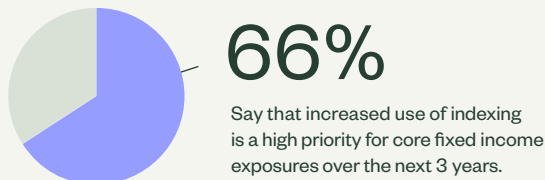


# Fixed Income: Preparing for the Big Shift

Our latest research uncovers four major trends transforming fixed income portfolios, revealing what's driving institutional investors across the globe to adopt new ways of fixed income (FI) investing.

## The Move to Indexing

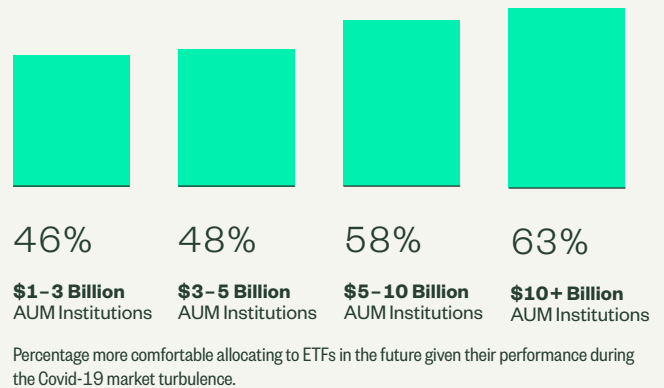
Low yields, new capabilities, and structural changes are driving a move towards indexing across the fixed income spectrum.



<b>Leading Motivating Factors</b>	<b>39%</b>	Lowering costs / improved efficiency
	<b>38%</b>	Maximizing impact of asset allocation decision
	<b>33%</b>	Opportunity for active to add alpha more difficult
	<b>32%</b>	Enhanced liquidity / pricing transparency
	<b>30%</b>	Demonstrated reliable performance

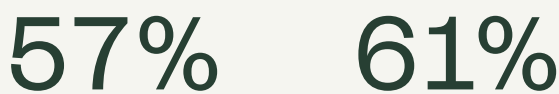
## ETFs in the FI Toolkit

ETF performance during 2020 pandemic-related market stress highlights new investment possibilities for institutions.



## ESG Moves Mainstream for FI

Integrating ESG within fixed income is now a high priority for a majority of investors in Europe and the US.



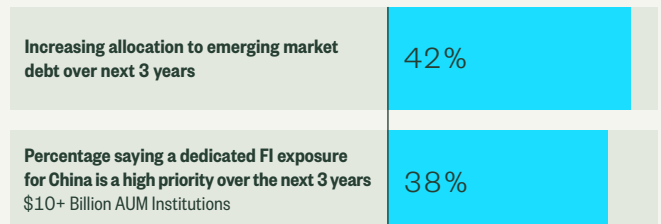
**North American**  
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Percentage saying ESG integration in fixed income is a high priority over the next 3 years.

## China, EM Come Online

Most institutions will maintain or increase EM exposure, and China's entry into key indexes is a rich source of potential.



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