# Fund Distribution Intelligence<sup>™</sup> <u>Q3-2015</u>

ETF assets continued year-on-year growth through Q3

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### ETF sales growth driven by retail channels

Exchange-traded fund (ETF) assets grew by \$144 billion, or 7.4 percent, in the year ending September 30, 2015. During the same period, long-term mutual fund assets from third-party distributors declined by 2.1 percent, or \$156 billion.



Retail channels continued to generate the majority of ETF asset growth, which now represent 63 percent of all ETF assets. While retail ETF channels were up \$150 billion over the past year, or 12.8 percent, ETF assets from institutional channels decreased by \$6 billion, or -0.8 percent.



ETF assets across retail and institutional channels reached \$2,089 billion, with retail channels accounting for 63 percent and institutional channels accounting for 37 percent.



### **RIAs lead retail channels**

Registered investment advisors (RIAs) led all retail channels over the year ending September 30, 2015, adding \$46 billion in ETF assets. This was followed by wirehouses with \$45 billion and independent broker dealers (IBDs) with \$41 billion. ETF growth was weakest in Trust companies which reduced ETF holdings by \$21 billion. The only retail channel with increased assets for long-term mutual funds over this period was the RIA channel with an increase of \$29 billion.



Retail channels increased assets across several ETF global product categories, as defined by Morningstar, including fixed income (23 percent), allocation funds (22 percent), equity (11 percent), and alternative (5 percent). The two ETF categories that saw a decline in assets held by the retail channels were commodities (18 percent), and convertibles ETFs (9 percent). In contrast, all global product categories for long-term funds showed a decrease in assets over this same period.



Long-term funds from retail channels were down by \$199 billion , or -4.2 percent, over the past year, while assets from the institutional channels were up \$43 billion, or 1.7 percent.



## Additional findings in the third quarter of 2015:

On a year-to-date basis, total ETF assets increased by \$5 billion, or 0.2 percent, while long-term funds sold through distributors decreased by \$243 billion, or 3.3 percent.

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