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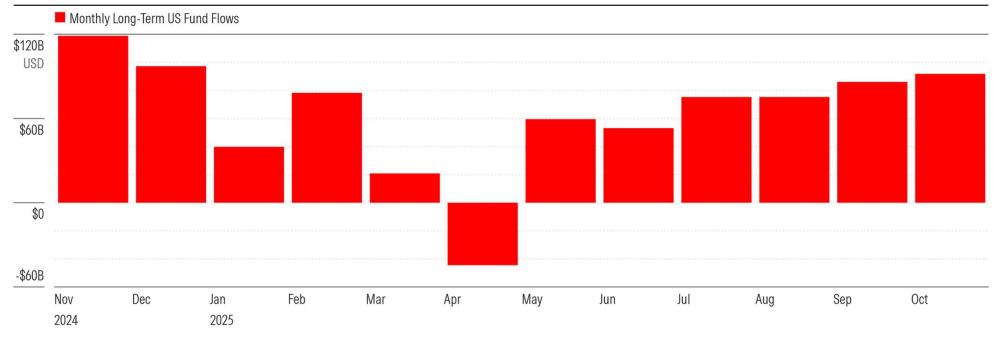
### October 2025 Key Takeaways

- Long-term<sup>1</sup> US mutual funds and exchange-traded funds gathered nearly \$92 billion in October 2025, topping September's mark for the largest inflow of 2025.
- Taxable-bond funds stayed on track with nearly \$67 billion of inflows in October, their largest since April 2021. Conservative bond categories like intermediate core bond and intermediate government drove most inflows, however multisector bond funds continued to bring in historically high inflows. Riskier Morningstar Categories like bank loan and high-yield bond were responsible for the majority of taxable-bond fund outflows.
- Trends in equity fund flows persisted for the sixth consecutive month: International-equity funds added \$10 billion and sector equity funds nearly \$13 billion, while US equity funds shed nearly \$20 billion. Passive US equity funds continued to collect new dollars, but not enough to offset outflows from active funds.
- Within sector funds, technology and health funds' paths have diverged widely over the past year, with tech funds \$26 billion heavier than a year ago, and health funds \$29 billion lighter.
- Exchange-traded funds collected a record \$166 billion inflow in October, bringing 2025's inflow to over \$1 trillion. The three largest ETF fund families—iShares, Vanguard, and SPDR State Street—continue to be the biggest beneficiaries.

<sup>1</sup> Long-term funds exclude money market funds.

#### Investors Maintain Defensive Posture in October

US investors poured nearly \$92 billion into long-term funds in October, the largest inflow of 2025. Consistent with the past several months, flows were concentrated in bond funds as investors searched for stability, while US equity funds shed assets for a sixth consecutive month as valuations pushed higher. Taxable- and municipal-bond funds both experienced their largest inflows since 2021, while technology equity funds experienced their largest inflow on record (and largest organic growth rate since February 2021) as artificial intelligence continued to fuel market gains.



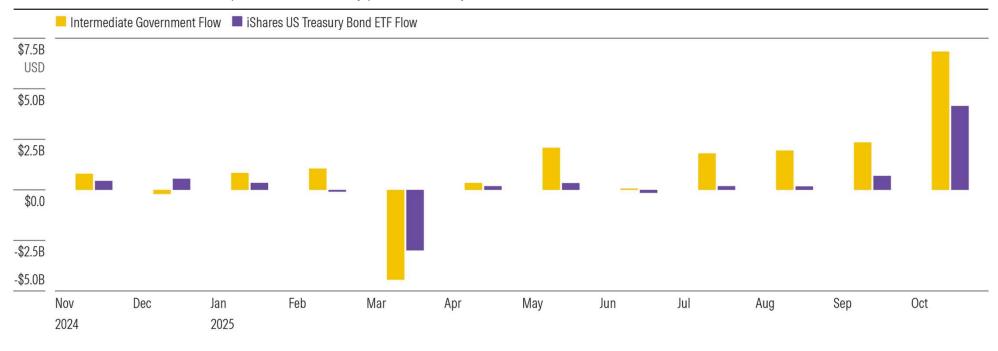
#### Taxable-Bond Funds' Heater Continues

The past three months of inflows into taxable-bond funds have all exceeded \$60 billion, a mark that hadn't been hit since April 2021. October's inflow of nearly \$67 billion was the largest. Investors have kept gravitating toward the stability of fixed income as equity markets have continued to set records. While conservative Morningstar categories like intermediate core bond have continued to lead the pack, multisector-bond funds' hot streak also persisted. Taxable-bond net assets have grown over 35% over the past three years and surpassed \$6.5 trillion for the first time in October.



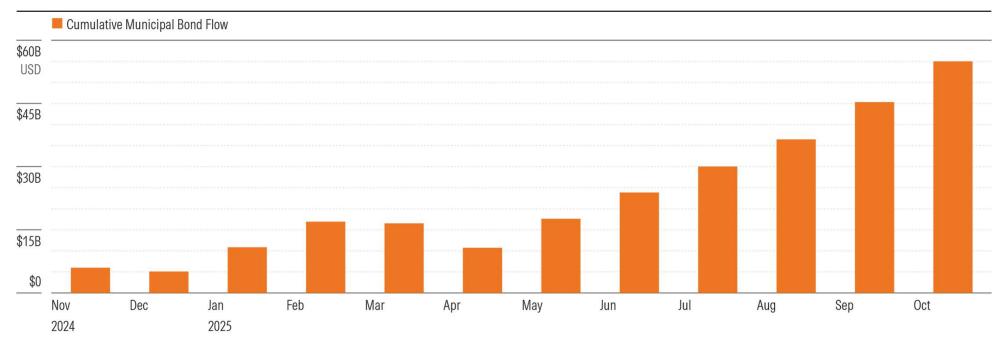
#### **Government Guarantees Glow**

Intermediate government funds brought in nearly \$7 billion in October, their largest ever. IShares U.S. Treasury Bond ETF was responsible for over half of this inflow. The next largest flow into the category came in March 2023 as regional bank collapses sent shockwaves through the financial system. The large October inflow highlights conservative sentiment among investors. Most funds in the category are predominantly filled with Treasuries and especially benefit as interest rates fall. With such narrow credit spreads, investors may prefer the safety of Treasuries.



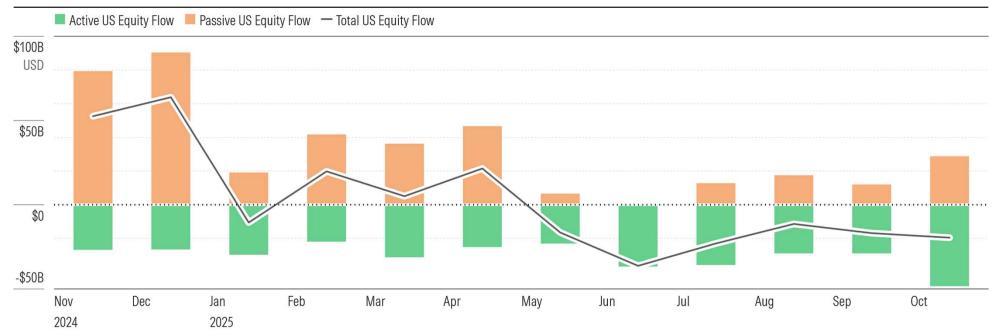
#### More Muni Mania

For a second straight month, municipal-bond funds brought in large inflows, netting nearly \$10 billion in October. The month's 1.0% organic growth rate was the largest since 2021. Nearly \$45 billion in new assets have flowed into these funds since April 2025, and the category nears \$1 trillion in net assets. Munibond funds across the credit and duration spectrum have continued to attract assets as tax-exempt yields have remained historically high and rates have trended downward.



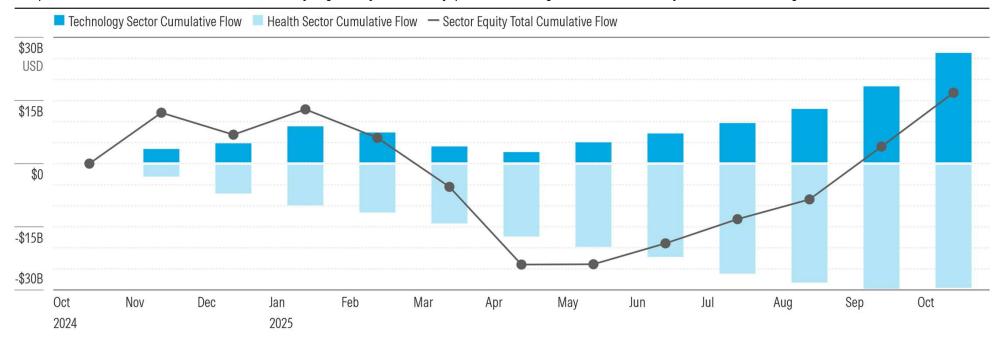
## As US Equity Fund Outflows Persist, Is Passive to Blame?

US equity funds hit their sixth consecutive monthly outflow in October, shedding nearly \$20 billion and bringing year-to-date outflows to nearly \$88 billion. Durable category trends persisted; large-blend funds' \$11 billion inflow was the only inflow of the nine categories in the group, while growth outflows continued. But overall, it's been weaker passive inflows being dominated by unremitting active outflows that explain the overall category group's struggles over the past half year.



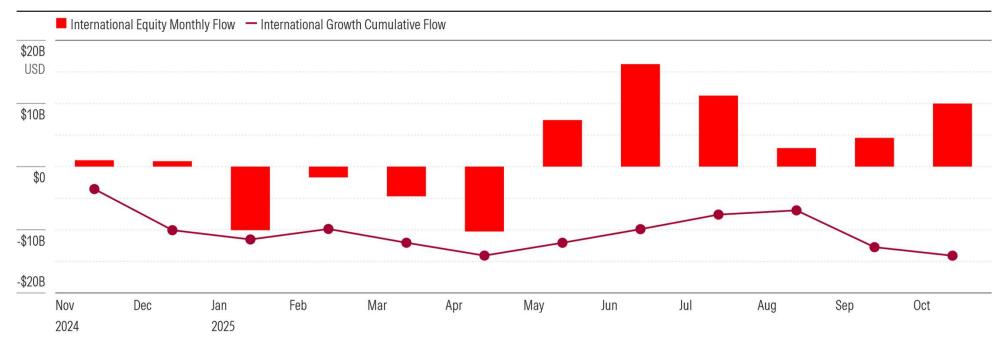
### As Tech Has Thrived, Health Has Dived

Sector-equity funds completed a half year of consecutive monthly inflows with a nearly \$13 billion take in October, with technology funds claiming the lion's share. In fact, over the past 12 months, tech funds have gathered more than \$26 billion versus \$17 billion for the overall group. Meanwhile, tech and health funds have been two paths diverging in a wood, and health has been the road less traveled by investors. Health funds have shed a cumulative \$29 billion over the past 12 months as the sector has been hit by regulatory uncertainty, post-covid hangover issues, and major selloffs of managed-care stocks.



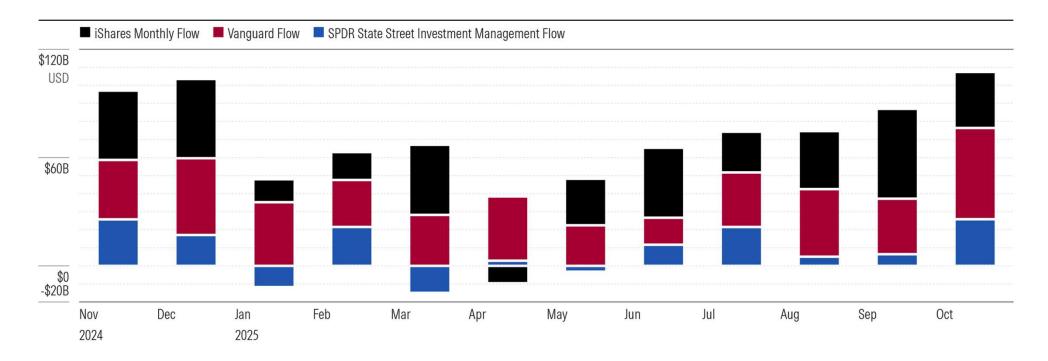
## International Equity Bags Another Month of Inflows

As with US and sector-equity funds, the same themes were on repeat. International-equity funds gathered \$10 billion in October, their sixth consecutive monthly inflow. Like US equity, international fund flows have been dominated by passive constituents, whose nearly \$18 billion inflow for the month covered for active's \$8 billion outflow. Another similarity has been outflows from growth-oriented funds; over the past year, international growth funds lost more than \$14 billion.



## ETF Giants Keep Growing

ETFs collected bumper inflows in October. Their \$166 billion haul was the biggest month on record and brought total new money in 2025 to over \$1 trillion. About 60% of the monthly and year-to-date flows went to the three entrenched leaders in the space: iShares, with \$3.87 trillion in total net assets; Vanguard, at \$3.76 trillion; and SPDR State Street Investment Management, at \$1.79 trillion.



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# October Flows Into the 10 Largest Fund Families

Fund Family	Active (\$Mil)	Passive (\$Mil)	Oct 2025 (\$Mil)	YTD (\$Mil)	TTM (\$Mil)	Assets (\$Bil)
Vanguard	-7,501	34,866	27,365	162,148	217,831	9,799
iShares	4,311	26,789	31,100	258,174	340,483	3,870
Fidelity Investments	-1,401	4,157	2,756	50,270	69,009	3,606
Capital Group	-5,189	0	-5,189	-54,128	-69,457	2,762
SPDR State Street Investment Management	2	25,146	25,148	62,288	103,734	1,789
Invesco	-2,330	9,849	7,518	29,259	52,692	1,060
J.P. Morgan	2,809	4,724	7,534	51,850	65,679	811
T. Rowe Price	-5,338	-58	-5,396	-48,609	-56,539	779
Dimensional Fund Advisors	999	-100	900	14,660	17,266	662
Franklin Templeton Investments	-1,949	714	-1,235	-15,444	-25,792	545

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# US Category Group Flows

US Category Group	Oct 2025 (\$Mil)	TTM (\$Mil)	TTM OGR (%)	Assets (\$Bil)
US Equity	-19,556	28,612	0.18	18,128
Sector Equity	12,772	16,832	1.18	1,693
International Equity	9,988	27,429	0.64	5,243
Allocation	-4,205	-68,334	-4.68	1,586
Taxable Bond	66,675	501,753	8.74	6,501
Municipal Bond	9,671	54,978	6.00	992
Alternative	6,469	74,207	38.71	318
Commodities	6,290	45,553	23.04	324
Nontraditional Equity	4,095	72,004	31.51	313
Miscellaneous	-431	-1,515	-1.23	172
All Long Term	91,769	751,519	2.49	35,271

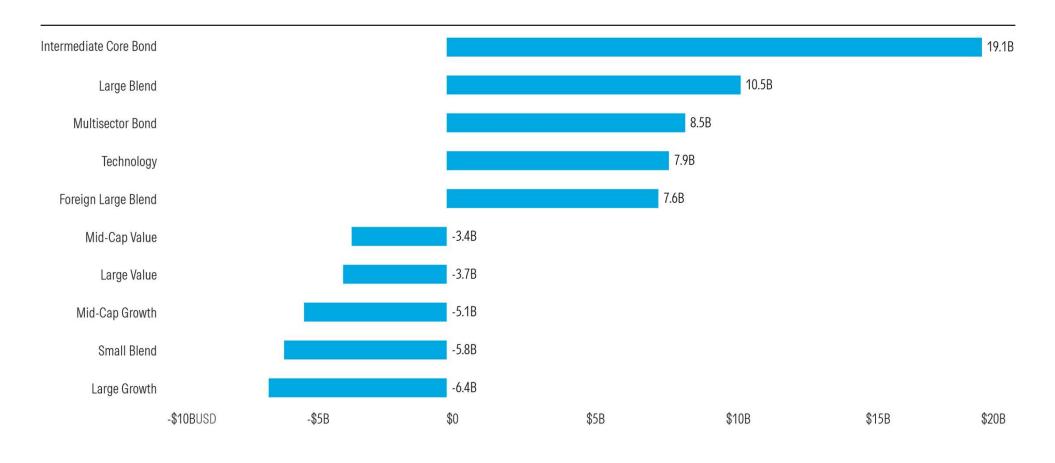
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# Active/Passive Flows by US Category Group

US Category Group	Active 1-Mo (\$Mil)	Active TTM (\$Bil)	Active Assets (\$Bil)	Passive 1-Mo (\$Mil)	Passive TTM (\$Bil)	Passive Assets (\$Bil)
US Equity	-48,325	-363	6,391	28,769	391	11,737
Sector Equity	-801	-19	518	13,573	36	1,175
International Equity	-7,884	-97	2,620	17,873	125	2,623
Allocation	-4,571	-69	1,577	366	1	9
Taxable Bond	26,086	221	3,682	40,589	280	2,819
Municipal Bond	6,537	39	858	3,134	16	134
Alternative	1,829	21	139	4,639	53	179
Commodities	414	1	39	5,876	44	285
Nontraditional Equity	4,143	69	292	-48	3	21
Miscellaneous	2,568	12	36	-2,999	-13	135
All Long Term	-20,003	-185	16,153	111,772	937	19,118

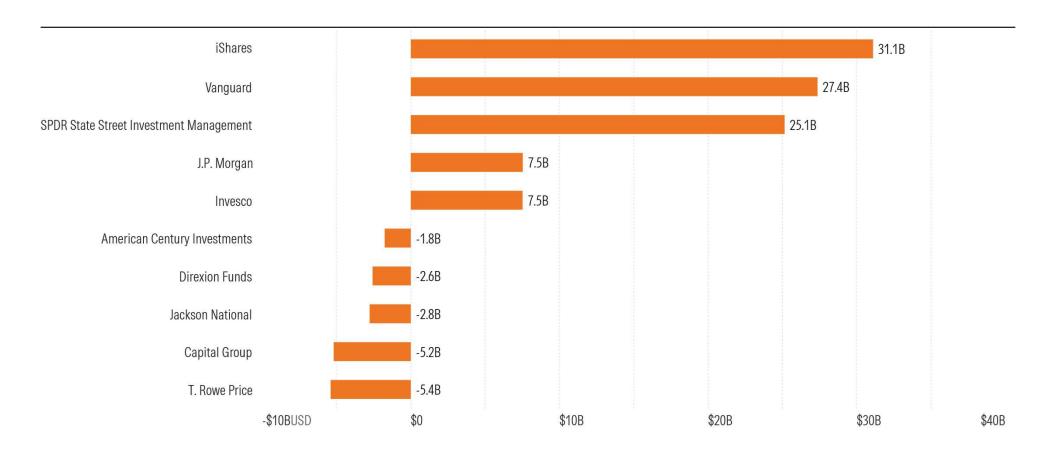
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# Morningstar Categories With the Largest October Flows



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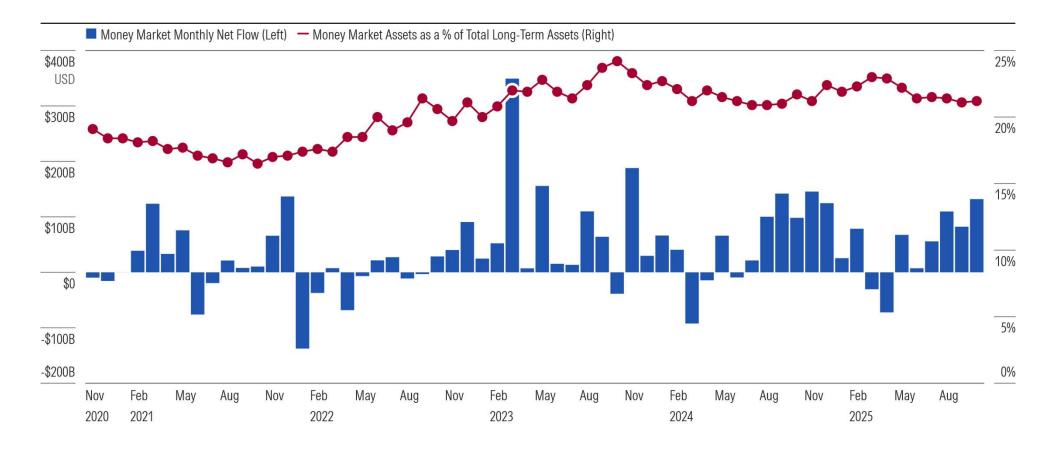
# Fund Families With the Largest October Flows



# ETF Flows

ETF Subgroup	Oct 2025 (\$Bil)	YTD (\$Bil)	1-Year (\$Bil)	3-Year (\$Bil)	Total Assets (\$Bil)
Active	42.1	373.4	423.7	373.4	1,385.4
Passive	124.0	715.6	925.9	2,081.8	11,641.7
Total	166.1	1,089.0	1,392.5	2,455.2	13,027.1

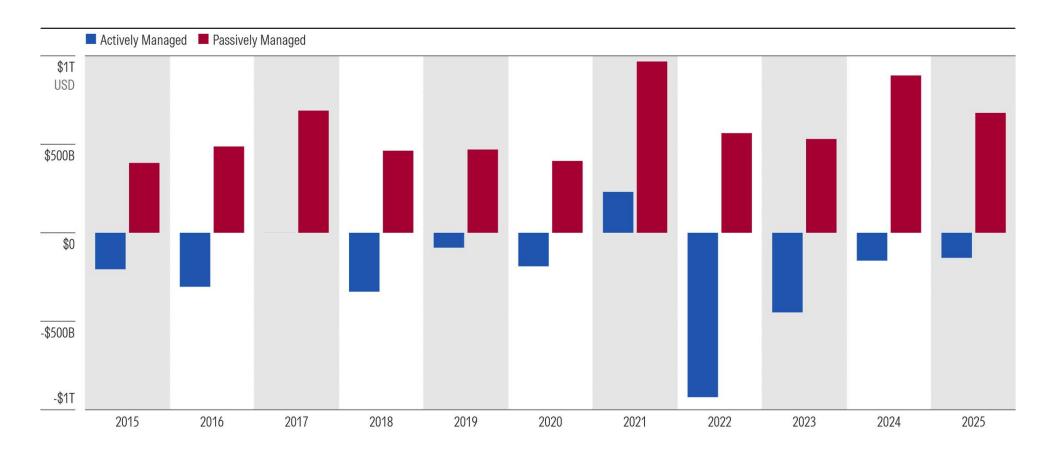
## Money Market Flows



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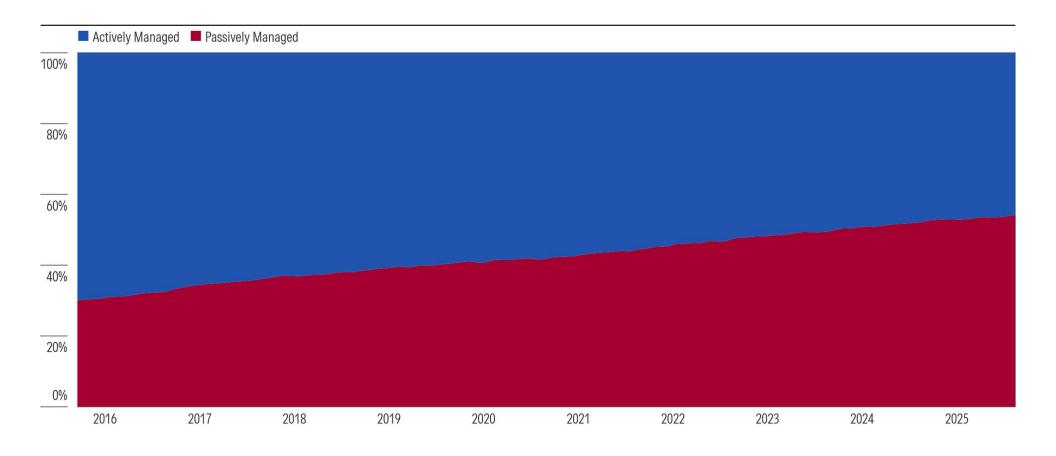
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# Active Versus Passive: US Long-Term Fund Flows by Calendar Year



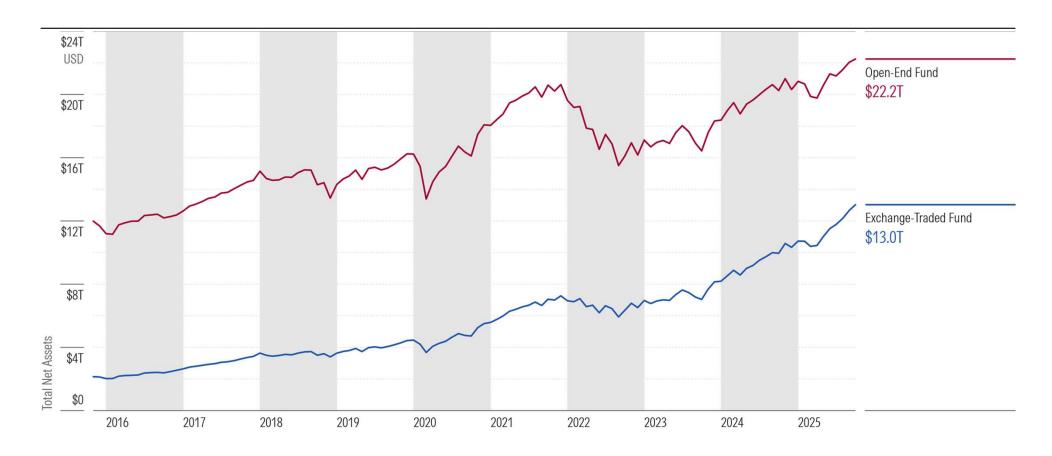
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# Active Versus Passive: Share of US Long-Term Fund Total Assets



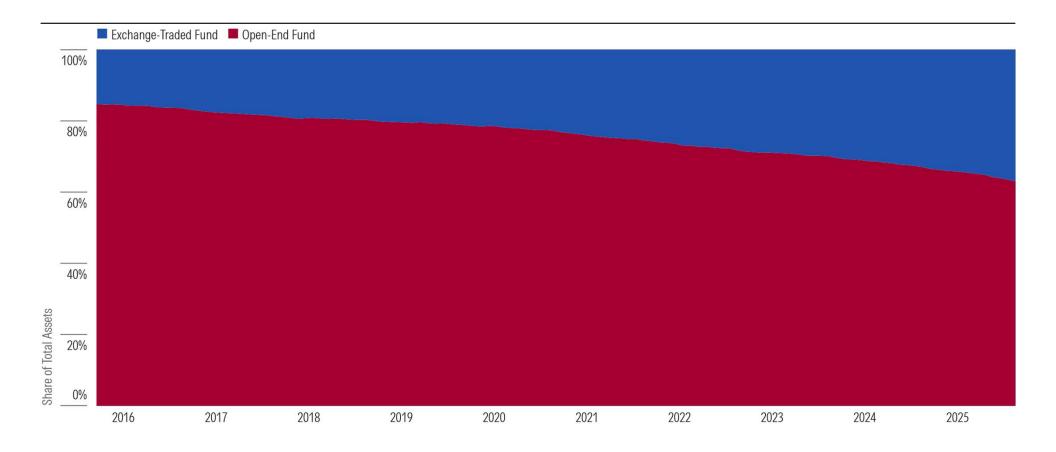
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# Open-End Funds Versus ETFs: Total Assets (US Long-Term Funds)



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# Open-End Funds Versus ETFs: Share of US Long-Term Fund Total Assets



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# Multiyear US Category Group Flows

1yr (\$Bil)	3yr (\$Bil)	5yr (\$Bil)	10yr (\$Bil)
28.6	29.9	280.4	56.4
16.8	-60.6	33.8	17.6
27.4	11.4	274.6	503.1
-68.3	-247.4	-309.9	-568.3
501.8	1,130.0	1,603.2	2,971.8
55.0	73.8	93.2	315.2
74.2	86.4	132.4	112.1
45.6	28.3	22.5	87.6
72.0	150.7	211.8	203.9
-1.5	5.9	37.5	59.1
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