

Santander Multi Index Substance

2 / 2024

Fund commentary

Shares had a strong February, with company earnings and economic data releases driving most of the returns. The US, Japan, and Emerging Markets especially outperformed, whilst Europe still had positive returns. Bonds however struggled as yields spiked in the first week of the month. This was on the back of investors reducing their expectations of Central Bank interest rate cuts over 2024.

In terms of asset allocation, the portfolio went overweight shares by increasing exposure in Europe, the US and Japan. This is with the belief that the less aggressive rate cut expectation in the market more aligns with our view. Bonds in Europe and the US were sold to fund these share purchases, however we remain overweight in bonds overall. The portfolio also switched some shorter duration corporate bonds into longer duration corporate bonds, as the rise in yields during the month made it cheaper to buy these bonds that we believe will add value over the long-term.

Absolute performance over the month was slightly positive due to shares returns. The large bond allocation in this lower-risk portfolio detracted some of the returns this month, however the portfolio is positioned with the belief that yields will fall over the longer horizon so bonds will offer attractive returns in the future. The change in expectations of Central Bank rate cuts has allowed us to become more optimistic on shares.

This document has been prepared by Santander Asset Management Luxembourg S.A. in relation to one or more Luxembourg undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities ("UCITS") under its management, under and in accordance with the UCITS Directive, and is provided solely in confidence for the recipient for the specific purpose of evaluating a potential investment or an existing investment in a UCITS managed by Santander Asset Management Luxembourg S.A.

This document is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus of the UCITS and to the key information document ("KID") or for UK investors the key investor information document ("KIID") before making any final investment decisions, purchasing or converting shares or redeeming investments, together with the list of countries where the UCITS is registered for sale, available at www.santanderassetmanagement.lu or via authorized intermediaries in your country of residence.

This document is intended to provide information that summarizes the main characteristics of the UCITS and under no circumstances constitutes a contractual agreement or an information document required by any legislative provision. It is not a recommendation, personalized investment advice, an offer or solicitation to buy or sell any shares in the UCITS described in this document. Likewise, the distribution of this document to a client, or to a third party, should not be regarded as a provision or an offer of investment advisory services.

The UCITS described in this document may not be notified and registered for marketing in all EEA Member States under the UCITS Directive marketing passport and Santander Asset Management Luxembourg S.A. and/or the UCITS has the right to terminate the arrangements made for marketing of the UCITS in certain jurisdictions and to certain investors in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including the UCITS Directive provisions.

It has not been proven that the data contained in this document meet marketing requirements of all countries of sale. The UCITS described in this document may not be eligible for sale or distribution in certain jurisdictions or to certain categories or types of investors. This UCITS may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold to or for the benefit of a United States Person under FATCA regulation (Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act), in line with the selling restrictions of the prospectus of the UCITS.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations relative to the respective investors' currency.

Investment in the UCITS may be subject to investment risks, including but not limited to, market risk, credit risk, issuer and counterparty risk, liquidity risk, foreign currency risk and, where applicable, risks pertaining to emerging markets. Additionally, if the funds hold investments in hedge funds, real estate funds, commodities and private equity, it should be noted that these can be subject to valuation and operational risks inherent in this type of assets and markets as well as the risk of fraud or risk derived from investing in unregulated or unsupervised markets or unlisted assets. Complete information on the risks can be found in the relevant "Risk Factors" section of the UCITS prospectus and KID (or KIID for UK investors), which should be consulted and read by the investors.

This UCITS has a prospectus (which is drafted in English), a KID (drafted in English and other languages depending on the country of registration of the UCITS) and a KIID for UK investors (drafted in English), which can be obtained from www.santanderassetmanagement.lu

For product information, please contact Santander Asset Management Luxembourg S.A. (43, Avenue John F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg - Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), management company of the UCITS under the supervision of the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF). The depositary and administrator of the UCITS is JP Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch (6, route de Treves, L-2633 Senningerberg - Grand Duchy of Luxembourg).

Prior to investment in the UCITS it is advisable that the investor seeks personalized advice regarding taxation as it depends on the individual circumstances of each investor and may change in the future.

Investors can obtain a summary of investor rights in English from www.santanderassetmanagement.lu

Information herein is believed to be reliable. Santander Asset Management Luxembourg S.A. assumes no responsibility for any use of the information contained herein.

© Santander Asset Management Luxembourg S.A. All Rights Reserved.