
In July, U.S. equity ETFs received biggest inflow of 2016

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Bond, commodity, and equity exchange-traded funds (ETFs) received \$43.0 billion in July, their biggest monthly inflow since December 2014, when these funds hauled in \$50.7 billion, according to TrimTabs Investment Research.

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July's inflow into ETFs was equal to almost half of the year-to-date inflow of \$103.2 billion, TrimTabs reported. U.S. equity ETFs alone took in \$27.9 billion, equal to 2.0% of their assets, the biggest monthly inflow since December 2014.

Going against the trend, Europe-focused equity ETFs shed a record \$4.5 billion, equal to 10.5% of their assets.

"Several of the riskiest areas of the market, including emerging markets stocks and foreign bonds, had massive inflows," said Santschi, in the TrimTabs release. "Such enthusiasm is a cautionary sign from a contrarian perspective."

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