

Santander AM Euro Equity

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Fund commentary

January was a strong start of the year for almost every equity markets, with the MSCI World rising 3.36%. This solid beginning was mainly driven by three factors: the tariffs announced so far by the Trump administration were lower than expected, the ECB's rate cut, and strong Q4 earnings from U.S. and European companies.

Within this strong performance, developed markets significantly outperformed emerging markets (3.53% vs. 1.79%), mainly due to the weak performance of the Chinese market, which fell 2.78% in January, and the strong performance of European indices.

In this environment, European indices had an excellent start to the year, with the EuroStoxx 50 and Stoxx 600 rising 8.10% and 6.25%, respectively and the MSCI Euro up by 7.27%

By sector in Eurozone, Banks (+10.94%), Healthcare (9.74%), Consumer Prod & Serv (9.60%) and Telecom (8.10%) were the top-performing sectors. While Food, Bev & Tob (0.89%), Travel & Leisure (1.60%), Utilities (2.98%) and Real Estate (3.51%) were the weakest, although all sectors ended the month in positive territory.

During the month of January Santander Euro Equity had a strong positive absolute return but underperformed its benchmark MSCI EMU Net Total Return

Sector allocation was neutral, positive contribution being long banks and telecoms and short basic materials and industrials. Negative contribution being long utilities and consumer staples.

Negative performance on the stock selection side, main contributors included being long Linde, Shell, Heidelberg Materials, Gea, Airbus, Deutsche Telekom, Fresenius, Banco de Santander, Unicredito, Intesa, Ryanair, UMG and Adidas. Main detractors were Getlink, Prosus as well as being short Basf, Air Liquide, Ahold, Bayer, Sanofi, Wolters Kluwer, LVMH and the defence names (Safran, Rheinmetal).

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During the month of January, we sold the position in Getlink and JDPeet and bought Siemens Healthineers.

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