global equities – all country	Gold  Global treasuries  Fixed maturity					

# Flows: Cross-Asset

# Funds and ETF flows (US - EU domiciled in EUR)

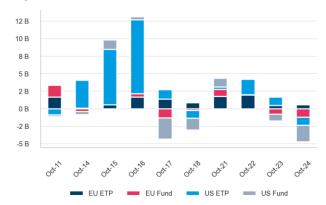
Cumulative flows over 4 weeks Cumulative daily flows between 18/10/2024 and 24/10/2024 in Funds and ETFs (US or EU domiciled, in EUR)



Asset Class	ALINA	1-week cumulative daily flows (EUR M)						
	AUM (EUR Tr)	Total	Total	Europe		US		
	(LOICIT)	Total	(%)	ETP	Fund	ETP	Fund	
Equity	26.7	2,257	0.01 %	5,583	-1,210	1,469	-3,585	
Fixed Income	9.8	7,580	0.08 %	655	4,223	1,949	753	
Money-Market	7.4	-3,499	-0.05 %	306	-15,144	0	11,339	
Commodities	0.3	1,567	0.48 %	36	26	1,494	10	
Multi-Asset	3.0	-1,056	-0.03 %	-1	-314	36	-777	
Alternatives	0.3	653	0.20 %	179	-204	1,074	-396	
Others	0.3	-97	-0.03 %	31	-51	-5	-72	
Total	47.9	7,404	0.02 %	6,789	-12,674	6,016	7,273	

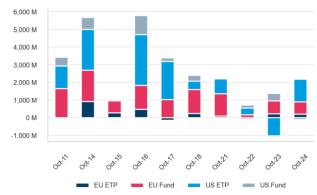
## **Equity: daily flows**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



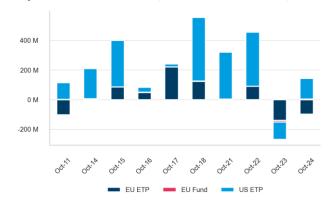
# **Fixed Income: daily flows**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



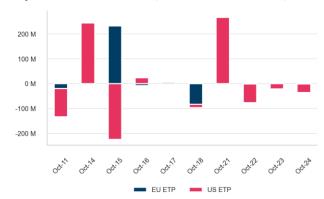
# **Gold: daily flows**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



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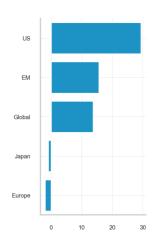
# Oil: daily flows



# **Flows: Equities**

## Funds and ETF flows (US - EU domiciled in EUR)

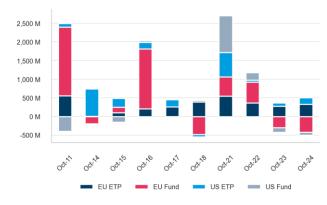
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	ALINA	1-week cumulative daily flows (EUR M)					
Asset Class	AUM (EUR Bn)	Total		Europe		US	
		Bn) Total	(%)	ETP	Fund	ETP	Fund
Global	6,297	3,707	0.06 %	1,898	-143	908	1,044
US	16,534	-2,270	-0.01 %	2,394	60	-463	-4,260
Europe	1,566	-277	-0.02 %	367	-502	-135	-7
Japan	180	200	0.11 %	72	137	-5	-3
EM	1,226	574	0.05 %	809	-414	232	-52
Others	849	322	0.04 %	45	-347	932	-307
Total	26,653	2,257	0.01 %	5,583	-1,210	1,469	-3,585

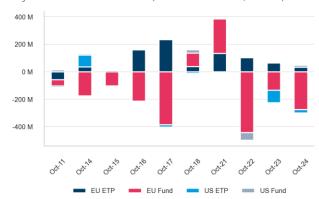
## **World Equity**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



# **Europe Equity**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



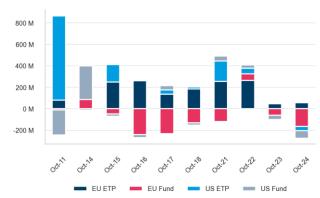
#### **US Equity**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



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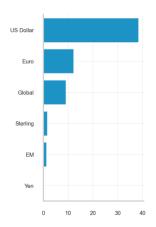
## **EM Equity**



# Flows: Fixed Income

# Funds and ETF flows (US - EU domiciled in EUR)

Cumulative flows over 4 weeks Cumulative daily flows between 18/10/2024 and 24/10/2024 in Funds and ETFs (US or EU domiciled, in EUR)



Asset Class	AUM	1-week cumulative daily flows (EUR M)						
	(EUR Bn)	Total	Total	Europe		US		
	(EUR BII)	TULAT	(%)	ETP	Fund	ETP	Fund	
Global	1,280	1,718	0.13 %	190	1,317	42	169	
Euro	1,012	1,946	0.19 %	26	1,920	0	0	
US Dollar	5,933	3,057	0.05 %	230	129	2,082	617	
Sterling	228	434	0.19 %	80	354	0	0	
Yen	4	26	0.64 %	5	20	0	0	
EM	324	-550	-0.17 %	1	-158	-208	-185	
Others	1,016	951	0.09 %	124	642	33	152	
Total	9,798	7,580	0.08 %	655	4,223	1,949	753	

### **Government bonds - EUR sovereigns**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



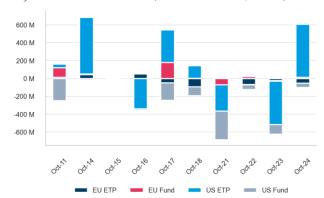
### **Emerging Market Debt**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



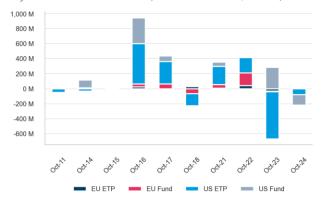
# **US corporate bonds – Investment Grade**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



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# **US corporate bonds – High Yield**

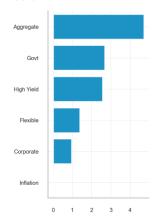


# Flows: EUR Fixed Income

#### Funds and ETF flows (US - EU domiciled in EUR)

Cumulative flows over 4 weeks

Cumulative daily flows between 18/10/2024 and 24/10/2024 in Funds and ETFs (US or EU domiciled, in EUR)



Asset Class	ALINA	1-week cumulative daily flows (EUR M)						
	AUM (EUR Bn)	Total	Total		ope	US		
		TULAT	(%)	ETP	Fund	ETP	Fund	
Aggregate	367	865	0.24 %	57	809	0	0	
Govt	192	626	0.33 %	173	453	0	0	
Inflation	11	-10	-0.09 %	-7	-3	0	0	
Corporate	304	-225	-0.07 %	-235	11	0	0	
High Yield	72	239	0.33 %	38	201	0	0	
Flexible	65	443	0.69 %	-0	443	0	0	
Others	2	7	0.43 %	0	7	0	0	
Total	1,012	1,946	0.02 %	26	1,920	0	0	

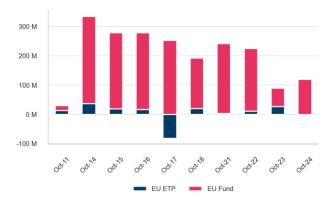
# **EUR sovereign bonds**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



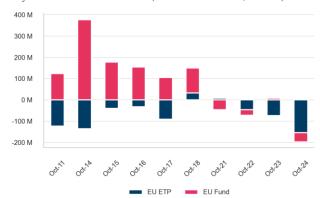
## **EUR bonds: aggregate**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



#### **EUR corporate bonds**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



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# **EUR high yield bonds**

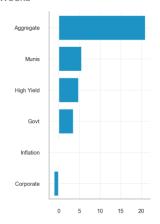


# Flows: USD Fixed Income

#### Flow recap: Funds and ETF flows (US - EU domiciled in EUR)

Cumulative flows over 4 weeks

Cumulative daily flows between 18/10/2024 and 24/10/2024 in Funds and ETFs (US or EU domiciled, in EUR)



Asset Class	ALINA		1-week cumulative daily flows (EUR M)						
	AUM (EUR Bn)	Total	Total	Europe		US			
		Total	(%)	ETP	Fund	ETP	Fund		
Aggregate	3,241	3,403	0.10 %	41	-399	2,953	807		
Govt	569	-558	-0.10 %	197	-29	-754	29		
Inflation	135	184	0.14 %	107	-14	31	59		
Corporate	268	-956	-0.36 %	-240	-47	-45	-624		
High Yield	385	-28	-0.01 %	45	145	-421	203		
Munis	848	216	0.03 %	0	0	-101	317		
Others	488	796	0.16 %	80	472	419	-175		
Total	5,933	3,057	0.03 %	230	129	2,082	617		

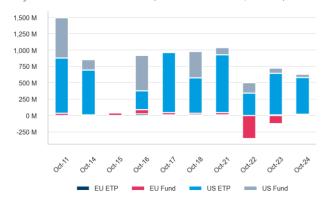
# **USD bonds: treasury**

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



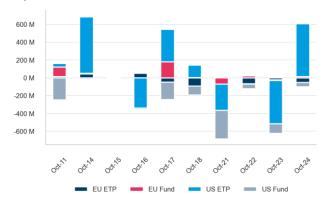
# **USD** bonds: aggregate

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



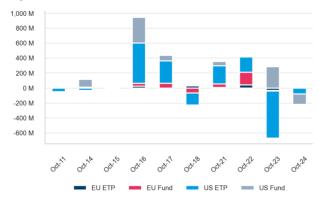
# **USD** corporate bonds

Daily flows in Funds and ETFs (US - EU domiciled, in EUR)



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# **USD** high yield bonds



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