

JPMorgan Investment Funds – Global Income Fund

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Topline

Markets – April proved to be a tough month for both equities and fixed income, with corrections and consolidations in evidence across most markets. The MSCI World Index returned -3.2% in local-currency terms, and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate (EUR Hedged) Index returned -1.8%. A combination of unexpectedly high US inflation data and first-quarter US GDP that, while weak on first glance, showed resilient private demand, fueled fears that central banks will not ease monetary policy as quickly as previously hoped.

Helped – European equities.

Hurt – Global equities, US high yield bonds, and US government bonds.

Outlook – An environment of moderating growth and inflation, interest rate cuts and continued low volatility supports a risk-on stance. As any investor will attest, markets can overextend at times; it's possible we may see some evidence of this pattern in stocks over the short term.

Fund Overview

Investment objective

To provide regular income by investing primarily in a portfolio of income generating securities, globally, and through the use of derivatives.

Month in Review

- **Our conviction in equities remains moderate.** We broadly maintained our allocation over the month but continued to make some tactical changes. Within US equities, we rotated our allocation from S&P futures to Nasdaq futures. The US economy has so far delivered a combination of stronger-than-expected growth and volatile inflation that we expect will continue to make bumpy progress towards the Federal Reserve's 2% objective.
- **The equity portion of the portfolio detracted** to April's overall performance. Our allocation to European equities marginally contributed. In a difficult month for the asset class, European equities had contributed more in comparison to their US counterparts. Improved growth prospects and inflation dynamics in the region were able to partially compensate for the headwinds of higher-for-longer interest rates and geopolitical risk.
- **Contributions from emerging market equities were muted** but contributed. Increased investor interest in low-valued Chinese equities helped. Elsewhere, our allocation to global equities detracted from performance.
- **The fixed income portion of the portfolio detracted** from overall performance, largely driven by our allocation to duration, expressed via US 10-year Treasury futures. We trimmed our duration by 0.25 years via US 10-year Treasury futures in the month. We hold a cautious stance on duration, as although yields are at the upper end of their recent range, sticky inflation represents a risk, and a shallow cutting cycle means yields may decline slower than previously expected.
- **Our allocation to high yield and investment grade credit** detracted over the month, as rate moves have impacted the asset class. However, investor appetite for new supply remains strong.
- **Our allocation to emerging market debt also detracted.** However, we believe corporate balance sheets look strong across most of the emerging markets.
- **Within hybrids, our allocation to preferred equities** and convertibles both detracted from overall performance.

Looking Ahead

- **We believe an environment of moderating growth** and inflation, interest rate cuts and continued low volatility supports a risk-on stance.
- **As any investor will attest, markets can overextend at times;** we may see some evidence of this pattern in stocks in the short term.
- **Nevertheless, we maintain high conviction that we are** in an environment that is broadly supportive for risk-taking, and so continue to look for opportunities within equities.
- **We have maintained a neutral stance on duration** and within credit favour shorter-dated US high yield bonds, non-agency mortgages and securitised debt.

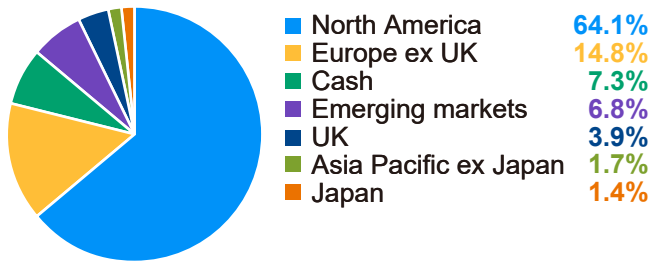
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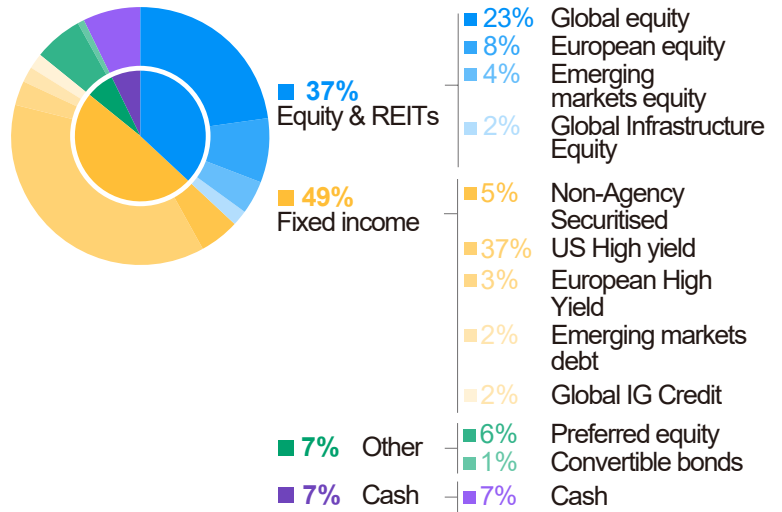
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Regional breakdown (%)



Asset class breakdown (%)



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