
Quantitative easing in Europe entices equity investors: TrimTabs

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Inflows into global equity mutual funds and exchange-traded funds have totaled \$81.5 billion so far this year, putting them on track to surpass the previous four-month record of \$86.0 billion from December 2005 through March 2006, according to TrimTabs Investment Research.

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In March alone, flows into global equity mutual funds and exchange-traded funds rose to a record \$34.8 billion, exceeding the previous monthly record of \$34.4 billion in January 2013, TrimTabs said in a release. These funds have taken in \$14.8 billion this month through Friday, April 10.

Buying has been heaviest among European funds, TrimTabs said. Europe equity ETFs issued a record \$7.8 billion (14.8% of assets) in March, and they have issued \$2.6 billion (4.6% of assets) this month through April 10.

"The performance of European funds has improved of late, which is helping drive inflows," said Santschi. "Although these funds dropped 1.9% in March, massive buying persisted, and they are up 3.0% so far this month."

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