

IPOX® Indexes waver as jump in rates trumps post-earnings Momentum. 🚩

Temporary weakness draws big buyers for IPOX® MENA stock. 🚩

IPOX® International sets two year high as China, Europe rally. 🚩

Douglas, Galderma, Reddit amongst IPOs lined up to debut this week. 🚩

IPOX® PERFORMANCE REVIEW: The big jump in U.S. sovereign and corporate yields (IPOXTD: **-1.00%**) amid stronger-than-expected U.S. inflation numbers trumped post-earnings Momentum during Futures and Options expiration week with the **IPOX® Indexes** trading mixed across global regions. In the U.S., e.g., the **IPOX® 100 U.S.** (ETF: FPX) reversed the previous week's gains to shed **-2.15%** to **+6.56%** YTD, in line with the performance of U.S. small-caps. Most **IPOX® Portfolios** investing across non-U.S. domiciled exposure, however, recorded gains last week. Renewed strength amongst top holdings on upgrades and short covering propelled the **IPOX® China** (CNI) by **+3.22%** to **-4.97%** YTD, e.g., while the **IPOX® Europe** (ETF: FPXE) added **+0.56%** to **+11.85%** YTD, driven by continued strength in European small-caps, strong earnings and takeover enthusiasm. This also benefited the **IPOX® International** (ETF: FPXI) which added **+0.66%** to **+9.43%** YTD, outpacing its (declining) benchmark last week. Amid renewed investor interest for European IPOs with at least two significant deals lined up in Europe, we highlight the superior long-run returns of post- vs. pre- IPO strategies (Exhibit). 🚩

EXHIBIT: PRE- VS. POST IPO EQUITY STRATEGIES LINKED TO EUROPEAN IPOs (1/2019 – 03/2024)



The **IPOX® MENA** (IPEV) portfolio focusing on Middle Eastern deal flow recorded big swings during the week: While muted earnings across a number of companies reporting drove declines towards the beginning of the week, bargain hunting and asset allocation-flows across select **IPOX®** exposure drove the portfolio to yet another record high towards the weekend, adding **+1.25%** to **+14.09%** YTD. Expectations for higher interest rates and some significant declines in key portfolio holdings pressured the **IPOX® Japan** (IPJP) last week.

IPOX® PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS IN FOCUS: The story of the week belonged to renewed optimism for select Chinese equities, underlined by big gains in hard-hit retailer **Miniso Group** (MNSO US: **+15.47%**) and e-commerce behemoth **Pinduoduo** (PDD US: **+12.14%**), for example. Amid the strong momentum for European IPOs, we note more gains for a slew of the most recent deals, including German defense contractor **RENK Group** (R3NK GR: **+13.01%**), Sweden department store operator **Rusta AB** (RUST SS: **+12.44%**), German pharmaceutical glass maker **Schott Pharma** (ISXP GR: **+6.71%**) and Italy's lottery operator P/E-backed **Lottomatica** (LTMC IM: **+8.87%**). Amid attractive valuations and declining momentum for EV firms (TSLA US: **-6.71%**), the traditional European car- and truck makers continued to be bought, including Italian truck maker and European luxury RV/Morelo-linked **Iveco Group** (IVG IM: **+9.38%**), sports car maker **Porsche** (P91I GY: **+7.60%**), truck makers **Daimler Trucks** (DTG GY: **+7.04%**) and **Traton SE** (8TRA GY: **+4.64%**), all **IPOX® Portfolio Holdings** (ETF: FPXE and FPXI). In the **IPOX® 100 U.S.** (ETF: FPX), just 35/100 portfolio holdings rose, with the average (median) stock declining by **-2.06%** (**-1.29%**), slightly outperforming the applied market cap weighted **IPOX® 100 U.S. Index** (ETF: FPX).

SELECT IPOX® INDEXES - PRICE RETURNS	LAST WEEK	YTD	2023
IPOX® INDEXES: GLOBAL/INTERNATIONAL (%)			
IPOX® Global Super Liquid (IPGL50) (USD)	-0.91	9.62	13.16
IPOX® International (IPXI) (USD) (ETF: FPXI)	0.66	9.43	9.06
IPOX® INDEXES: NORTH AMERICA (%)			
IPOX® U.S. Composite (IPXC)	-1.26	5.68	17.42
IPOX® 100 U.S. (IPXO)* (USD) (ETF: FPX)†	-2.15	6.56	21.93
IPOX® SPAC (SPAC) (USD)	0.16	0.06	22.94
IPOX® Canada Opportunities (ICDX)	-0.95	9.04	7.25
IPOX® INDEXES: EUROPE/NORDIC/MIDDLE EAST (%)			
IPOX® Europe (IPOE) (USD) (ETF: FPXE)†	0.56	11.85	13.22
IPOX® Nordic Core (IPND) (EUR)	-0.33	9.83	18.50
IPOX® MENA (IPEV) (USD)	1.25	14.09	17.19
IPOX® INDEXES: ASIA-PACIFIC/CHINA (%)			
IPOX® China Core (CNI) (USD)	3.22	-4.97	-4.18
IPOX® Japan (IPJP) (JPY)	-3.88	9.21	13.64
THEMATIC IPOX® INDEXES (%)			
IPOX® Health Innovation (IPII) (USD)	-2.95	3.03	3.93
IPOX® U.S. ESG (IPXT) (USD)	-1.85	13.62	25.87
GINDEX® GROWTH INFUSION INDEXES (%)			
GINDEX® U.S. (GNDX) (USD)	-1.77	2.14	20.19
GINDEX® International (GNDXI) (USD)	-0.43	4.39	10.22
IPOX® BOND INDEXES (%)			
IPOX® AGGREGATE (IPOXTD) (USD)	-1.00	-1.27	n/a

*Basis for CME-traded e-mini **IPOX® 100 U.S. Futures** (IPOH4). †Also available in UCITS format in Europe in EUR (EFFX IM), USD (IPXE LN), and GBP (FPX LN/FPXE LN). 2023 returns for GNDXI and IPII are from 3/17/23 (live launch). The **IPOX® Aggregate Bond Index** (IPOXTD) had two sub-indices, including the **IPOX® Investment Grade Bond Index** (IPXULQD) and **IPOX® High Yield Bond Index** (IPXUHYG).

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IPO ACTIVITY AND OUTLOOK: While no sizable international IPOs listed in accessible markets, next week is set to be very active with several large profile deals, totaling \$12 billion – the highest deal flow volume since September 2022.

In the U.S., deals include Intel-backed connectivity chip maker **Astera Labs** (ALAB US, \$534m) on the Nasdaq on 3/20, while long-awaited social media platform **Reddit** (RDDT US, \$6.5b) and LATAM-focused healthcare services company **Auna** (AUNA US, \$420m) will list on the NYSE 3/21.

In Europe, German beauty retailer **Douglas** (DOU GR, \$1.06b) is set to list in Frankfurt on 3/21, while Swiss dermatology company **Galderma** (GALD SW, \$2.62b) will list on the SIX Swiss Exchange on 3/22 – the largest European IPO since carmaker **Porsche** (P91I GR, \$9b) in September 2022.

Asia will see Chinese pharmaceuticals company **Qyuns Therapeutics** (2509 HK, \$31m) and chemicals fertilizer company **Migao Group** (9879 HK, \$124m), both listing in Hong Kong on 3/20 and 3/21, respectively. Japanese retail company **Trial Holdings** (141A JP, \$258m) will list in Tokyo on 3/21, the largest Japan IPO since **Kokusai Electric** (6525 JP, \$844m) in 9/2023.

Lastly, in the Middle East, Dubai's parking business **Parkin** (PARKIN UH, \$429m), will list on the Dubai Financial Market on 3/21. The offer has been oversubscribed 165 times, signaling the continuing enthusiasm in the region.

Last week, several firms released details on their upcoming IPO plans, e.g.: 1) European private equity giant **CVC Capital** seeks May listing. 2) **Vista Equity** plans IPO for U.S. software firm **Solera** by year end. 3) Tech firm **Ingram Micro** seeks \$8b valuation. 4) U.S. healthcare startup **Tempus** hires Morgan Stanley for IPO. 5) Intel-backed **Horizon Robotics** plans \$500m raise in Hong Kong. 6) Messaging service **Telegram** and trading platform **eToro** mull U.S. listings. 🚩

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