

The Flow Show

Steel Cage Match...Bessent vs ABB

Scores on the Doors: oil 53.0%, global stocks 13.9%, US stocks 11.6%, gold 4.0%, HY bonds 2.6%, cash 2.3%, US dollar 0.6%, IG 0.1%, govt bonds -1.1%, bitcoin -16.9% YTD.

Zeitgeist: “I mean if private credit can’t rally on QE5 then what is the world coming to.”

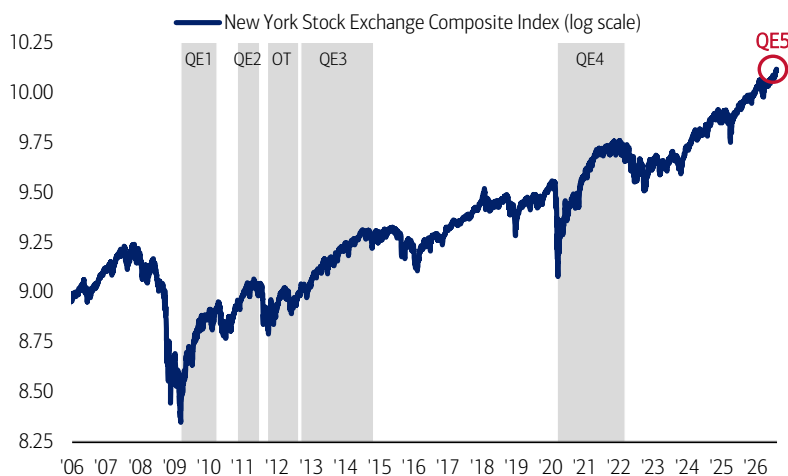
Tale of the Tape: US admin currently 0-for-3 on “3 arrows” of 3% GDP growth (<2% growth past 6 quarters), 3% budget deficit as % GDP (it is currently 6% of GDP), oil production increase of 3 million barrels per day (up 0.3mbpd since ‘24); policy credibility measured by bonds & FX...higher yields & weaker currency means credibility falling.

The Price is Right: succession of “Bessent puts” to stop “Anything But Bonds” threat to US government/AI financing...US dollar swap lines with Asia/Gulf, FX intervention on yen, now quasi-QE via doubling long bond buybacks with Fed acquiescence; policy panic to “fix” fixed income should cap but not reduce US bond yields...preferred longs: gold (obvs), and unloved long duration REITs/XBI/regional banks/small cap/HK property.

The Biggest Picture: QE the genesis of great bull market & “too big to fail” Wall St conviction; extraordinary monetary stimulus past 20 years have led to extraordinary asset gains (Chart 2); would thus be extraordinary if fresh round of QE fails, if Bessent can’t drag 30-year yield below 5%...means US dollar slump and short risk, short leverage (AI hyperscalers, private credit), short cyclical (financials) into midterms.

Chart 2: Extraordinary monetary stimulus...extraordinary asset gains

New York Stock Exchange Composite Index (log scale)



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg

*QE = quantitative easing; OT = “Operation Twist”

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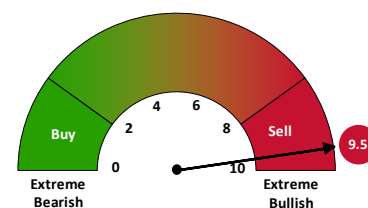
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Chart 1: BofA Bull & Bear Indicator

Up to 9.5 from 9.3



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Weekly Flows: \$40.1bn to stocks, \$21.4bn to bonds, \$3.8bn to gold, \$1.0bn to crypto, \$1.2bn from cash.

Flows to Know:

- US Treasuries: \$7.4bn inflow, largest in 6 weeks (Chart 13),
- IG bonds: \$7.5bn inflow, 20th week of inflows,
- EM debt: \$3.3bn inflow, largest in 11 weeks,
- US equities: \$28.9bn inflow, largest in 3 weeks,
- Korea equities: \$0.8bn outflow, 1st outflow in 8 weeks (Chart 14),
- Japan equities: \$1.7bn outflow, 1st outflow in 11 weeks,
- Semiconductors: \$0.7bn outflow (\$6.3bn outflow past 3 weeks – Chart 12),
- Financials: \$2.0bn outflow, biggest in 11 weeks.

BofA Private Clients: \$4.7tn AUM...66.5% stocks, 16.9% bonds, 9.4% cash; biggest weekly inflow to bonds since May'26; past 4 weeks, private clients buying Japan, muni bond & TIPS ETFs, selling EM debt, utility & financial sector ETFs.

BofA Bull & Bear Indicator: up to 9.5 from 9.3 on stronger global stock index breadth, bullish positioning in S&P500 & gold futures; BofA positioning data says “extreme bull”; “sell signal” triggered May 26th...since then SPX up 1.6% (with 4% SPX drawdown June 2nd to July 29th), ACWI 1.3%, HYG -0.8%; note “old” Bull & Bear Indicator at 7.9 (see [BofA Bull & Bear Indicator](#)).

Contrarian Trades: the “anti-consensus” trades we like right now...

- Contrarian ABB Trade: secular consensus is ABB Anything but Bonds; we long unloved, long duration REITs/XBI/KRE/small cap...next leg higher in yields too destructive to Wall St and Main St, so policy panic to stop it set to grow;
- Contrarian ABC trade: secular consensus is ABC Anywhere but China; we long Hong Kong property sector as two great bears of 2020s, real estate & China, end;
- Contrarian ABD trade: secular consensus is ABD Anything but the Dollar; we agree...long gold remains the cleanest dollar debasement trade, bond collapse, asset inflation, capitalist populism vs socialist populism politics of 2020s, and US-Iran “economic warfare” gives sanctions bid for gold;
- Contrarian AI trade: secular consensus is long AI; we say short AI bonds (US government can cap yields but need deflation/recession to meaningfully reduce cost of capital); we recommend investors barbell their long AI stock exposure via commodities/natural resources needed to power AI arms race between US & China.
- Contrarian US midterms trade: consensus is DEMs will not sweep Nov midterms (Charts 3-4); we hedge via short financials; should DEMs take Senate (and GOP lose TX Governor mansion) we say big slump in stocks (>10%), US dollar, bond yields into year-end; note Trump approval ratings (39%, on economy 36%, on inflation 30% – Chart 5) well-below pre-war averages (46%, 42%, 38% respectively).

Three Arrows & Maginot Lines: US admin currently 0-for-3 on “3 arrows” of 3% GDP growth (<2% growth past 6 quarters), 3% budget deficit as % GDP (it is currently 6% of GDP), oil production increase of 3 million barrels per day (up 0.3mbpd since '24); policy credibility measured by bonds & FX...higher yields & weaker currency means credibility



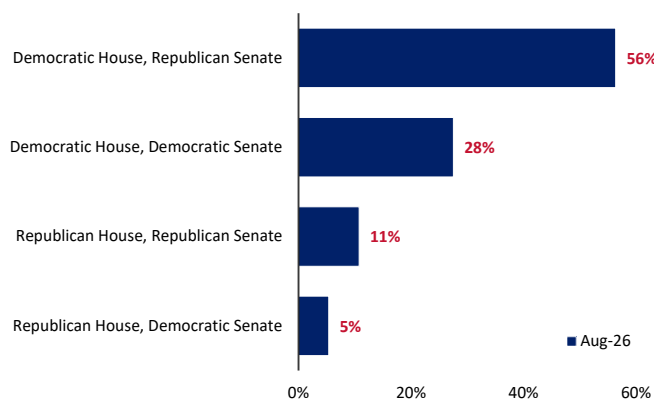
falling...hence new late-summer determination to defend “Maginot Lines” of \$4/gallon gas, 160 dollar-yen, 5% UST bond yields, levels above which threaten economic/AI boom/bull/bubble policy objectives; but US gasoline prices once again >\$4/gal (up from \$3/gal pre-war)...tough to push lower given US-Iran “economic warfare” plus US crude inventories & Strategic Petroleum Reserve at 40-50 year lows (Charts 7-8); and US-Japan currency intervention needs to be backed up with meaningful Bank of Japan rate hike on Sep 18th (steadies Japan long-end – Chart 6); so attention turns to Big One...capping long-term US Treasury bond yields at 5% so as to prevent US government credit event & ease AI financing costs.

Bessent vs. ABB: US Treasury doubling size of long-end bond buybacks now because a. US national debt just crossed \$40tn, b. \$2tn net issuance of USTs in '26 and '27 crowds out corporate sector bond issuance (\$2tn IG gross in '26 with ballooning AI bond issuance... YTD \$200-300bn – Chart 9) and US-China AI arms race #1 national security/macro priority of US govt, c. when no payroll growth & zero inflation data greeted by rise in 30-year yields to 20-year highs (Chart 10), you need to re-establish credibility pronto; succession of “Bessent puts” to stop “Anything But Bonds” threat to US government/AI financing...US dollar swap lines with Asia/Gulf, FX intervention on yen, now quasi-QE via doubling long bond buybacks with Fed acquiescence...policy panic to “fix” fixed income; we say this should cap but not reduce US bond yields; and fiscal policy panic needs to be augmented with just-hawkish-enough Warsh at Jackson Hole so as not to torpedo US dollar (Aug 28th @ 10am, same time BLS annual payroll revisions).

Success is Expected, Failure Unthinkable: QE is genesis of great bull market, author of Wall St “too big to fail” narrative; extraordinary monetary stimulus past 20 years have led to extraordinarily asset gains, and ongoing policy to “fix” fixed income should be expected to succeed; would be extraordinary if fresh round of QE fails and Bessent can’t drag 30-year yield below 5%...policy failure would cause US dollar slump, and asset allocation shift to short risk, short leverage (AI hyperscalers, private credit – Chart 11), and short cyclicals (financials) into midterms.

Chart 3: Consensus is DEMs will not sweep Nov midterms

What outcome do you expect from the 2026 US midterm elections?



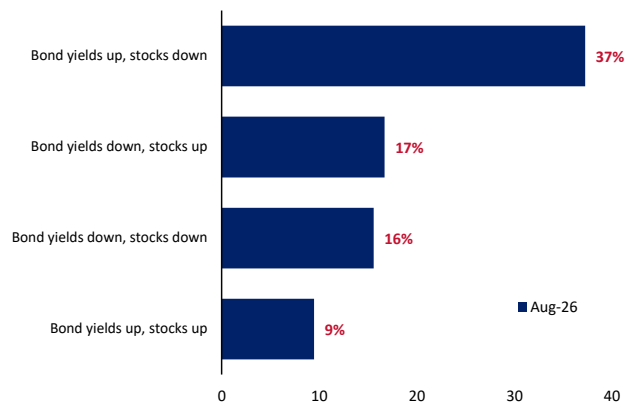
Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey.

Note: percentages calculated excluding “Don’t Know/Not Applicable” responses

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Chart 4: Aug FMS says DEM sweep = bond yields up, stocks down

In the event of Democratic sweep at the midterms, what would be the most likely market reaction?

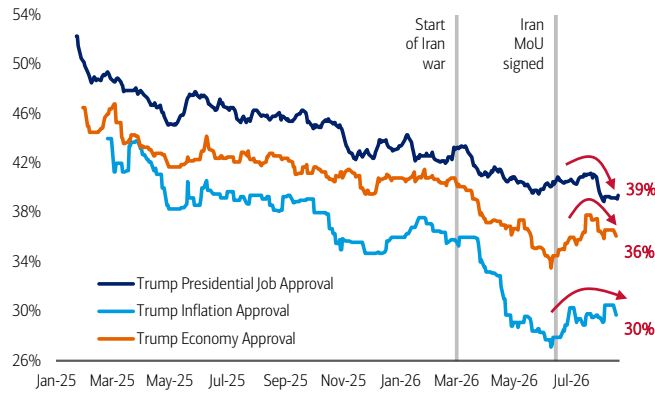


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Chart 5: Trump approval ratings well-below pre-war averages

Trump approval ratings... overall, on inflation, on economy

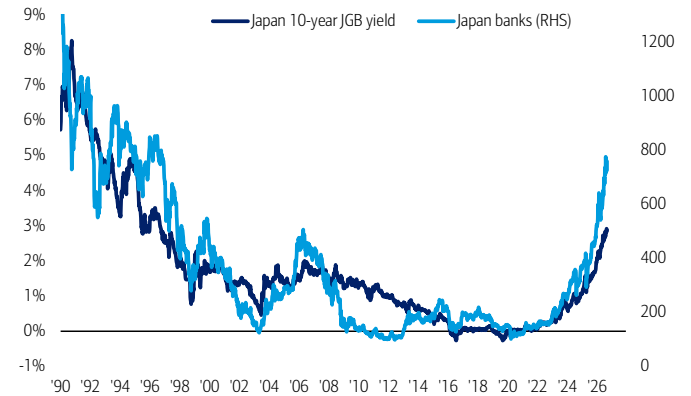


Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg, Real Clear Politics

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Chart 6: BoJ rate hike needed to stabilize JGB long-end

Japan 10-year JGB yield and Japan banks

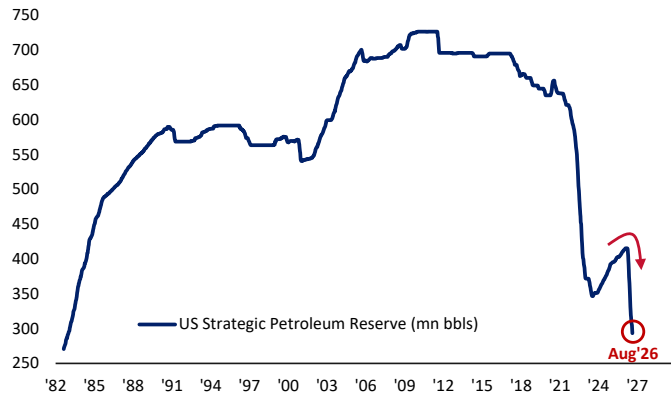


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Chart 7: US Strategic Petroleum Reserve falls to lowest since '82

US Strategic Petroleum Reserve (million barrels)

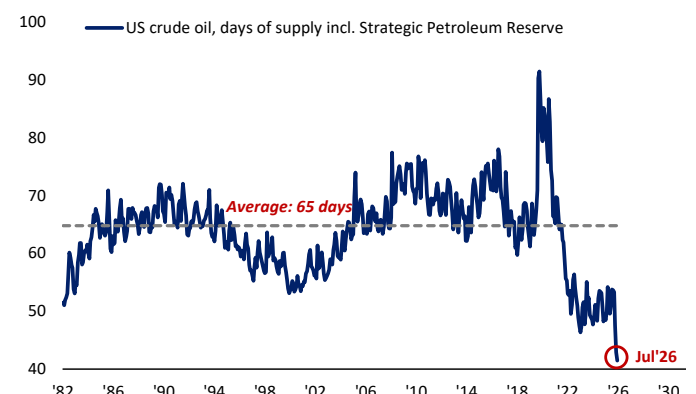


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Chart 8: US crude inventories (incl SPR) at 40-50 year lows

US crude oil, days of supply incl. Strategic Petroleum Reserve

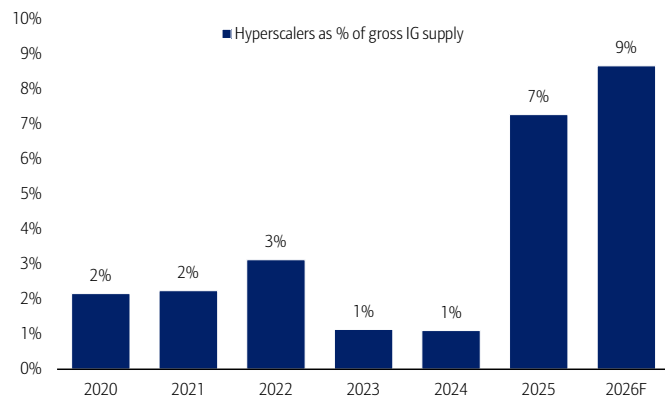


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Chart 9: Hyperscaler bonds now 9% of gross IG bond supply in '26

Hyperscalers as % of gross IG supply



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, BofA US IG Credit Strategy, Bloomberg

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Chart 10: US admin won't let 30Y UST yield cross 5% "Maginot Line"

US 30-year Treasury yield (%)



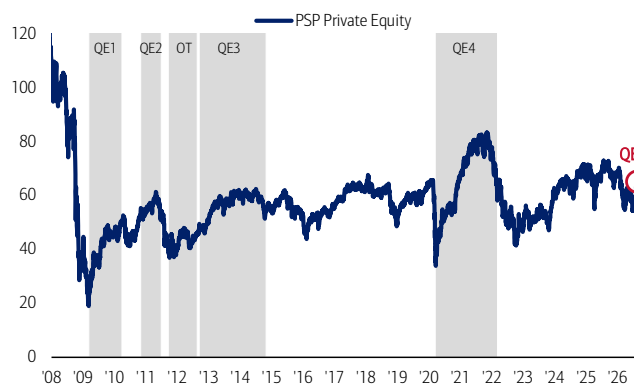
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Chart 11: QE = genesis of bull market...but watch PSP for policy failure

Private Equity ETF (PSP)



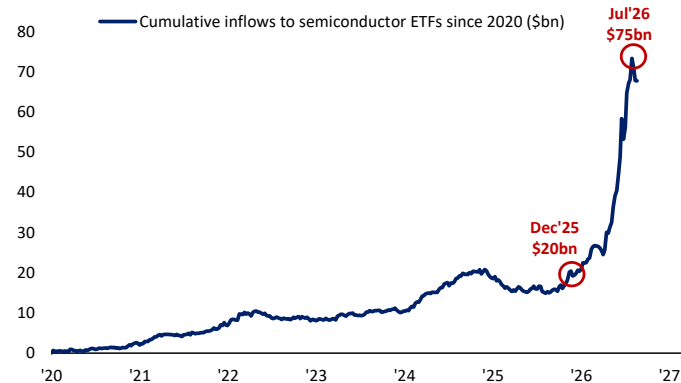
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Chart 12: Past 3 weeks = \$6bn outflow from semiconductor ETFs

Cumulative flows to semiconductor ETFs* since 2020 (\$bn)



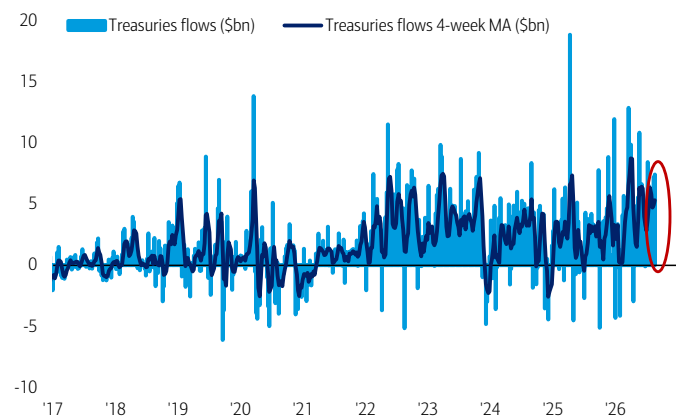
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR

*includes fund flows for 8 ETFs: SMH, SOXX, USD, XSD, FTXL, PSI, SOXQ, DRAM

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Chart 13: Biggest inflow to US Treasuries in 6 weeks

Flows to Treasury funds, weekly vs 4wk-ma (\$bn)

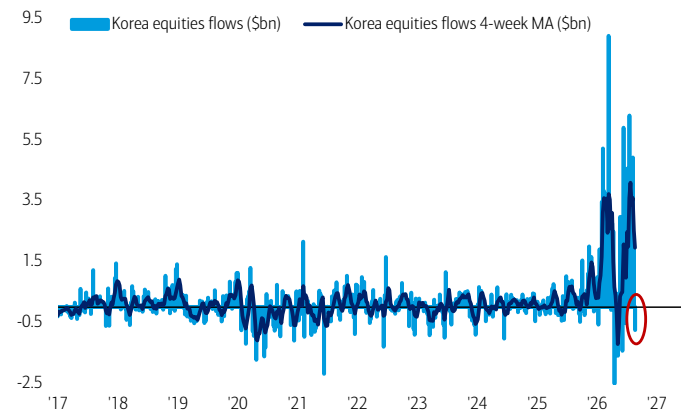


Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR

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Chart 14: First outflow from Korea equities in 8 weeks

Flows to Korea equity funds, weekly vs 4wk-ma (\$bn)



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR

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Asset Class Flows (Table 1)

Equities: \$40.1bn inflow (\$45.9bn to ETFs, \$5.8bn from mutual funds)

Bonds: inflows past 69 weeks (\$21.4bn)

Precious metals: inflows past 7 weeks (\$3.9bn)

Table 1: Cumulative YTD flows by asset class

Global flows by asset class, \$mn

	Wk % AUM	YTD	YTD %AUM
Equities	0.1%	811,435	2.7%
ETFs	0.2%	1,166,787	6.9%
LO	0.0%	-355,035	-2.8%
Bonds	0.2%	626,923	6.5%
Commodities	0.5%	29,967	3.1%
Money-market	0.0%	410,883	3.7%

*week ended 8/19/2026: **Source:** EPFR Global

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Fixed Income Flows (Chart 15)

IG Bond inflows past 20 weeks (\$7.5bn)

HY Bond inflows past 5 weeks (\$0.7bn)

EM Debt inflows past 3 weeks (\$3.3bn)

Munis inflows past 18 weeks (\$1.3bn)

Govt/Tsy inflows past 8 weeks (\$7.4bn)

TIPS inflows past 29 weeks (\$0.8bn)

Bank loan inflows past 10 weeks (\$0.6bn)

Equity Flows (Table 2)

US: inflows past 4 weeks (\$28.9bn)

Japan: outflows resume (\$1.7bn)

Europe: inflows past 3 weeks (\$0.2bn)

EM: outflows past 2 weeks (\$0.4bn)

By style: inflows **US large cap** (\$33.0bn), **US small cap** (\$0.1bn), outflows **US value** (\$0.2bn), **US growth** (\$0.5bn),

By sector: inflows **tech** (\$2.3bn), **materials** (\$1.5bn), **com svcs** (\$76mn); outflows **energy** (\$22mn), **real estate** (\$0.1bn), **utils** (\$0.2bn), **hcare** (\$0.5bn), **consumer goods** (\$0.5bn), **financials** (\$2.0bn).

Table 2: Big YTD inflows to US & DM stocks

Global equity flows by region, \$mn

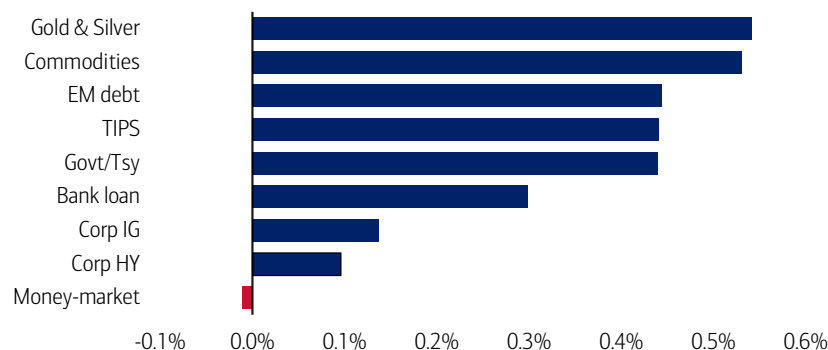
	Wk % AUM	YTD
Total Equities	0.1%	811,435
long-only funds	0.0%	-355,035
ETFs	0.2%	1,166,787
Total EM	0.0%	-45,303
Brazil	-1.1%	3,305
India	-0.4%	-10,491
China	-0.1%	-201,631
Total DM	0.1%	856,738
US	0.2%	433,620
Europe	0.0%	-16,299
Japan	-0.1%	21,581
International	0.1%	388,295

Total Equities = Total EM + Total DM. **Source:** EPFR Global

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Chart 15: FICC inflows to gold & silver, commodities, EM debt

Weekly FICC flows as a % AUM



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR Global

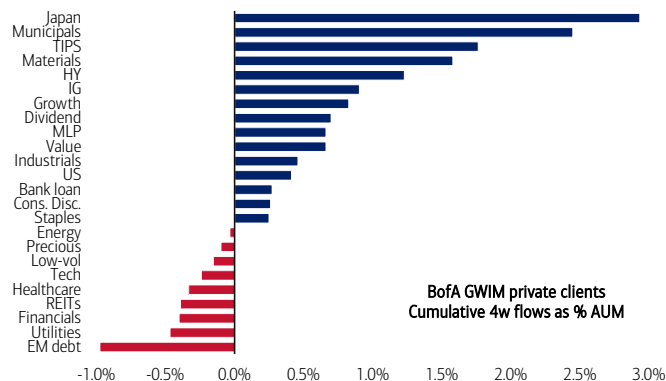
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BofA private client flows & allocations

Chart 16: Private clients bought Japan, munis, TIPS

BofA private clients 4-week ETF flows as % of AUM

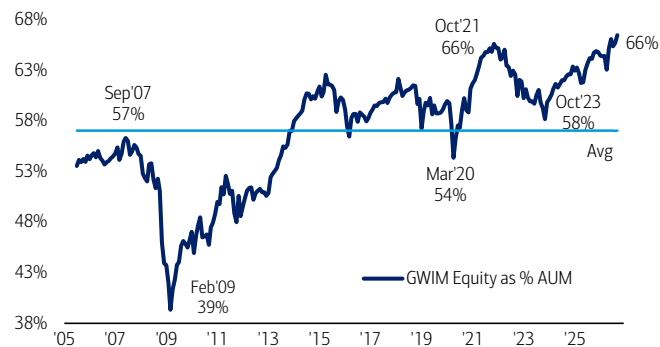


Source: BofA Global investment Strategy

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Chart 17: GWIM equity allocation at 66%

BofA private client equity holdings as % of AUM



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Chart 18: GWIM debt allocation at 17%

BofA private client debt holdings as % of AUM



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Chart 19: GWIM cash allocation at 9%

BofA private client cash holdings as % of AUM

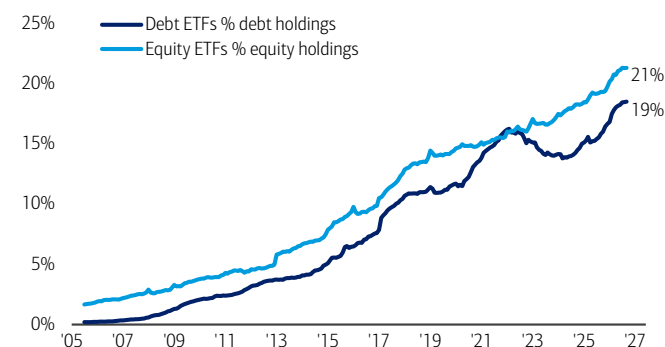


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Chart 20: GWIM equity ETFs 21%, debt ETFs 19% of AUM

BofA private client ETF holdings as % of AUM

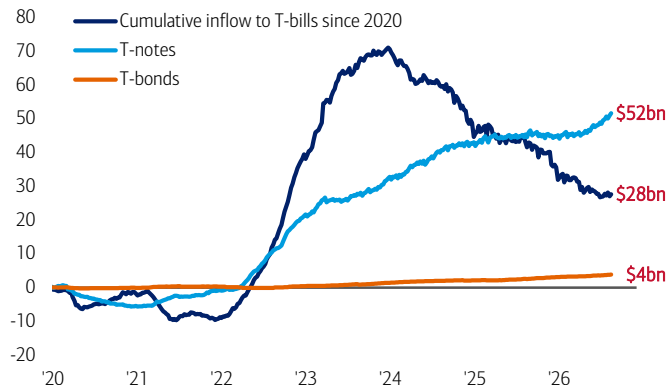


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Chart 21: \$52bn to T-notes vs \$28bn to T-bills since 2020

BofA private client cumulative inflow to Treasuries since 2020 (\$bn)



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The Asset Class Quilt of Total Returns

Chart 22: Historical asset class performance by year

Ranked cross asset returns by year

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*
MSCI EM 39.8%	US Treasuries 14.0%	MSCI EM 79.0%	Gold 29.2%	US Treasuries 9.8%	REITS 23.8%	S&P 500 32.4%	S&P 500 13.7%	S&P 500 1.4%	Commodities 17.5%	MSCI EM 37.8%	Cash 1.8%	S&P 500 31.5%	Gold 24.8%	Commodities 46.3%	Commodities 31.1%	S&P 500 26.3%	Gold 26.7%	Gold 60.7%	Commodities 63.4%
Commodities 33.0%	Gold 4.3%	Global HY 62.0%	MSCI EM 19.2%	Gold 8.9%	Global HY 19.3%	MSCI EAFE 23.3%	REITS 11.7%	US Treasuries 0.8%	Global HY 14.8%	MSCI EAFE 25.9%	US Treasuries 0.8%	REITS 27.4%	MSCI EM 18.8%	REITS 37.1%	Cash 1.5%	MSCI EAFE 18.9%	S&P 500 25.0%	MSCI EM 32.0%	MSCI EM 20.6%
Gold 31.9%	Cash 2.1%	MSCI EAFE 32.5%	REITS 15.9%	Global IG 4.5%	MSCI EM 18.6%	Global HY 8.0%	US Treasuries 6.0%	Cash 0.1%	S&P 500 12.0%	S&P 500 22.0%	Gold -1.9%	MSCI EAFE 22.8%	S&P 500 18.4%	S&P 500 28.7%	Gold -0.8%	Global HY 13.4%	MSCI EM 8.0%	MSCI EAFE 29.0%	REITS 14.7%
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Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg. *2026 YTD

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Table 3: Table 6: BofA Global Investment Strategy Proprietary Indicators

Current reading of all BofA Global Investment Strategy Proprietary Indicators

Proprietary Indicators	Category	Current reading	Current signal	Duration of signal
Contrarian				
BofA Bull & Bear Indicator (B&B)	Contrarian	9.5	Sell	1-3 months
Sell when investor sentiment > 8.0; Buy when investor sentiment < 2.0				
BofA Global FMS Cash Indicator	Contrarian	3.5%	Sell	4 weeks
Buy when cash at or above 5.0%; Sell when cash at or below 4.0%				
BofA Global Breadth Rule	Contrarian	70.5%	Neutral	3 months
Buy when net 88% of markets in MSCI ACWI trading below 200-day moving & 50-day moving averages				
BofA Global Flow Trading Rule	Contrarian	0.7%	Neutral	8 weeks
Buy when outflows from global equities & HY > 1.0% AUM over 4wks; Sell when inflows > 1.0% AUM over 4wks				
BofA EM Flow Trading Rule	Contrarian	0.7%	Neutral	8 weeks
Buy when outflows from EM equities > 3.0% of AUM; Sell when inflows > 1.5% of AUM over 4 wks				
Macro				
BofA Global EPS Growth Model	Macro	9%	EPS growth rising	6-12 months
Model indicates trend in year-on-year change in 12-month forward global EPS growth.				

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy. See *Global Investment Strategy: Rules & Tools*, 12 November 2020 and *BofA Bull & Bear Indicator revamp* reports

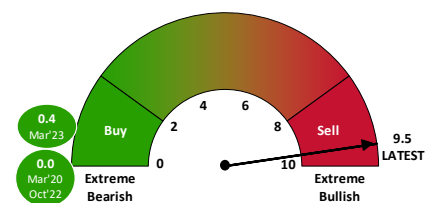
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Our BofA Bull & Bear Indicator is at 9.5... signal is Sell.

Chart 23: BofA Bull & Bear at 9.5

Up to 9.5 from 9.3



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy

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Table 4: Table 7: BofA B&B Indicator

BofA Bull & Bear current component readings

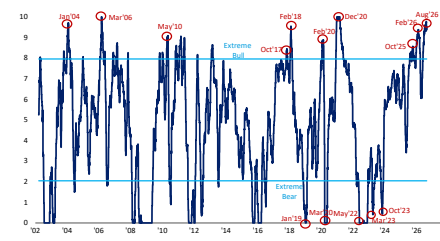
Components	Percentile	Sentiment
Hedge Fund Positioning	83%	V Bullish
Equity Flow	93%	V Bullish
Bond Flow	70%	Neutral
Credit Market Technicals	77%	Bullish
Global Stock Index Breadth	65%	Neutral
FMS Positioning	99%	V Bullish

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg, EPFR Global, Lipper FMI, Global FMS, CFTC, MSCI

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Chart 24: BofA Bull & Bear Indicator at 9.5

BofA Bull & Bear Indicator since 2002



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR Global, FMS, CFTC, MSCI.

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2026 Cross-Asset Winners & Losers

Table 5: 2026 YTD ranked returns

Year-to-date cross asset returns in US dollar terms

Ranked Returns, USD-terms (YTD 2026)

Assets			Equities		Sectors		Fixed Income		FX vs. USD		Commodities						
1	Oil	49.5%	1	Korea Equities	77.6%	1	ACWI Energy	33.9%	1	US Corp HY	2.5%	1	Norwegian krone	8.1%	1	Commodities	63.4%
2	EM Equities	20.6%	2	Taiwan Equities	58.0%	2	ACWI Info Tech	26.8%	2	3-Month T-Bills	2.3%	2	Australian dollar	6.8%	2	Brent Crude Oil	50.6%
3	Japan Equities	18.0%	3	Singapore Equities	25.7%	3	ACWI BioTechnology	17.3%	3	EM Corporate	1.5%	3	Mexican peso	6.3%	3	WTI Crude Oil	49.5%
4	Pacific Rim xJapan	15.6%	4	Türkiye Equities	25.2%	4	ACWI Industrials	14.6%	4	European HY	1.2%	4	Brazilian real	5.8%	4	Copper	13.3%
5	Industrial Metals	13.8%	5	Greece Equities	24.2%	5	ACWI Banks	14.5%	5	TIPS	1.1%	5	Chinese renminbi	3.8%	5	Gold	3.4%
6	US Equities	13.3%	6	Portugal Equities	20.6%	6	ACWI Materials	13.5%	6	EM Sovereign	1.1%	6	Korean won	3.7%	6	Silver	-6.8%
7	UK Equities	12.4%	7	Italy Equities	18.2%	7	ACWI Healthcare	9.0%	7	2-year Treasury	1.0%	7	NZ dollar	3.1%	7	Iron Ore	-9.8%
8	Europe Equities	12.2%	8	Japan Equities	18.0%	8	ACWI Financials	8.9%	8	US Mortgage Master	0.8%	8	South African rand	2.9%	8	Platinum	-11.0%
9	Gold	3.4%	9	Spain Equities	17.6%	9	ACWI Real Estate	6.8%	9	BBB IG	0.5%	9	Singapore dollar	1.1%			
10	HY Bonds	2.6%	10	Canada Equities	15.5%	10	ACWI Consumer Staples	6.1%	10	US Corp IG	0.2%	10	British pound	1.0%			
11	EM Bonds	1.1%	11	Australia Equities	15.3%	11	ACWI Utilities	4.2%	11	Treasury Master	0.0%	11	Euro	-0.6%			
12	US Dollar	0.5%	12	US Equities	13.3%	12	ACWI Cons. Discretionary	-1.7%	12	CCC HY	-0.1%	12	Swiss franc	-0.6%			
13	IG bonds	0.1%	13	UK Equities	12.4%	13	ACWI Telecoms	-2.7%	13	UK Govt	-0.4%	13	Canadian dollar	-0.6%			
14	Govt Bonds	-1.1%	14	Mexico Equities	10.8%				14	German Govt	-1.5%	14	Japanese yen	-0.9%			
			15	Switzerland Equities	10.3%				15	Non-US IG Govt	-2.1%	15	Taiwanese dollar	-1.7%			
			16	Brazil Equities	9.7%				16	30-year Treasury	-2.2%	16	Swedish krona	-2.4%			
			17	Hong Kong Equities	7.8%				17	Japan Govt	-5.0%	17	Indian rupee	-6.1%			
			18	France Equities	6.8%							18	Indonesian rupiah	-6.4%			
			19	Germany Equities	5.9%							19	Turkish lira	-10.4%			
			20	S. Africa Equities	5.7%							20	Bitcoin	-21.2%			
			21	China Equities	-8.1%												
			22	India Equities	-9.1%												

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg, as of 19 August 2026

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Table 6: The Overbought & Oversold

Ranked deviation from 200-day moving averages in US dollar terms

Ranked Deviation from 200-Day Moving Average, USD-terms

Assets		Equities		Sectors		Fixed Income		FX vs. USD		Commodities							
1	Oil	10.4%	1	Taiwan Equities	22.9%	1	ACWI BioTechnology	16.5%	1	US Corp HY	1.7%	1	Korean won	6.4%	1	Brent Crude Oil	10.9%
2	US Equities	9.1%	2	Singapore Equities	19.3%	2	ACWI Info Tech	15.0%	2	European HY	1.4%	2	Norwegian krone	3.8%	2	WTI Crude Oil	10.4%
3	Pacific Rim xJapan	8.3%	3	Korea Equities	18.1%	3	ACWI Energy	13.8%	3	3-Month T-Bills	1.4%	3	Mexican peso	3.7%	3	Copper	9.2%
4	Europe Equities	8.1%	4	Greece Equities	15.7%	4	ACWI Banks	10.8%	4	EM Corporate	0.9%	4	Australian dollar	2.7%	4	Gold	-0.6%
5	EM Equities	7.9%	5	Spain Equities	13.1%	5	ACWI Healthcare	9.9%	5	EM Sovereign	0.8%	5	South African rand	2.5%	5	Platinum	-6.7%
6	Japan Equities	7.7%	6	Italy Equities	12.7%	6	ACWI Financials	8.7%	6	2-year Treasury	0.8%	6	Chinese renminbi	2.3%	6	Iron Ore	-7.8%
7	UK Equities	7.3%	7	Portugal Equities	10.2%	7	ACWI Industrials	5.8%	7	TIPS	0.3%	7	NZ dollar	1.7%	7	Silver	-8.5%
8	Industrial Metals	6.5%	8	Canada Equities	10.1%	8	ACWI Materials	5.6%	8	US Mortgage Master	0.2%	8	British pound	1.4%	8	Natural Gas	-16.2%
9	High Yield Bonds	1.9%	9	US Equities	9.1%	9	ACWI Consumer Staples	1.7%	9	CCC HY	0.1%	9	Singapore dollar	0.9%			
10	EM Sov Bonds	0.8%	10	Türkiye Equities	7.9%	10	ACWI Cons. Discretionary	1.4%	10	BBB IG	0.1%	10	Euro	0.4%			
11	IG Bonds	0.1%	11	Japan Equities	7.7%	11	ACWI Real Estate	0.0%	11	US Corp IG	-0.1%	11	Brazilian real	0.4%			
12	Gold	0.0%	12	Australia Equities	7.5%	12	ACWI Utilities	-1.4%	12	Treasury Master	-0.1%	12	Canadian dollar	0.3%			
13	US Dollar	-0.3%	13	Switzerland Equities	7.4%	13	ACWI Telecoms	-2.5%	13	UK Govt	-0.8%	13	Japanese yen	0.1%			
14	Govt Bonds	-0.6%	14	UK Equities	7.3%				14	German Govt	-0.9%	14	Swiss franc	-0.5%			
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			18	Mexico Equities	1.6%							18	Indonesian rupiah	-3.3%			
			19	Hong Kong Equities	1.5%							19	Argentine peso	-4.4%			
			20	India Equities	-2.3%							20	Turkish lira	-6.6%			
			21	Brazil Equities	-2.4%												
			22	China Equities	-4.5%												

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Acronyms

FMS – Fund Manager Survey

GWIM – Global Wealth and Investment Management

MA – Moving average

AUM – Assets Under Management