

# JPMorgan Investment Funds – Global Macro Opportunities Fund

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## Topline

**Markets** – Global equity and bond markets rallied amid further evidence of disinflation in the US and growth remaining around trend, while political developments drove divergences across regions. The MSCI World Index and the JPM Global GBI rose 2.3% and 0.7% respectively (hedged to euro).

**Helped** – Long digital transformation, cloud computing, semiconductor manufacturers equity, short US duration and short European banks via equity futures.

**Hurt** – Short US large-cap equity and long Japanese yen.

**Outlook** – US disinflation, alongside slowing growth momentum, has reduced the risk of upward inflation surprises from here. We retain modestly negative net equity exposure, amid moderating global growth momentum, elevated political uncertainty and narrow market leadership. As data evolves, the volatility in the pricing of central bank paths is creating more opportunities in fixed income.

## Fund Overview

### Investment objective

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation in excess of its cash benchmark<sup>1</sup> by investing primarily in securities, globally, using derivatives where appropriate.

## Month in Review

- **Global equity and bond markets rallied** amid further evidence of disinflation in the US and growth remaining around trend, while political developments drove divergences across regions. The MSCI World Index and the JPM Global GBI rose 2.3% and 0.7% respectively (hedged to euro).
- **US inflation moved lower** in the latest data, adding to our conviction that disinflation is reasserting itself, and we moved our US inflation cycle view to slowdown. Moreover, growth momentum in the US softened, as indicated by consumption data and consumer confidence, reducing the potential for upward pressure from here. We trimmed our long US dollar exposure and introduced long Japanese yen and long sterling, in part to reflect the lower likelihood of an environment of US exceptionalism.
- **Disinflation coupled with slowing but healthy US growth** supported risk assets, albeit with sector and regional divergences. Our long equity strategies added value, particularly names across digital transformation, cloud computing and semiconductor manufacturers (semis). We took profit on some of our semis exposure after a period of strong performance and added to existing and new software names which had lagged. While our long equity delivered contributions, our short US equity derivative detracted some of these gains.
- **European growth remained meagre and political risk rose.** President Macron's decision to call snap elections after the European Parliamentary outcome sparked fears about political uncertainty. European equity sold off, benefiting our short European banks strategy, which we reduced, and provided the opportunity to add select names at good levels. Increased political risk added to our conviction to remain short European equity overall via put options. Following the news, global bond yields rose and we took profit on our short US duration strategy.

## Looking Ahead

- **US disinflation alongside slowing growth momentum** reduces the risk of upward inflation surprises from here, and we expect at least one US interest rate cut this autumn, but the pace of further cuts remains data dependent. The volatility in pricing of central bank paths globally is creating opportunities in fixed income, and we added short Japanese duration with a view that the market is underpricing the Bank of Japan's rate hiking path.
- **With ongoing concerns about the domestic backdrop in China and Europe,** we are expressing growth divergence through currency. We also favour long high carry emerging market currencies. We retain negative net equity amid moderating global growth momentum, elevated political uncertainty and narrow market leadership.

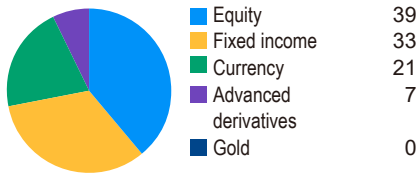
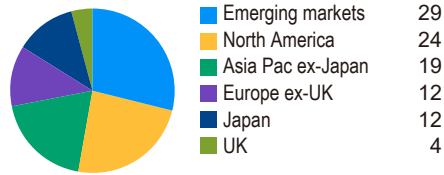
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<sup>1</sup> ICE 1 Month EUR LIBOR

Source: Fund related information and market commentary – J.P. Morgan Asset Management, other market data – various public sources. Data is as of date of the commentary unless stated otherwise. Diversification does not guarantee positive returns or eliminate risks of loss.

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**Asset class risk (%)****Regional risk (%)**

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