



AB Low Volatility Equity Portfolio

Market Overview

- Global equities climbed in July despite an increase in market volatility. Favorable inflation and mixed economic newsflow raised hopes that the US Federal Reserve would begin to cut interest rates as soon as September.
- The MSCI World Index rose by 1.8% in July, bringing year-to-date gains to 13.7% (all returns in US-dollar terms).
- The European Central Bank (ECB) left interest rates unchanged in July, but comments by ECB President Christine Lagarde described the risks to growth as “tilted to the downside,” suggesting the possibility of a second rate cut in September.
- By the end of July, more than half of the companies in the S&P 500 Index had delivered their second-quarter results. Data showed that more than 75% reported positive earnings surprises, although the scale of those surprises was below average levels. However, investors were unsettled by the results from several US technology giants, which prompted a market shift from growth-oriented stocks to smaller and value-focused companies.

Portfolio Performance (as of 31/7/2024)

	Month to Date	Year to Date	Since Inception 11/12/2012 (Annualized)
Class A USD (NAV)	2.08%	12.72%	10.02%
Charges Applied (4%)	-2.00%	8.22%	9.63%

- During the month, key contributors to the Portfolio's performance included a below-benchmark weighting in NVIDIA, whose share price, and those of other artificial intelligence (AI)-related companies, fell amid investor scrutiny of these firms' second-quarter earnings data. At the same time, better-than-expected earnings numbers boosted **UnitedHealth Group**. Meanwhile, **Constellation Software** added value as investors anticipated the release of robust second-quarter results in early August.
- Less positively, **Novo Nordisk** dipped when analysis showed that a competitor's obesity drug was delivering better results than its own medicine. **Merck** also detracted following news of weak vaccine sales, and **Logitech International** slipped amid concerns about economic uncertainty and weakening consumer demand.

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- Looking ahead, equity returns are expected to broaden beyond the concentrated gains seen among US tech giants. We anticipate that a wider range of companies will likely drive equity returns as earnings growth forecasts improve across the market.
- Besides AI, growth opportunities exist in other sectors such as healthcare, cloud computing, fintech, and European industrials.
- We think earnings will face continued headwinds due to limited pricing power, sticky inflation, and slowing GDP growth, while geopolitical risks from ongoing conflicts and political changes could fuel volatility.
- Despite these challenges, a soft landing for the global economy is anticipated while the US continues to outperform, with growth holding up well. Furthermore, the US labor market has exceeded our expectations, which makes a case for slower rate cuts in the US than elsewhere.

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