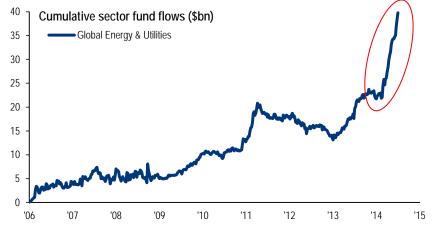
Chasing the Leaders

Talking Points

Weekly flows show outflows from money-markets to fund purchase of risk assets -Equity funds (+\$1.4bn), Bond funds (+\$4.9bn) and Commodity funds (+\$0.7bn)

Chasing the leaders as retail investors stampede into the best performing global sectors YTD Utilities (+15%) and Energy (+13%) (Chart 1)

Chart 1: Retail stampede into Energy and Utilities sector funds



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Investment Strategy, EPFR Global

Asset class flows

Equities: \$1.4bn inflows (divergence between \$2.3bn outflows from LO funds and \$3.7bn into ETFs)

Bonds: \$4.9bn inflows (inflows in 16 out of past 17 weeks) (Table 1)

Precious metals: \$0.7bn inflows (largest in 4 months)

Equity flows

EM: \$0.5bn inflows (4 straight weeks); 4-week inflows as % of AUM = 0.6% (threshold for contrarian "sell" is 1.5% - Chart 2)

US: \$3.7bn outflows (all via LO funds)

Europe: \$1.0bn inflows; Japan: flat (Table 2)

By sector, another big week of inflows to both Utilities (\$0.7bn) and Energy funds (\$0.6bn) - the best performing sectors YTD

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Table 1: Global asset class flows, \$mn

	Wk % AUM	YTD	YTD %AUM
Equities	0.0%	69,777	1.0%
ETFs	0.2%	59,190	2.9%
LO	0.0%	10,587	0.2%
Bonds	0.1%	104,998	3.2%
Commodities	0.5%	-1,454	-1.0%
Money-market	-0.1%	-122,184	-3.5%
* week of 7/02/14			

Source: BAML Global Investment Strategy, EPFR Global

Table 2: Net fund flows to global equities, \$mn				
	Wk % AUM	YTD		
Total Equities	0.0%	69,777		
long-only funds	0.0%	10,587		
ETF's	0.2%	59,190		
Total EM	0.1%	-22,229		
Global EM Funds	0.1%	-4,866		
Asia	0.2%	-11,878		
EMEA	-0.1%	-2,053		
LatAm	-1.3%	-3,432		
Total DM	0.0%	92,006		
US	-0.1%	10,075		
Europe	0.1%	43,301		
Japan	0.0%	12,573		

Total Equities = Total EM + Total DM

Source: BofAML Global Research, EPFR Global

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The Flow Show



Chart 2: BofA-ML EM flow trading rule



Source: BofAML calculations, Bloomberg, EPFR Global

FICC flows

\$1.1bn inflows to HY bond funds (inflows in 20 out of past 21 weeks)

28 straight weeks of inflows to IG bond funds (\$5.1bn)

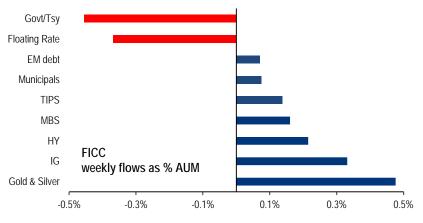
14 straight weeks of inflows to EM debt funds (\$0.2bn)

2nd straight week of inflows to **TIPS** (\$0.1bn)

12 straight weeks of redemptions from floating-rate debt (\$0.5bn)

\$1.5bn outflows from Govt/Tsy funds (6 straight weeks) (Chart 3)

Chart 3: Weekly global FICC flows as % of AUM



Source: BofAML Global Research, EPFR Global

Market takeaways

Table 3: MSCI ACWI performance and valuations

		Price performance					Valuation			IBES EPS growth estimates		
	Market cap,			% Dev								
	\$bn	MTD	YTD	200dma*	Beta**	12m fwd P/E	P/BV	Div yield	2013	2014	2015	
ACWI	38,020	0.8	5.8	6.2	1.0	14.7	2.1	2.4	8.3	11.5	10.2	
Developed	33,875	0.8	5.8	6.2	1.0	15.4	2.2	2.4	8.2	11.5	10.2	
JS	18,563	0.7	6.8	7.1	0.9	16.1	2.8	1.9	8.2	11.4	11.1	
Canada	1,461	0.3	10.7	9.2	1.0	15.2	2.1	2.7	15.1	10.3	8.4	
Europe	9,287	0.8	4.3	4.6	1.2	14.6	1.9	3.2	7.7	12.8	9.6	
JK	2,985	1.5	4.6	5.6	1.1	13.9	2.0	3.4	3.7	8.5	8.0	
lapan	2,807	1.1	0.8	4.7	0.7	14.1	1.3	1.9	23.0	9.9	9.3	
Australia	1,072	1.1	7.7	4.4	1.2	14.4	2.0	4.4	2.4	6.7	6.2	
Hong Kong	397	2.1	4.8	5.7	0.9	14.8	1.4	2.6	7.8	9.4	-	
Emerging	4,145	0.9	5.8	5.9	1.1	11.0	1.5	2.7	8.7	11.3	10.3	
China	763	1.2	-1.4	2.5	1.1	8.8	1.5	3.3	7.8	10.4	10.8	
Korea	644	0.8	4.0	5.4	1.2	9.6	1.1	1.0	19.8	13.1	8.8	
aiwan	508	1.7	13.2	11.2	0.8	14.6	1.9	2.7	14.6	9.7	8.9	
ndia	287	2.2	23.6	16.3	1.0	16.9	3.0	1.3	15.1	15.3	16.8	
South Africa	310	0.5	8.5	7.4	1.3	14.6	2.8	2.8	13.8	13.6	10.7	
Russia	225	1.6	-4.5	2.8	1.6	5.0	0.7	4.2	-3.3	-1.2	3.4	
Brazil	443	-0.8	6.9	4.7	1.4	10.3	1.4	4.7	8.5	13.5	10.6	

 * how much the index is trading away from its closing average over a period of 200 consecutive days

** weekly price change of market vs. MSCI ACWI over 3 years

All price data as of 7/2/2014, BV as of 6/30/2014, Forward E as of 6/26/2014, EPS as of 6/26/2014

All price returns expressed in \$ terms

Source: MSCI / Datastream

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