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U.S. Bond Funds Attract 23rd Straight Week of Inflows.

NEW YORK, Aug 1 (Reuters) – U.S. fund investors showed continued demand for bond funds in the latest week, extending a streak of inflows that dates back to mid-February, Investment Company Institute data showed on Wednesday.

Investors also increased deposits in domestic equity and commodity funds, but fixed income continued to dominate in an environment of uncertainty over tensions between the U.S. and its trading partners, according to ICI data collected over the seven-day period that ended July 25.

Bond funds attracted $4.4 billion, of which $613 million went to tax-free municipal bonds.

Domestic equity exchange-traded funds attracted $3.5 billion, the third straight week of inflows, during an earnings season in which the majority of U.S. companies have beat expectations. ETF investors deposited $1.3 billion in global equity funds.

Within long-term equity mutual funds, which have seen net withdrawals since early April, investors added $681 million to domestic small-cap equities. The category, which has benefited from tax cuts and is seen as less vulnerable to tariffs, has taken in cash for nine of the past 10 weeks.

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