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Inflows into equity-based ISAs look set to grow in line with the rise in numbers of people expecting to contribute to an ISA and with improved stock market performance.

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