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Portfolio Managers Market Commentary

Having started the year well, global equity markets weakened through February as fears surrounding the new US administration's policy agenda weighed on corporate and consumer confidence. Global equities fell -1.9%, in GBP terms, driven lower by losses across the US.

The US technology sector exhibited particular weakness, with falling momentum and lingering concerns around competition in artificial intelligence (AI) leading the Nasdaq index to close the month down -5.0%. Other sectors, however, provided better returns, evidence of the continued rotation in leadership within the US market.

Outside the US, regional equity returns were more varied. While movements in the yen weighed on performance from Japanese equities, the FTSE 100 gained, adding 1.6%. Broad European equities rose 2.3%, continuing their strong run of form, with a weaker euro and optimism around potential ECB rate cuts helping stimulate growth.

Chinese equities also performed well, as investor sentiment continued to edge up following government announcements of further policy support, in addition to new-found positivity relating to the region's technology and AI stocks. Weakness in the US dollar added a further tailwind to emerging market stocks.

Across bond markets, weakness in US sentiment and concerns over the region's growth outlook led to a drop in yields, as investors moved to predict a faster pace of interest rate cuts. US Treasuries outperformed, gaining 2.1%, with the changing risk backdrop leading broad government bond indices to outperform their corporate counterparts for the first time in some months.

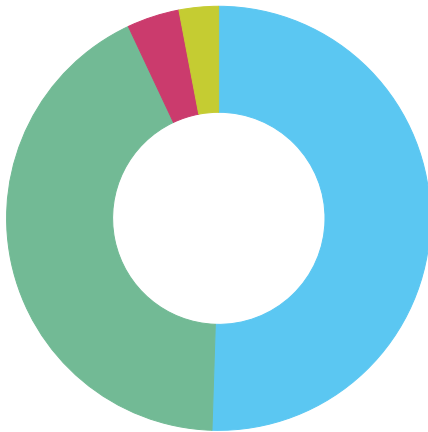
Across alternative assets, the prospect of falling real yields buoyed returns from gold, which pushed out to reach a new all-time high. Real estate assets also benefitted from falling bond yields.

Against this backdrop the portfolios posted losses, with lower risk models outperforming their higher risk counterparts. Allocations to US equities weighed heavily on returns, albeit our holding in the L&G S&P 500 US Equal Weight Index added value, as compared to the broad HSBC American Index. Overall, we benefitted from our underweight to the US versus all other equity regions. Holdings in global real estate and global infrastructure assets also added value, while all our fixed income funds posted gains.

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Asset Allocation

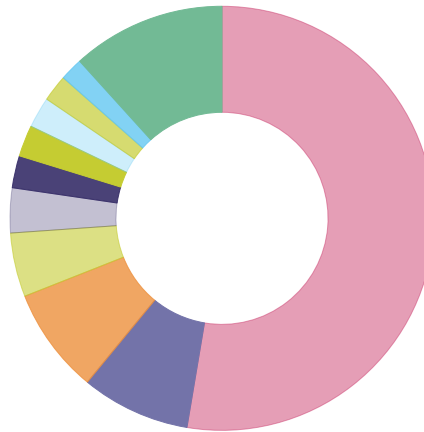
Portfolio Date: 16/12/2024



	%
Equities	50.5
Fixed Income	42.5
Alternatives	4.0
Cash	3.0
Total	100.0

Equity Breakdown

Portfolio Date: 28/02/2025



	%
United States	52.6
United Kingdom	8.3
Japan	8.1
Taiwan	4.9
China	3.4
Australia	2.4
South Korea	2.4
India	2.4
Switzerland	2.0
France	1.8
Other	11.7
Total	100.0

Portfolio Breakdown

	Sub Asset Class	Portfolio Weighting %
Equities	—	50.5
HSBC American Index C Acc	US Equity	17.5
Vanguard Glb S/T Bd Idx Ins PI £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	7.0
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx Ins PI £ Acc	Emerging Markets Equity	6.0
L&G S&P 500 US Equal Wght Idx C GBP Acc	US Equity	5.0
Vanguard FTSE UKAllShrIdxUnitTrInsPI£Acc	UK Equity	4.0
HSBC European Index Accumulation C	European Equity	3.8
HSBC Pacific Index S Acc	Asia Pacific Equity	3.8
HSBC Japan Index S Acc	Japanese Equity	3.5
Fixed Income	—	42.5
Vanguard Glb Bd Idx Ins PI £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	10.0
Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx Ins PI £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	9.0
Vanguard UK Invm Grd Bd Idx Ins PI £ Acc	UK Corporate Bonds	9.0
Vanguard Glb S/T Corp Bd Idx Ins PI£HAcc	Global Fixed Income	7.0
L&G Global Inflation Linked Bd Idx C Acc	Index Linked Bonds	2.5
Vanguard Glb Small-Cp Idx Ins PI £ Acc	Global Fixed Income	2.5
Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx Ins PI £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	2.5
Alternatives	—	4.0
L&G Global Infrastructure Index C Acc	Lower Risk Alternatives	2.0
L&G Global Real Estate Div Index C Acc	Property	2.0
Cash	—	3.0
BlackRock ICS Sterling Liq Premier Acc	Cash & Money Market	2.8
CASH	Cash & Money Market	0.3

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Target Market

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Type of investors: Given the nature of non-complex UCITS funds the service is suitable for retail investors, professional clients and eligible counterparties. The service is predominantly designed for the use of retail investors.

Investors' knowledge and experience: Investors with basic, informed or advanced knowledge and experience of capital markets and investment risks and of funds and their characteristics.

Clients' financial situation with a focus on the ability to bear losses: Investors have a tolerance to fluctuations in capital invested and potential capital loss.

Clients' risk tolerance and compatibility of the risk/reward profile of the product with the target market: Due to the volatility of the markets in which the service may invest e.g. equity, bond and property markets the service has a risk and reward profile that is compatible with clients who have a risk tolerance aligned to the Investment Aim of the portfolio. Investors should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of possible higher returns.

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