# DataPoints MARKET INSIGHT FROM TRADEWEB



#### **MARCH 2021**

### Tradeweb Exchange-Traded Funds Update

The following data is derived from trading activity on the Tradeweb Markets institutional Europeanand U.S.-listed ETF platforms.

#### **EUROPEAN-LISTED ETFs**

#### Total traded volume

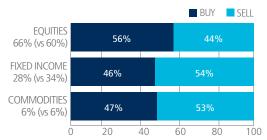
Trading activity on the Tradeweb European ETF marketplace reached EUR 57.3 billion in March, its second strongest month ever. The proportion of transactions completed via Tradeweb's Automated Intelligent Execution (AiEX) tool was 73.2%.

#### Volume breakdown

Fixed income and commodity ETFs saw net selling for the second consecutive month. Activity in equity ETFs increased to 66% of the overall platform flow, with buys surpassing sells by 12 percentage points. North America Equities products saw more than EUR 13 billion in notional volume, while Emerging Markets Equities was the only shares-based ETF category to be sold during the month.

Adriano Pace, head of equities (Europe) at Tradeweb, said: "In March, there was a noticeable rotation out of fixed income ETFs and into equity-based instruments, which were mostly bought. This was true throughout the first quarter of 2021, the second-best performing one for our European ETF platform since its launch in October 2012."

#### Volume by asset class



#### Volume by most active category – Top five

|                           | Volume<br>(EUR Mn) | Buy (%) | Sell (%) |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| North America Equities    | 13,061             | 56%     | 44%      |
| Europe Equities           | 9,178              | 53%     | 47%      |
| Global Equities           | 8,794              | 62%     | 38%      |
| Corporate Bonds           | 5,852              | 39%     | 61%      |
| Emerging Markets Equities | 4,779              | 45%     | 55%      |

All figures in brackets refer to the previous 12-month rolling average. Buy/sell percentages are calculated at an individual asset class level.

#### Top ten by traded notional volume

Equity products dominated March's list of most actively-traded ETFs, which featured two thematic funds offering exposure to Energy and Financial Services stocks, respectively. The iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF reclaimed the top spot after last occupying it in September 2020.

| Rank | Ticker | ETF  | lssuer    | Asset Class  |
|------|--------|--|-----------|--------------|
| 1    | CSPX   | iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF               | iShares   | Equity       |
| 2    | XDW0   | Xtrackers MSCI World Energy UCITS ETF 1C     | Xtrackers | Equity       |
| 3    | LQDE   | iShares \$ Corporate Bond UCITS ETF          | iShares   | Fixed Income |
| 4    | LYFINW | Lyxor MSCI World Financials TR UCITS ETF     | Lyxor     | Equity       |
| 5    | AMGOLD | Amundi Physical Gold ETC                     | Amundi    | Commodity    |
| 6    | ISF    | iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF              | iShares   | Equity       |
| 7    | XDEW   | Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF     | Xtrackers | Equity       |
| 8    | IMEA   | iShares Core MSCI Europe UCITS ETF           | iShares   | Equity       |
| 9    | IEAC   | iShares Core Corporate Bond UCITS ETF        | iShares   | Fixed Income |
| 10   | XMME   | Xtrackers MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF 1C | Xtrackers | Equity       |

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Tradeweb is a leading global provider of institutional markets, driving the evolution of electronic trading across rates, credit, money markets and equities. Tradeweb applies technology with flexible trading protocols to enhance workflow efficiency and increase market transparency.





#### **U.S.-LISTED ETFs**

#### Total traded volume

Total consolidated U.S. ETF notional value traded in March 2021 amounted to USD 21.2 billion.

#### Volume breakdown

As a percentage of total notional value, equities accounted for 57% and fixed income for 32%, with the remainder comprising commodity and specialty ETFs. The proportion of U.S. ETF trades executed on the platform via the Tradeweb AiEX tool was 39.1%.

#### ASSET CLASS AS A PERCENTAGE OF NOTIONAL VALUE TRADED

| OTHER FIXED INCOME EQUITY 57% |
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Other includes commodity and specialty ETFs

Adam Gould, head of U.S. equities at Tradeweb, said: "March capped off a record quarter for U.S. ETF trading on Tradeweb, with over USD 63 billion executed. That's nearly USD 7 billion more than the notional volume traded in the second quarter of 2020, as global ETF flows continued to reach new heights this year."

#### Top ten by traded notional volume

During the month, a record 951 unique tickers traded on the Tradeweb U.S. ETF platform. There were four fixed income products among the top ten by traded notional volume, with the iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF ranked first. The fund, which tracks the performance of the Markit IBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index, last topped the list in August 2020.

| Rank | Ticker | ETF  | Issuer  | Asset Class  |
|------|--------|--|---------|--------------|
| 1    | HYG    | iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF       | iShares | Fixed Income |
| 2    | LQD    | iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF | iShares | Fixed Income |
| 3    | IEFA   | iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF                           | iShares | Equity       |
| 4    | RSP    | Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF                     | Invesco | Equity       |
| 5    | IVV    | iShares Core S&P 500 ETF                             | iShares | Equity       |
| 6    | JNK    | SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF          | SPDR    | Fixed Income |
| 7    | IWM    | iShares Russell 2000 ETF                             | iShares | Equity       |
| 8    | EFV    | iShares MSCI EAFE Value ETF                          | iShares | Equity       |
| 9    | EEM    | iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF                    | iShares | Equity       |
| 10   | TLT    | iShares 20 Plus Year Treasury Bond ETF               | iShares | Fixed Income |