

IFSL Equilibrium Global Equity Portfolio

Each month we provide factsheets for the IFSL Equilibrium funds which give details of the holdings as at the end of the month, together with market commentary.

In addition to this, each quarter we provide more detailed analysis of the holdings, focusing on what has been performing well and what has been underperforming.

Key

- A = Alternatives
- C = Cash
- DR = Defined Returns

EQ = Equities

- FI = Fixed Interest
- RA = Assets

CPI = Consumer Price Index (inflation)

Asset allocation changes

The table below shows our current allocation compared to three months and 12 months ago, the changes are highlighted from dark green to dark red in terms of largest increase to largest decrease.

Asset	Current %	3 months ago %	3 month change %	12 months ago %	12 month change %
Cash	0.3	0.9	-0.6	0.5	-0.2
Fixed Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Real Assets	7.6	10.5	-3.0	9.7	-2.2
Defined Returns	6.7	6.7	0.0	8.3	-1.6
Alternatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	-1.3
Equity	85.5	81.9	3.6	80.2	5.3

Recent fund changes

The tables below show any significant changes we have made to the holdings in the portfolio over the quarter.

Significant increased positions

Asset class	Fund	Current %	3 months ago %	3 month change %
EQ	iShares NASDAQ 100 ETF	2.40	-	2.40
EQ	HSBC MSCI China ETF	2.36	-	2.36
EQ	Royal London Global Equity Select	5.67	3.57	2.09
EQ	Schroder Global Recovery	5.94	4.48	1.46
EQ	Miton UK Multi Cap Income	5.41	4.26	1.15

Significant decreased positions

Asset class	Fund	Current %	3 months ago %	3 month change %
EQ	Baillie Gifford Japan	-	4.64	-4.64
А	Foresight Global Real Infrastructure	3.50	5.03	-1.53
А	Legg Mason Clearbridge Global Infrastructure	4.06	5.50	-1.44

Source: Equilibrium Investment Management LLP / Thomson Reuters Eikon. These figures are indicative. Note that contribution is not simply a function of average position x return since this does not take into account of sales and purchases made during the period. The column "12 month return" shows the return since the position was held, if that is less than a full 12 months. Contributions calculated before fees.



Contribution to return by sector

The table below shows each of our asset classes and the equity regions we invest in. It breaks down the average exposure, the return for the asset class over the period we have been invested and the contribution to the overall portfolio return over three months and 12 months.

	3 months			12 months		
Asset	Average weight %	Asset class return %	Contribution to return %	Average weight %	Asset class return %	Contribution to return %
Cash	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0
Fixed Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Assets	9.0	-2.7	-0.3	9.8	7.6	0.7
Defined Returns	6.7	-3.3	-0.2	7.6	5.0	0.4
Alternatives	-	-	-	0.8	5.2	0.1
Equity	83.8	-11.1	-9.2	81.0	-19.4	-16.2
Overall Portfolio			-10.6			-15.2

Asset class portfolio return and contribution to return calculations use daily positions and don't take into consideration charges, aggregated contribution to returns may not equal overall portfolio return.

	3 months			12 months		
Regional equity portfolio	Average weight %	Equity region return %	Contribution to return %	Average weight %	Equity region return %	Contribution to return %
UK Equity	17.3	-8.9	-1.6	16.8	-18.0	-3.1
Global Developed	36.5	-12.7	-4.6	33.3	-16.6	-5.7
Global Emerging	23.5	-2.6	-0.6	24.2	-18.7	-4.7
Private Equity	6.5	-33.7	-2.4	6.7	-37.6	-2.7
Vol Trade	-	-	-	-	-	-



Top and bottom contributors to return

The tables below show the top and bottom five contributors to return over the past three and 12 months, it breaks down the average exposure, the return over the holding period and the contribution to the overall portfolio return.

Top five contributors over three months

Asset class	Asset	Average weight %	Current weight %	Holding return %	Contribution to return %
EQ	Allianz China A-Shares	6.3	6.5	9.4	0.6
EQ	HSBC MSCI China ETF	0.2	2.4	5.1	0.1
С	U K Pound	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0
DR	Credit Suisse FTSE/S&P Defined Return Jan18	0.4	0.4	-4.7	0.0
DR	JPM FTSE Defined return Sep18	0.7	0.9	-1.9	0.0

Bottom five contributors over three months

Asset class	Asset	Average weight %	Current weight %	Holding return %	Contribution to return %
EQ	Baillie Gifford American	3.9	4.1	-32.4	-1.3
EQ	Chrysalis Investments Ltd	2.4	2.0	-40.3	-1.1
EQ	Miton European Opportunities	5.3	5.3	-16.6	-0.9
EQ	HG Capital Trust Ord Shs	3.3	3.0	-24.3	-0.9
EQ	Miton UK Value Opportunities	7.9	8.0	-11.3	-0.8

Top five contributors over 12 months

Asset class	Asset	Average weight %	Current weight %	Holding return %	Contribution to return %
А	Legg Mason Clearbridge Global Infrastructure	3.3	4.1	16.4	0.4
EQ	Schroder Global Recovery	6.0	5.9	4.5	0.3
EQ	Chelverton UK Equity Growth	1.1	0.0	3.0	0.2
А	Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure	1.4	0.0	8.2	0.2
DR	BNP Paribas FTSE Autocall Jan 2020	0.7	0.0	11.6	0.1

Bottom five contributors over 12 months

Asset class	Asset	Average weight %	Current weight %	Holding return %	Contribution to return %
EQ	Baillie Gifford American	3.2	4.1	-55.1	-2.1
EQ	Chrysalis Investments Ltd	2.8	2.0	-58.5	-2.0
EQ	Invesco China Equity Fund	3.5	0.0	-32.9	-1.7
EQ	Miton UK Value Opportunities	8.0	8.0	-21.7	-1.7
EQ	Federated Hermes Emerging Market SMID	5.9	5.9	-21.0	-1.3

Portfolio commentary

Based on the news headlines you would think there is very little good news around at present!

Rising inflation, weakening economic data, interest rate increases and geopolitical conflict are weighing on consumer and business confidence. Against this backdrop it has indeed been a difficult time for investors as the slowdown in consumption and the higher interest rate environment is evaluated and factored into market prices.

However, generally speaking corporate earnings and margins remain robust. For example, on average there was

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a 6.6% increase in first quarter earnings for S&P 500 Index companies and forward profit guidance remaining stable. This leaves equities looking better value in our view, as earnings increase but prices have fallen.

With inflation data being driven higher by the volatile energy and food components we have seen an aggressive raising of interest rate expectations.

This volatility has provided opportunity. For example, in equity it has allowed us to increase US Technology and Chinese equity exposure following some weakness.

Our holding of the Allianz China A Shares Fund was our best contributor over the quarter as markets looked to an economic rebound following covid restrictions along with some loosening monetary policy.

Over the last 12 months the biggest change to asset allocation has been a small increase in equity from real assets and defined returns, following a period of weakness we feel the risk and reward is now higher to the upside. Our best performing fund over the last 12 months was the Clearbridge Global Infrastructure fund. Infrastructure benefits from predictable and stable inflation-linked cash flows that have benefitted from the rising inflation environment and the structural tailwind of renewable energy amid surging commodity prices.

The biggest detractors of performance have been the growth oriented and smaller company holdings. In particular the Baillie Gifford American and Chrysalis Investment Funds have come under pressure as bond yields have risen following an exceptional period of performance for the sector.

Looking forward, we think most of the major asset classes now look much better value than a few months ago, generally trading at much more attractive valuations. Whilst volatility might continue for some time, we think the long term potential returns therefore look very positive.

Performance

Rolling total returns

	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Fund	-10.63%	-16.05%	-15.16%	-	-
CPI	-9.93%	-14.39%	8.65%	-	-

Further reading

For holdings and market commentary as at the end of the month, please see our **latest monthly factsheets**. Attribution analysis is for indication only.

Risk information

All data is from 30 June 2022 and provided by Equilibrium Investment Management LLP unless otherwise stated. The views expressed herein should not be taken as statements of fact or relied upon when making investment decisions.

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