

Investor behaviour in the post-global financial crisis era

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Data set snapshot



EUROPEAN FUNDS 35,246 funds

International funds 8,467 funds

80% assets sourced from more than one market

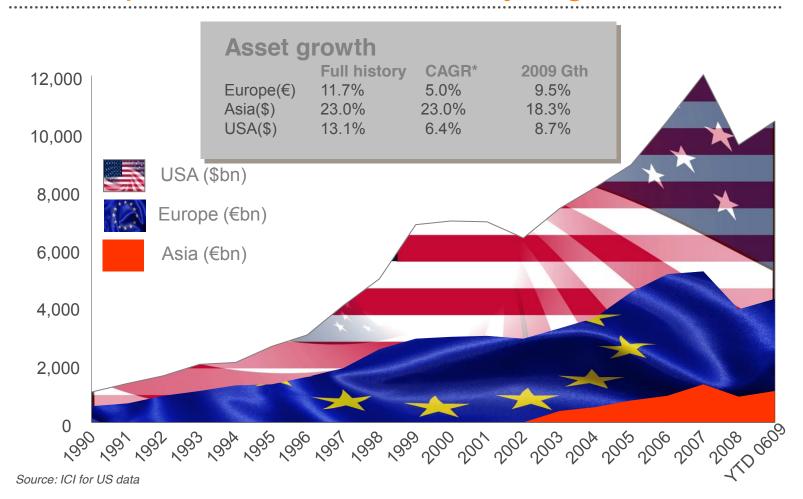
ASIAN RETAIL FUNDS 17,724 funds in 14 markets SalesWatch 3,981 funds

These groups responsible for > 70% of all cross-border business





Development of fund assets by region

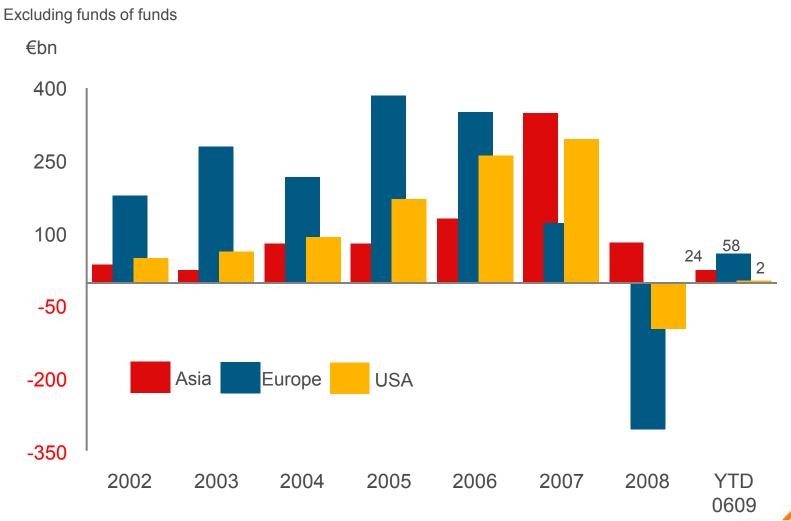


* CAGR calculated over most recent 5.5 year period.



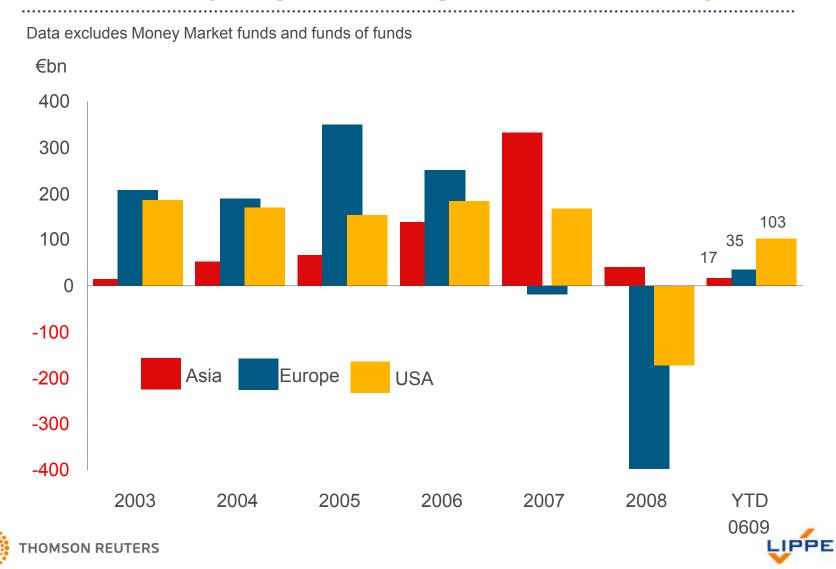


Net sales by region – all asset classes

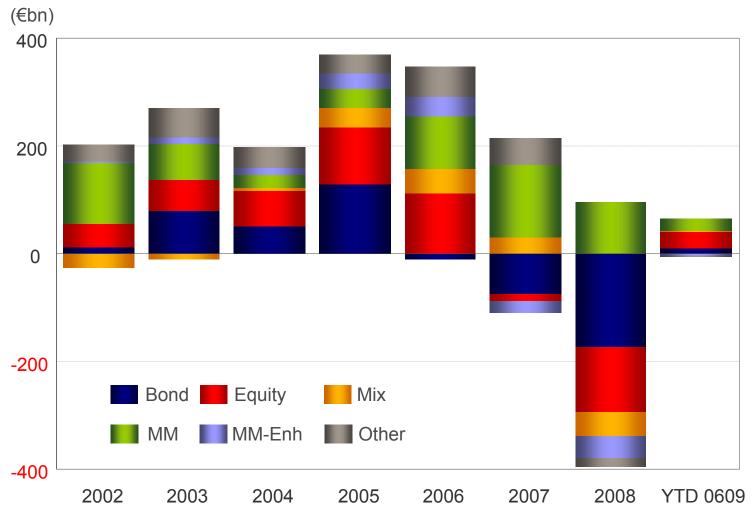




Net sales by region – long-term funds only



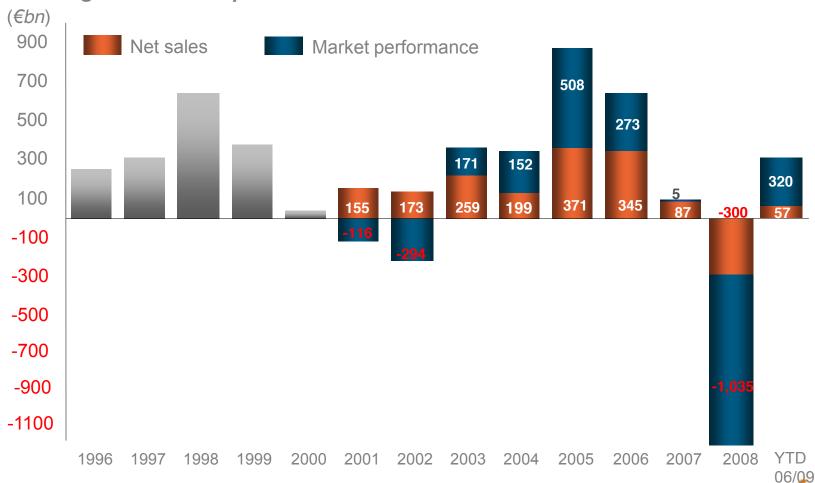
Net sales by asset class – EUROPE





Growth in both sales & market performance

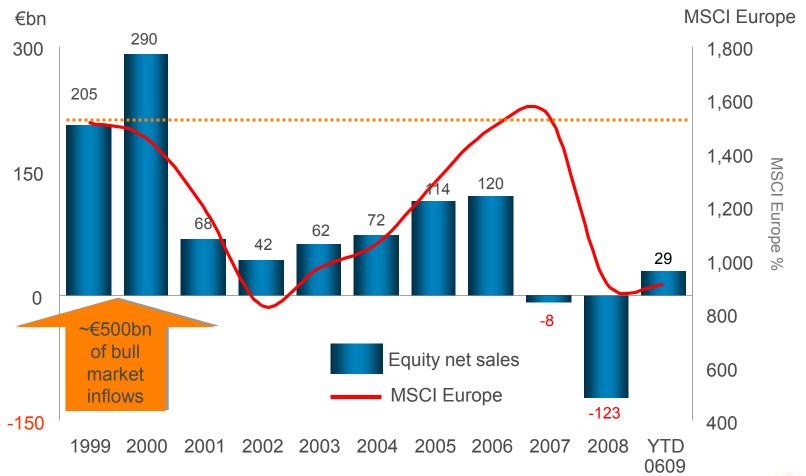
Asset growth of European funds





Impact of the millennium legacy in Europe

Net sales of equity funds by year (*€bn*)





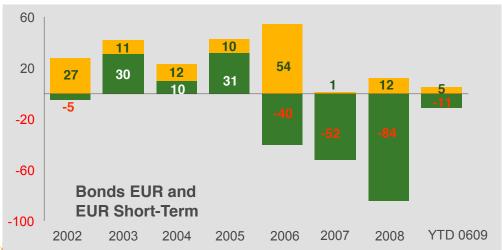


Bond failure – not just a performance story



Cash growth of bond funds in Europe showing proportion of growth attributable to net sales and market performance

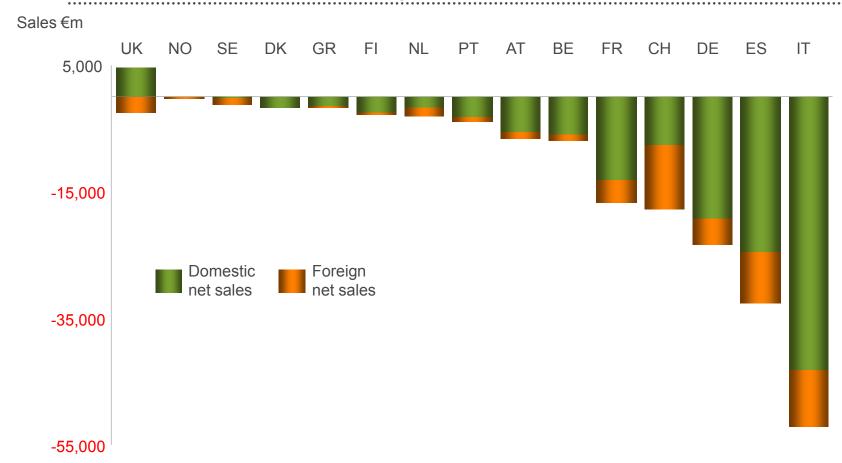




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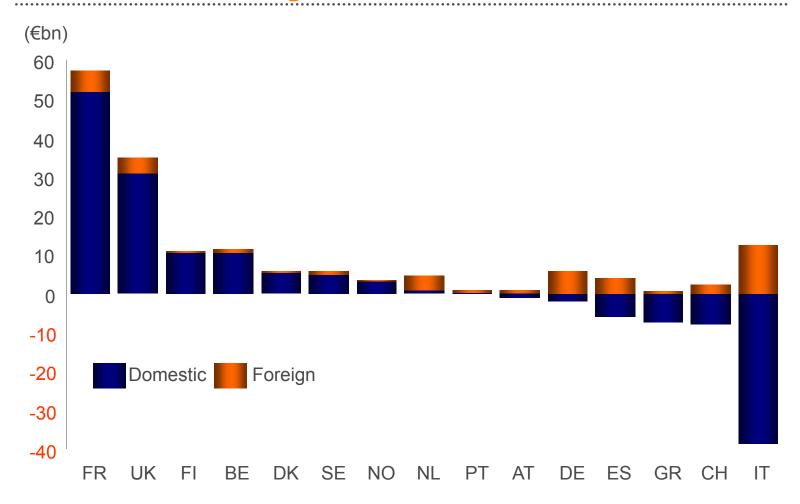
Bonds – net sales by market in 2008







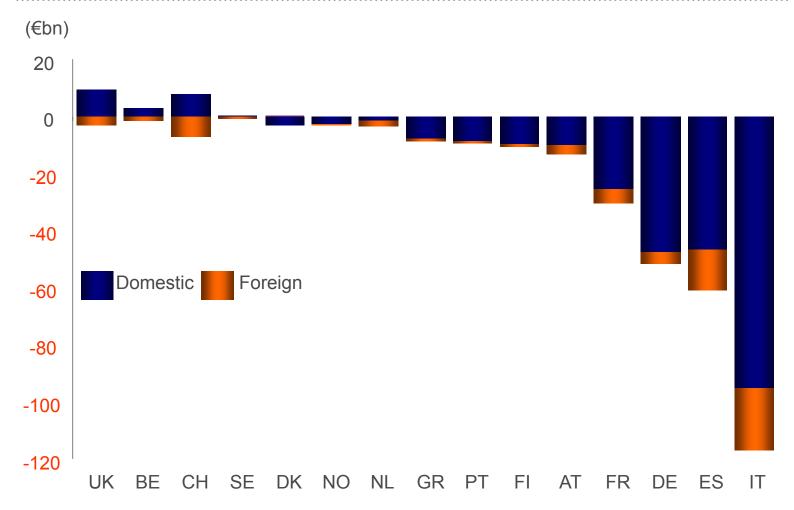
Domestic v foreign in 2006







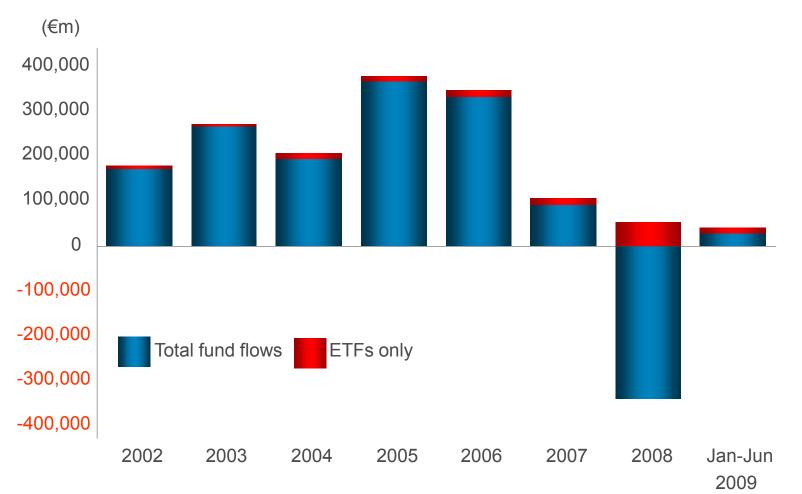
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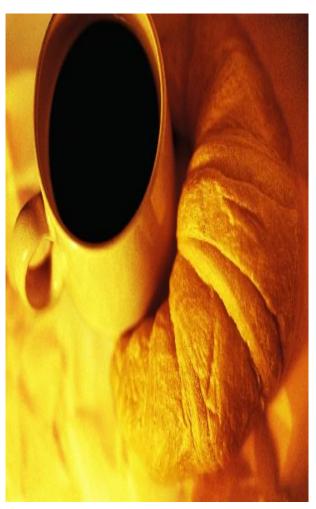
Active v ETF flows







Prospects for the near future



- Is the worst behind us?
- Time lag before a more optimistic economic outlook filters through to the mutual fund market.
- Longer term, sales volumes may be slow bank distribution will be slow to recover;
- Solvency of the banking industry and need to boost balance sheets affect fund distribution;
- Wealth sector demand/institutional clients will be in the vanguard of recovery.
- Packaged options such as funds of funds, guaranteed products etc will be the retail staple for the short to medium term;





Negative influences and product issues



- Distributor focus on structured notes and other non-fund products that have less transparency but are potentially more profitable;
- Greater regulatory focus on funds investing in securities perceived to be riskier. This could make Ucits III funds less attractive;
- Short-term loss of distribution opportunities; banks will operate a more conservative business model;
- Back-to-basics approach in products;
- Product consolidation
- Growth of income-generating funds to supplement low interest rates in deposits;





Longer-term changes



- Mainstream investors' return to funds will be dictated by bank policy
- Funds or other competing products such as structured notes?
- Is the guided architecture door closing in Europe?







Questions?







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