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# Hedge Fund Flows for February

Data as of 25 March and subject to future revision.

# Introduction

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Outflows from hedge funds eased in February with North America-based funds seeing their first inflows (\$0.3bn) since March 2022 as US equity markets continued to surge on Al-induced hype. Hedge funds saw estimated outflows of \$4.4bn, a significant improvement from January (-\$15.5bn) with most strategies having lower redemptions. All strategies except macro saw net outflows, bringing the YTD figure to \$19.9bn. Long/short equity, representing about one-third of overall hedge fund assets, had the largest outflows (-\$2bn) down from January (-\$5.4bn). Fixed income/credit had the second-highest outflow (-\$0.8bn) in a reversal from Q4 2023 when it was the only strategy to have net inflows (\$2.2bn). CTA/managed futures was the best-performing strategy and had the largest decrease in asset outflows in February, -\$0.5bn compared with -\$4.2bn in January. Multi-strategy had its lowest outflows (-\$0.1bn) for seven months as larger multi-managers continued to outperform. Hedge fund performance conitued to be positive in February contributing to \$24.1bn of performance-based asset growth in 2024.

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### Monthly net asset flows progression

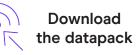
-\$4.4bn

Net asset flows in February

# \$3.90tn

Industry AuM at the end of February

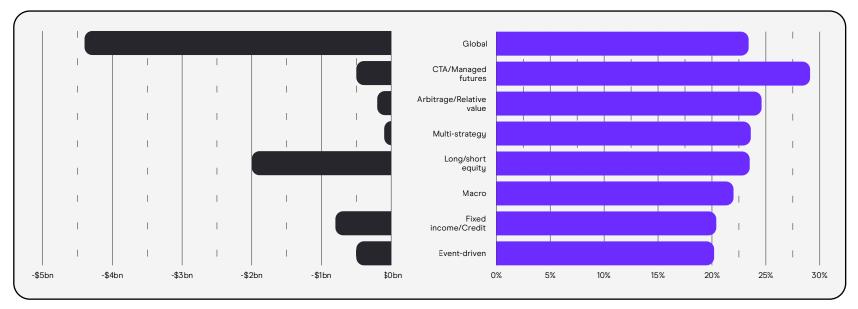
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# February hedge fund flows across strategy and region

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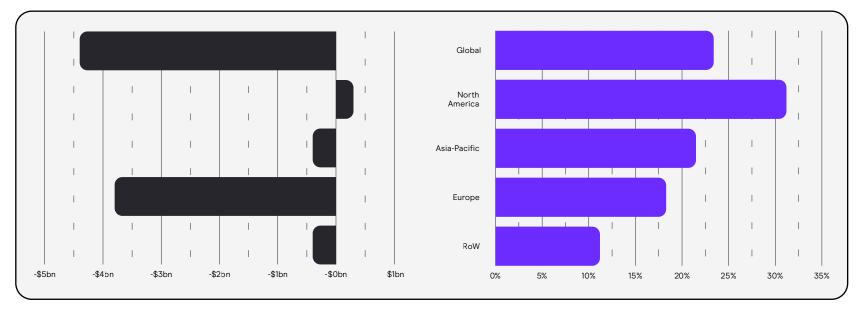
# Hedge fund flows — strategy



# Hedge fund flows — region

# Percentage of hedge funds to attract net inflows

Percentage of hedge funds to attract net inflows



North America had its first monthly inflows (\$0.3bn) since March 2022 after four consecutive months of positive performance amid an ongoing US equities rally and encouraging macroeconomic indicators.

Multi-strategy had its lowest monthly outflows (-\$0.1bn) for seven months.

Fixed income/credit had a second month of redemptions (-\$0.8bn) as central banks again delayed interest rates cuts.

All regions saw a reduction in outflows in February. Europe saw the greatest outflows (-\$3.8bn) as investors remained wary about Eurozone growth prospects and repeated setbacks in the Ukraine conflict.

Arbitrage/relative value was the only strategy not to see improved flows (-\$0.2bn) even as investors anticipated the end of the US high interest rate cycle.

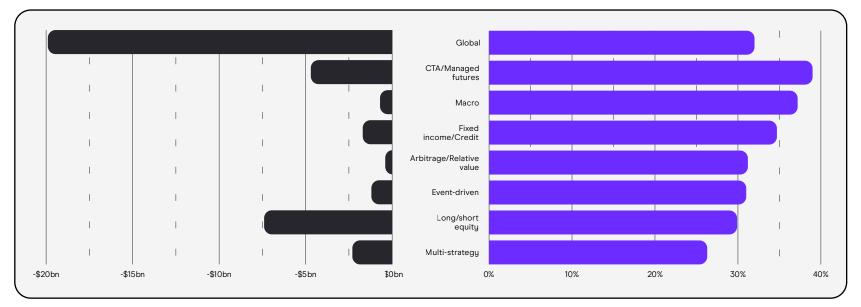
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# YTD hedge fund flows across strategy and region

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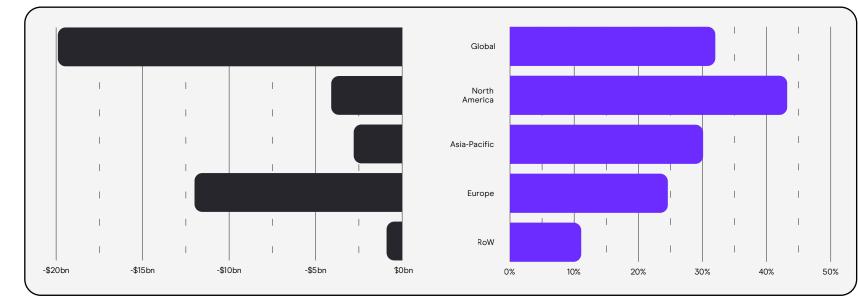
# Hedge fund flows — strategy



# Hedge fund flows - region

# Percentage of hedge funds to attract net inflows

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An estimated \$19.9bn of net outflows this year has been offset by \$24.1bn of performancebased gains. Only one-third of funds globally have received net inflows.

Almost two-fifths of CTA/managed futures funds have attracted net inflows in 2024, the highest among all strategies. CTAs have averaged a 5.4% three-year annualized return, second only to multi-strategy funds.

By strategy, long/short equity (-\$7.4bn) and CTA/managed futures (-\$4.7bn) have seen the largest outflows in 2024, although CTAs are the only strategy to attract net inflows over the past three years.

Less than one-quarter of Europefocused funds have received net inflows this year. The region has seen the largest outflows, an estimated \$12bn, with anemic growth in the UK and Eurozone, reversals in Ukraine and ongoing high interest rates all impacting investment decisions.

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# February performance-based growth and asset flows

	Start assets (\$bn) 3,892	Net perf. growth (\$bn)	Net flows (\$bn)	End assets (\$bn)	Change
	3,892	14.0			(%)
Hedge fund industry		14.8	-4.4	3,903	0.3
North America	2,582.	7.6	0.3	2,590	0.3
Asia-Pacific	461	2.1	-0.4	462	0.4
Europe	7,534	4.9	-3.8	755	0.1
RoW	96	0.2	-0.4	96	-0.2
Arbitrage/relative value	311	0.5	-0.2	312	0.1
CTA/managed futures	263	5.1	-0.5	267	1.8
Event-driven	237	0.5	-0.5	237	0.0
Fixed income/credit	641	0.4	-0.8	640	-0.1
Long/short equity	1,119	7.0	-2.0	1,124	0.4
Macro	407	0.5	0.0	408	0.1
Multi-strategy	844	0.7	-0.1	845	0.1
Others	88	1.2	-0.3	88	1.0

## Asset flows data over past 12 months

	Start assets (\$bn)	Net perf. growth (\$bn)	Net flows (\$bn)	End assets (\$bn)	Change (%)
Hedge fund industry	3,899	24.1	-19.9	3,903	0.1
North America	2,581	13.5	-4.1	2,590	0.4
Asia-Pacific	463	1.8	-2.8	462	-0.2
Europe	758	8.9	-12.0	755	-0.4
RoW	97	-0.1	-0.9	96	-1.0
Arbitrage/relative value	311	1.1	-0.4	312	0.2
CTA/managed futures	265	7.5	-4.7	267	1.1
Event-driven	237	0.7	-1.2	237	-0.2
Fixed income/credit	639	2.4	-1.7	640	0.1
Long/short equity	1,123	8.5	-7.4	1,124	0.1
Macro	407	1.1	-0.7	408	0.1
Multi-strategy	845	2.0	-2.3	845	0.0
Others	87	1.7	-0.5	88	1.4

YTD performance-based growth and asset flows

### Performance-based growth Net flows

### vs 🛛 🔵 Total industry assets

North America had a fourth consecutive month of performancebased gains in February (\$7.6bn) as almost one-third of North America-focused funds saw net inflows during February.

Long/short equity was the best-performing strategy in February (\$7bn) with almost a quarter of funds attracting net inflows last month as stock markets renewed their positive appetite for AI developments and tech stocks.

February's estimated \$14.8bn of performance-based growth was driven by North America (\$7.6bn) and Europe (\$4.9bn), while even Asia-Pacific (\$2.1bn) benefited from consistent rises in Chinese equities.

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# Asset flow appendices

## Hedge fund flows | Quarterly (\$bn)

Index	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021	2024	2023	2022	2021
Global	-19.9	-15.7	-40.3	-26.2	-29.8	-28.4	-70.0	-53.0	-12.3	-7.2	-19.9	-112.0	-163.7	13.3
Arbitrage/Relative value	-0.4	-1.8	-1.5	-1.9	-2.7	-0.1	-5.4	-3.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-7.9	-8.8	9.5
CTA/Managed futures	-4.7	-0.4	-3.8	-0.9	3.1	-1.2	-5.9	5.2	2.3	-0.2	-4.7	-2.0	0.4	1.7
Event-driven	-1.2	-2.4	-3.8	-3.8	-4.1	-1.9	-6.8	-4.3	0.4	-0.2	-1.2	-14.1	-12.6	-0.6
Fixed income/Credit	-1.7	2.2	-5.9	-5.5	-1.7	-4.3	-21.6	-22.5	-9.2	-5.9	-1.7	-10.9	-57.6	7.1
Long/short equity	-7.4	-4.6	-14.4	-8.2	-13.0	-4.2	-15.2	-16.5	-8.0	-1.4	-7.4	-40.2	-43.9	-9.5
Macro	-0.7	-3.3	-3.3	0.1	-8.1	-1.5	-5.2	-5.8	-2.3	-0.1	-0.7	-14.6	-14.8	-4.7
Multi-strategy	-2.3	-4.7	-5.3	-6.0	-3.7	1.4	-8.3	-5.3	4.5	1.0	-2.3	-19.7	-7.7	9.1
Others	-0.5	-0.9	-2.1	0.0	-0.6	-1.3	-1.9	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-3.6	-3.8	1.0
North America	-4.1	-6.9	-8.9	-9.1	-8.2	-19.5	-25.3	-13.3	0.0	-0.6	-4.1	-33.1	-58.1	18.3
Asia-Pacific	-2.8	-0.4	-2.9	-2.1	-4.1	-5.7	-0.3	-4.0	-2.1	-2.6	-2.8	-9.5	-12.1	4.2
Europe	-12.0	-7.9	-27.2	-14.6	-16.4	-3.0	-41.8	-29.4	-13.8	-2.0	-12.0	-66.1	-88.0	-4.3
RoW	-0.9	-0.6	(1.4)	-0.4	-1.2	-0.1	-2.5	-6.3	3.6	-2.2	-0.9	-3.6	-5.3	-5.2

# Hedge fund flows | Monthly (\$bn)

Index	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	3m	12m
Global	-4.4	-15.5	-3.3	3.6	-16.0	-20.1	-17.0	-3.2	-5.8	-13.2	-7.2	-10.3	-23.2	-112.4
Arbitrage/Relative value	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	0.2	-0.5	-1.1	-0.5	0.1	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-1.9	-6.8
CTA/Managed futures	-0.5	-4.2	0.8	0.0	-1.2	-2.6	-2.1	0.9	0.6	-1.1	-0.4	1.4	-3.9	-8.4
Event-driven	-0.5	-0.7	-0.8	0.2	-1.8	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	-1.5	-1.6	-0.7	-1.4	-2.0	-12.6
Fixed income/Credit	-0.8	-0.9	0.6	3.8	-2.2	-4.1	-3.2	1.4	-0.2	-2.9	-2.4	1.5	-1.1	-9.4
Long/short equity	-2.0	-5.4	0.7	0.7	-6.0	-5.7	-5.1	-3.6	-1.4	-5.1	-1.7	-3.2	-6.7	-37.8
Macro	0.0	-0.7	-1.4	-0.7	-1.2	-1.5	-1.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-6.5	-2.1	-13.7
Multi-strategy	-0.1	-2.2	-0.8	-0.7	-3.2	-2.7	-2.7	0.1	-2.2	-2.2	-1.6	-1.5	-3.1	-19.8
Others	-0.3	-0.2	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	-1.5	-3.3
North America	0.3	-4.4	-1.6	-1.7	-3.6	-5.0	-3.5	-0.4	-5.3	-2.2	-1.6	-7.7	-5.7	-36.7
Asia-Pacific	-0.4	-2.4	-0.4	0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-1.6	-0.6	0.1	-1.1	-1.1	-2.2	-3.2	-10.4
Europe	-3.8	-8.2	-1.3	4.3	-10.9	-14.0	-10.8	-2.4	-1.2	-9.0	-4.4	-0.7	-13.3	-62.4
RoW	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.6	-0.5	-1.0	0.1	0.7	-0.9	-0.2	0.2	-0.9	-3.1

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