HSBC Asset Management

HSBC OpenFunds

World Selection - Conservative Portfolio

Monthly report 31 March 2024 | Share class Inc C

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide growth in line with its risk profile in the long term, which is a period of five years or more. The Fund's risk profile is rated as 2 where 1 is a lower level of risk and 5 is a higher level of risk. Please see the Prospectus for an explanation of the HSBC risk levels.

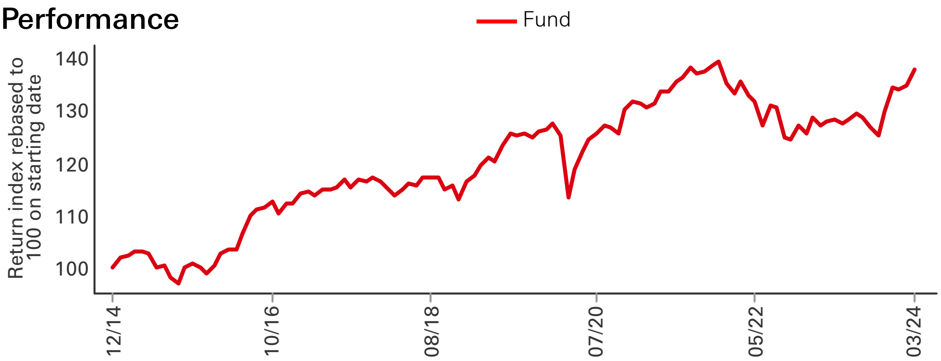
Investment strategy

This is one of a range of actively managed World Selection Portfolios offered at different risk levels. The asset allocation of each fund in the range reflects the risk level. The Fund is managed with the aim of maximising returns in line with its agreed long term risk profile therefore any potential returns are likely to be limited by the risk profile of the Fund. The exposure to each asset class may be achieved by investing in collective investment schemes, investing directly in asset classes and investing in derivatives. The Fund is not managed with reference to a benchmark.

Main risks

- The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- Where overseas investments are held the rate of currency exchange may cause the value of such investments to go down as well as up.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless. The value of investible securities can change over time due to a wide variety of factors, including but not limited to: political and economic news, government policy, changes in demographics, cultures and populations, natural or human-caused disasters etc.

Performance



Share class details

Key metrics	
NAV per share	**GBP 1.20**
Performance 1 month	**2.19%**
Sharpe ratio 3 years	**-0.19**
Fund facts	
UCITS V compliant	**No**
UK reporting fund status (UKRS)	**No**
ISA eligible	**Yes**
Dividend treatment	**Distributing**
Distribution frequency	**Semi-Annually**
Dividend ex-date	**16 October 2023**
Dividend yield[1]	**1.71%**
Last paid dividend	**0.013400**
Dealing frequency	**Daily**
Valuation time	**12:00 United Kingdom**
Share class base currency	**GBP**
Domicile	**United Kingdom**
Inception date	**4 December 2014**
Fund size	**GBP 1,274,332,380**
Managers	**Nicholas McLoughlin**
Fees and expenses	
Minimum initial investment[2]	**GBP 1,000,000**
Ongoing charge figure[3]	**0.680%**
Codes	
ISIN	**GB00BQ15ZG67**
Bloomberg ticker	**HWSCPCD LN**
SEDOL	**BQ15ZG6**

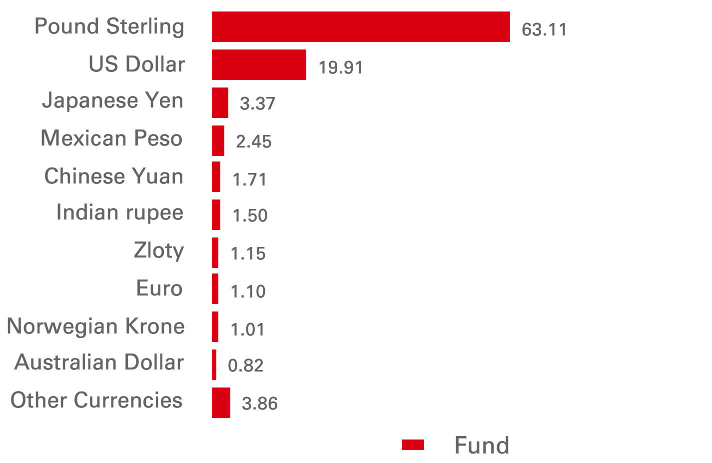
[1]Dividend Yield: represents the ratio of distributed income over the last 12 months to the fund's current Net Asset Value.
[2]Please note that initial minimum subscription may vary across different distributors
[3]Ongoing Charges Figure is an estimate due to a change of fee structure.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The figures are calculated in the share class base currency, dividend reinvested, net of fees.
This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus and to the KID before making any final investment decisions.
For definition of terms, please refer to the Glossary QR code and Prospectus.
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	10 years ann	Since inception ann
Inc C	**2.61**	**2.19**	**2.61**	**8.76**	**7.75**	**1.60**	**2.90**	**--**	**3.46**

Rolling performance (%)	31/03/23-31/03/24	31/03/22-31/03/23	31/03/21-31/03/22	31/03/20-31/03/21	31/03/19-31/03/20	31/03/18-31/03/19	31/03/17-31/03/18	31/03/16-31/03/17	31/03/15-31/03/16	31/03/14-31/03/15
Inc C	**7.75**	**-5.74**	**3.25**	**15.74**	**-4.94**	**5.06**	**-0.94**	**11.54**	**-0.48**	**--**

Currency Allocation (%)



Asset allocation (%)	Fund
Global Equity	**33.55**
Global Government Bond	28.23
Global Corporate Bond	15.03
Global High Yield Bonds	1.24
Global Asset Backed Bonds	2.48
Emerging Market Debt - Hard Currency	1.63
Emerging Market Debt - Local Currency	3.86
Global Inflation Linked Bonds	2.48
Property	**1.26**
Style Factors	**2.42**
Trend Following	**2.46**
Commodities	**2.22**
Cash/Liquidity	1.32
Listed Infrastructure	1.81

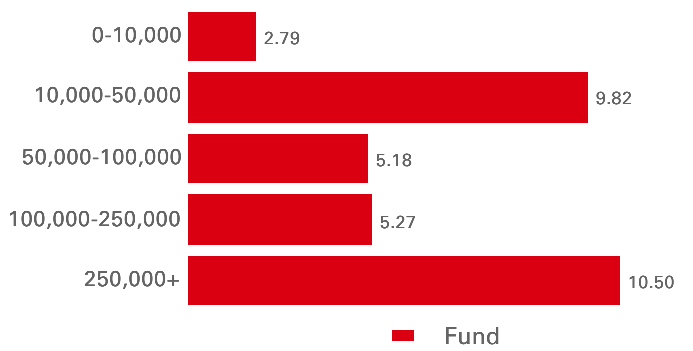
Top 10 holdings	Weight (%)
HSBC GIF Global Govt Bd ZQ1	24.90
HSBC GIF Global Corp Bd ZQ1	15.03
HSBC FTSE All-World Index Instl Acc	9.21
HSBC American Index Institutional Acc	7.24
HSBC Multi Factor Worldwide Eq ETF	5.43
iShares Edge MSCI USA Qual Fac ETF $Dist	2.77
HSBC GIF Global Infl Lnkd Bd ZQ1	2.48
HSBC GIF Global IG Sec Credit Bd ZC	2.48
HSBC GIF Multi-Asset Style Factors ZC	2.42
HSBC GIF Global EM Local Dbt ZQ1	2.01

Past performance does not predict future returns. The figures are calculated in the share class base currency, dividend reinvested, net of fees.
The data displayed in above sections is shown on a look-through basis. This means that the fund may not directly hold these securities and the investment in these securities may be via other funds.
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

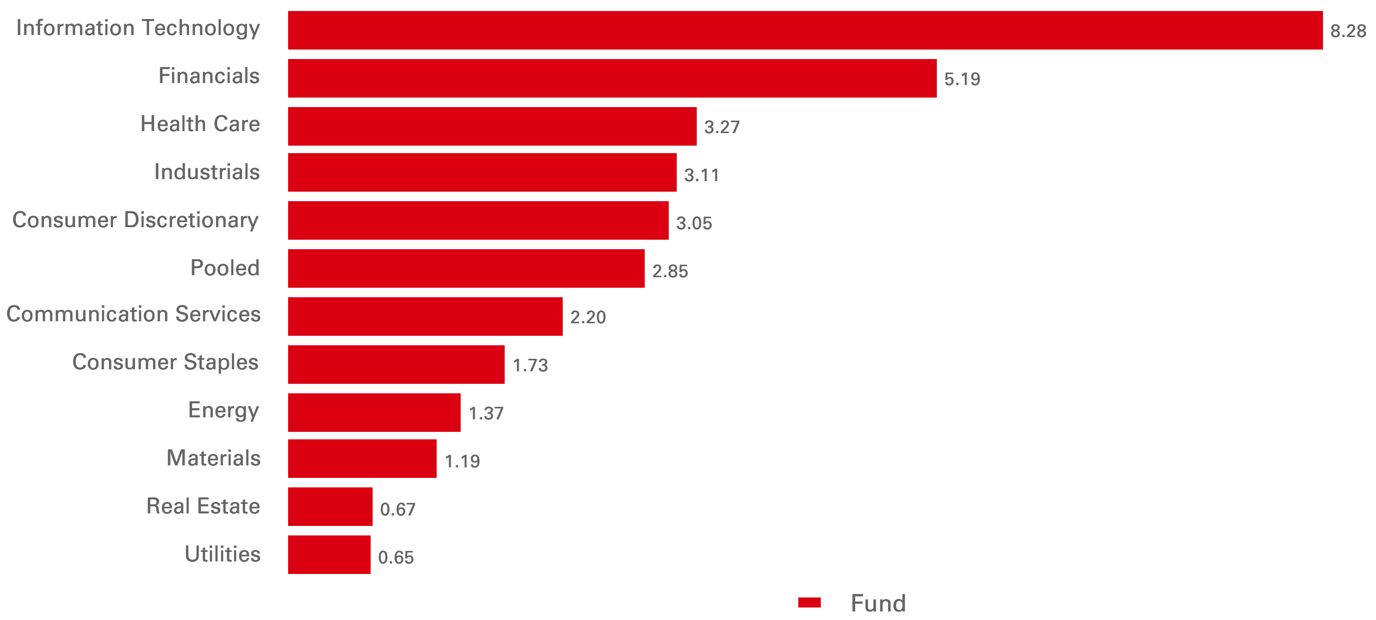
Equity top 10 holdings	Location	Sector	Weight (%)
Microsoft Corp	United States	Information Technology	1.50
Apple Inc	United States	Information Technology	1.22
NVIDIA Corp	United States	Information Technology	1.18
Alphabet Inc	United States	Communication Services	0.78
Amazon.com Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary	0.61
Meta Platforms Inc	United States	Communication Services	0.57
Broadcom Inc	United States	Information Technology	0.35
Eli Lilly & Co	United States	Health Care	0.35
Visa Inc	United States	Financials	0.27
Johnson & Johnson	United States	Health Care	0.21

Equity characteristics	Fund	Reference Benchmark
Average market cap (GBP Mil)	427,775	--
Price/earning ratio	17.59	--
Portfolio yield	1.90%	--

Market cap allocation (GBP Mil %)

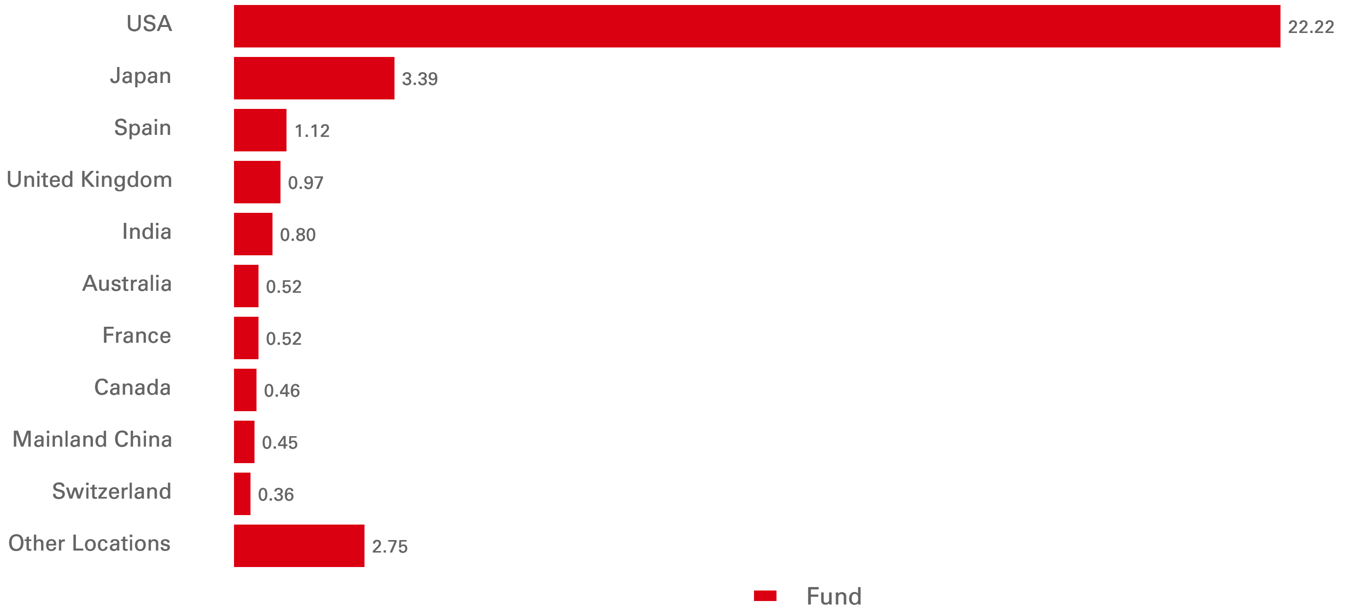


Equity sector allocation (%)



The data displayed in above sections is shown on a look-through basis. This means that the fund may not directly hold these securities and the investment in these securities may be via other funds.
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Equity geographical allocation (%)



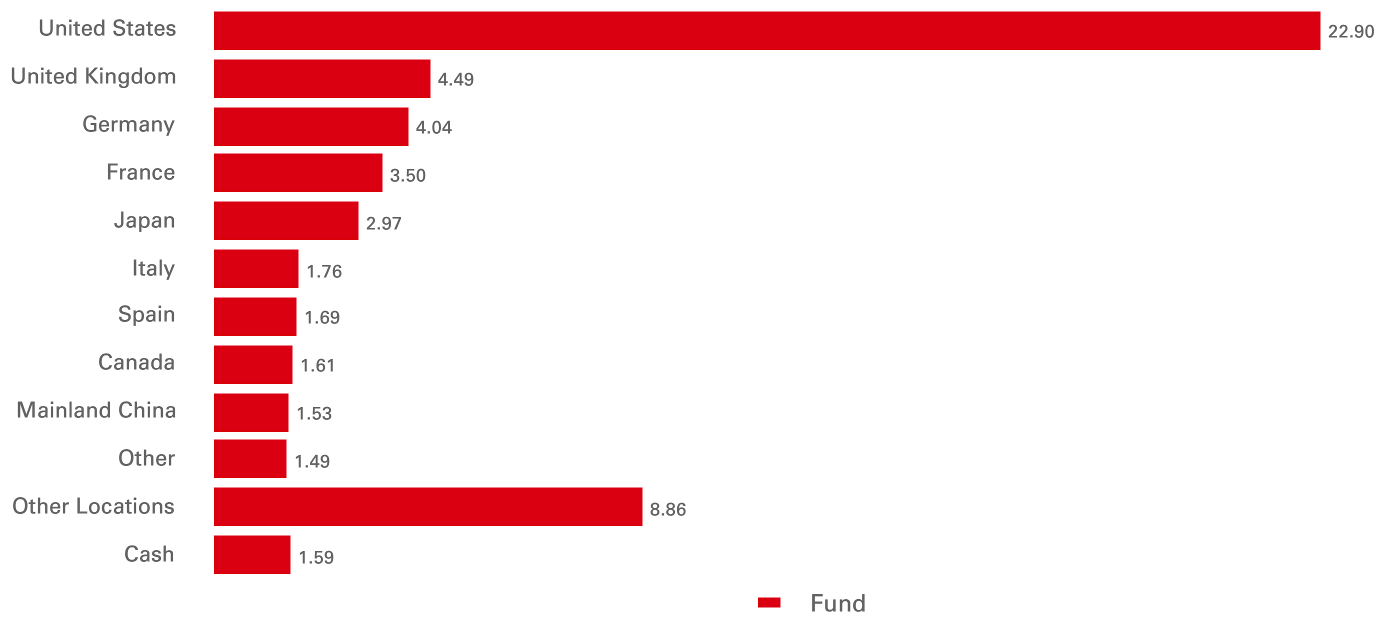
The data displayed in above sections is shown on a look-through basis. This means that the fund may not directly hold these securities and the investment in these securities may be via other funds.
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
Yield to worst	4.97%	--	--
Yield to maturity	5.00%	--	--
Option adjusted duration	6.54	--	--
Rating average	A+/A	--	--

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
AAA	10.90	--	--
AA	18.85	--	--
A	11.27	--	--
BBB	11.22	--	--
BB	1.53	--	--
B	0.79	--	--
CCC	0.18	--	--
CC	0.01	--	--
C	0.01	--	--
D	0.05	--	--
NR	0.04	--	--
Cash	1.59	--	--

Fixed income top 10 holdings	Location	Instrument type	Weight (%)
US TREASURY N/B 4.000 15/01/2027 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.77
US TREASURY N/B 4.625 30/09/2028 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.51
US TREASURY N/B 5.000 30/09/2025 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.48
US TREASURY N/B 3.875 15/08/2033 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.46
US TREASURY N/B 0.500 28/02/2026 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.45
US TREASURY N/B 4.125 15/02/2027 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.44
US TREASURY N/B 4.500 15/11/2033 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.42
US TREASURY N/B 0.375 31/01/2026 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.40
US TREASURY N/B 4.250 28/02/2029 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.37
US TREASURY N/B 4.125 15/08/2053 USD	United States	Government Bond	0.33

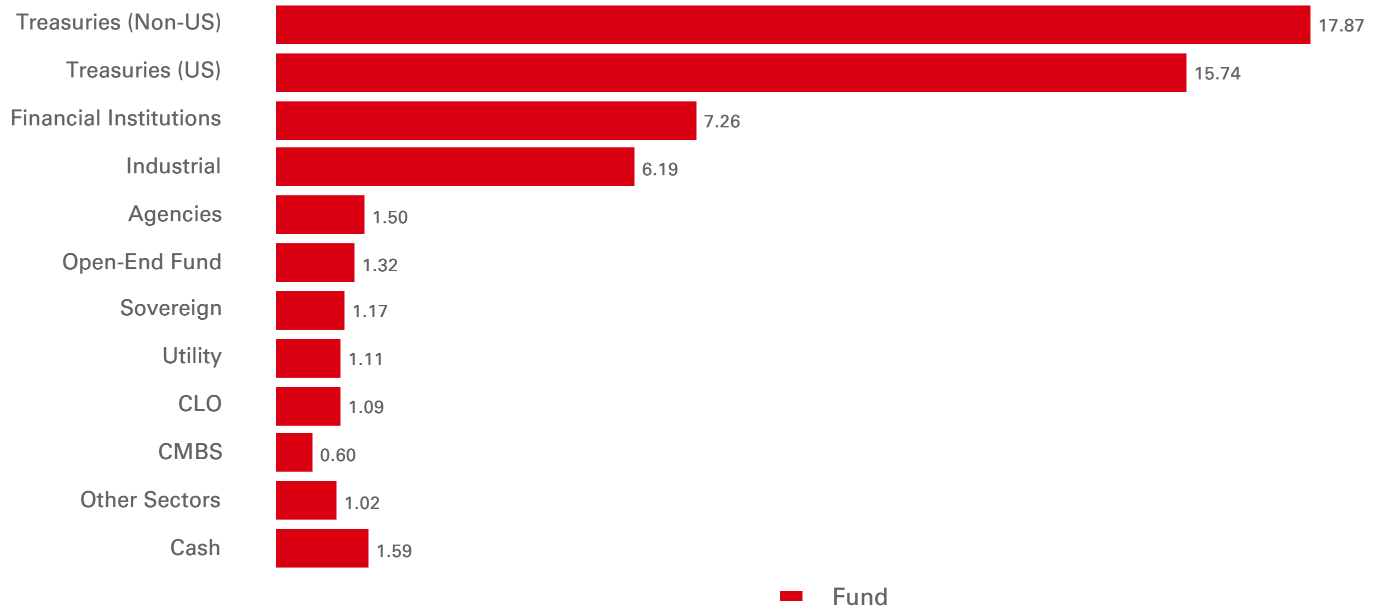
Fixed income geographical allocation (%)



The data displayed in above sections is shown on a look-through basis. This means that the fund may not directly hold these securities and the investment in these securities may be via other funds.
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Geographical allocation (Option adjusted duration)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
United States	3.05	--	--
United Kingdom	0.67	--	--
Japan	0.51	--	--
France	0.40	--	--
Germany	0.39	--	--
Italy	0.26	--	--
Spain	0.20	--	--
Mainland China	0.17	--	--
Australia	0.17	--	--
Belgium	0.11	--	--
Other Locations	0.78	--	--
Cash	0.00	--	--

Fixed income sector allocation (%)



The data displayed in above sections is shown on a look-through basis. This means that the fund may not directly hold these securities and the investment in these securities may be via other funds.
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

	3 year total return (%)	Amount based on GBP 1000 invested	3 Year Volatility (%)
World Selection - Conservative Portfolio Accumulation C	**1.60**	**1,048.67**	**6.14**
Peer Group Average - EAA Fund GBP Moderately Cautious Allocation	0.47	1,014.21	6.47
Lowest Returning Fund in Peer Group	-4.01	884.46	4.01
Highest Returning Fund in Peer Group	7.16	1,230.49	10.74
Cash	2.85	1,088.03	0.63

HSBC OpenFunds offer a choice of five different risk levels, to be selected by investors depending on factors like their financial goals, time horizon and capacity for loss. Typically, the more risk investors take, the more return they would expect to see.
At HSBC Asset Management, we measure risk by volatility – how sharply a Portfolio's share price moves in any given time period (up or down). The higher the volatility, the higher the risk.
The table above shows the Portfolio's return (for the primary share class or hedged currency share class) per year over the last three years (known as annualised) and the level of volatility over the same period. This can be compared against other funds in the peer group, as defined by an independent research company*.
An example of a good outcome would be that the HSBC Portfolio return is higher than the peer group's average return and the volatility (risk taken) is lower. However investors should consider their own priorities when it comes to returns and the risk taken to achieve them.
***Morningstar Categories are used to define the peer group compromising funds they deem similar based on fund objectives and holdings. The average is a median.**

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Monthly performance commentary

Market Review

Global equities delivered another month of strong returns in March; supported by encouraging economic data, sustained enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence, and the prospect of interest rate cuts. Fixed income markets also experienced a positive month, with government bonds, corporate bonds and high yield bonds all rising in value. Within equities, developed markets outperformed emerging markets. The UK was the standout performer over the month, driven by positive GDP growth in January and the latest business sector survey in expansionary territory. European stocks also delivered strong returns, as inflation continued to fall and business confidence data remained firm. Japanese equities gained over the month as the Bank of Japan ended their negative interest rate policy after eight years. China's subdued performance acted as a drag on emerging markets returns, despite better-than-expected economic data, which investors took as a sign that any significant government stimulus may be delayed. In the bond markets, US Treasuries rose modestly, supported by dovish comments from Chairman Powell. In the UK, Gilts also experienced a modest rally following a softer than expected inflation print. Conversely, Japanese bond markets slipped marginally lower in March as the Bank of Japan removed their negative interest rate and yield curve control policies. The US dollar rallied over the month, driven by upward revisions in the US growth rate and some increase in support for interest rate cuts from other central banks. The Euro fell against the dollar given the relative strength of the US economic data and the persistent weakness in manufacturing data in the Eurozone. Sterling was flat against the dollar over the month. In the commodity markets, Gold rallied to all-time highs, driven by the prospect for rate cuts while Oil pushed higher, on elevated geopolitical tensions.

Portfolio performance

All major asset classes experienced positive returns during March, which resulted in positive absolute returns across all the World Selection portfolios, with higher risk profiles outperforming lower risk profiles. The World Selection portfolios are actively positioned against a long-term asset allocation. During March, our active positioning added value. The biggest positive contribution came from our allocation to alternative asset classes, including Trend Following Hedge Funds and Gold. In addition, our tilt towards Spanish equity and the banking sector in Europe also added value. Conversely, our tilt away from Global High Yield and our preference for Brazil and India equity lost some value, while our tilt to US Quality sector also detracted slightly.

Investment Team Views and Portfolio Positioning

There are three key themes in markets that we are positioned to capture within the World Selection portfolios.

Recession concerns easing - We are increasingly confident that Western economies can avoid a recession and are now neutrally positioned in equity. The US economy looks particularly strong, providing further support for equity markets. We are conscious that some downside risks still remain; as such, we maintain a preference for higher quality companies that are likely to remain resilient in case of persistent inflation or risks to the growth outlook. We are tilted away from High Yield bonds and Property, as we believe the full impact of higher borrowing costs has yet to be priced in for these asset classes. In March, we introduced a tilt towards the Energy sector versus the Utilities sector within the US. Energy companies will benefit if geopolitical tensions rise, while earnings will be supported by OPEC+ oil supply cuts and an increase in Shale output. We maintain our preference for Technology companies within the US, on the expectation that increased demand for Artificial Intelligence will support revenues for these companies. We prefer Spanish equity markets within Europe, as the market looks cheap, while the economy is strong. Spain's large pool of renewable energy also insulates its industry from elevated oil and gas prices. We are tilted towards the banking sector in Europe as it looks cheap, has strong profitability - benefiting from higher interest rates – and credit loss provisions are likely to be revised down on improving economic outlook.

The rate cuts are coming - We expect major central banks to start cutting interest rates in the second half of 2024 as inflation continues to ease. This encourages us back into government bonds, which are (for the first time in almost a decade) delivering an appealing stream of income for investors. We are focusing our bond exposure on the regions where we believe rate cuts are most likely, for example the US and in March we introduced an exposure to German bonds. Conversely, we have reduced our holdings in Japanese bonds where we expect monetary policy to remain tight. We are holding Gold, which has historically benefited as interest rates fall, and is a useful hedge against geopolitical risk. We are holding increased exposure to the Norwegian Krona and Polish Zloty as inflation remains elevated in these markets, and we expect to continue receiving high interest payments on these currencies as their respective central banks delay cutting interest rates.

Outperformance in Eastern and Emerging Markets - The economic backdrop in markets such as India, Japan and Brazil is very strong, monetary policy settings are accommodative and there is room for fiscal support. We maintain a number of positions to gain access to the specific opportunities we see in these markets: Japan versus developed market equity, given appealing valuations, strong flows from foreign investors, improved corporate governance, and weakening Yen supporting exports; Indian equity and government bonds: India remains one of the fastest growing economies globally, is making steady productivity improvements, has high foreign direct investments, and favourable demographics; Brazil versus emerging market equity given the country's positive momentum, strong macroeconomic backdrop, and attractive fundamentals. We trimmed this position in February; Mexican peso currency positioning, given the currency is benefitting from the strong growth story in Mexico and is attractively valued against developed markets currencies; Japanese Yen against Swiss Franc, given Japan's stronger inflationary pressure and potential for interest rate policy shift. In March, we entered a position in Chinese government bonds. We expect the central bank to continue the interest cutting cycle to boost growth, which should benefit bond prices.

Risk disclosures

- Investing in other funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Governance of underlying assets can be the responsibility of third-party managers.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.
- Derivatives may be used by the Fund, and these can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
- Liquidity is a measure of how easily the Fund's holdings can be quickly converted to cash. The value of the Fund's holdings may be significantly impacted by liquidity risk during adverse market conditions.
- Further information on the potential risks can be found in the Key Information Document (KID) and/or the Prospectus or Offering Memorandum.

Important information

The material contained herein is for marketing purposes and is for your information only. This document is not contractually binding nor are we required to provide this to you by any legislative provision. It does not constitute legal, tax or investment advice or a recommendation to any reader of this material to buy or sell investments. You must not, therefore, rely on the content of this document when making any investment decisions.
This material is not intended for distribution to or use by any person or entity in any jurisdiction or country where such distribution or use would be contrary to law or regulation. This material is not and should not be construed as an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to purchase or subscribe to any investment.
Any views expressed were held at the time of preparation and are subject to change without notice. While any forecast, projection or target where provided is indicative only and not guaranteed in any way. HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited accepts no liability for any failure to meet such forecast, projection or target.
This fund is a sub-fund of HSBC OpenFunds, an Open Ended Investment Company that is authorised in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Authorised Corporate Director and Investment Manager is HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. All applications are made on the basis of the HSBC OpenFunds prospectus, Key Investor Information Document (KIID), Supplementary Information Document (SID) and most recent annual and semi annual report, which can be obtained upon request free of charge from HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, 8, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5HQ, UK, or the local distributors. Investors and potential investors should read and note the risk warnings in the prospectus and relevant KIID and additionally, in the case of retail clients, the information contained in the supporting SID.
To help improve our service and in the interests of security we may record and/or monitor your communication with us. HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited provides information to Institutions, Professional Advisers and their clients on the investment products and services of the HSBC Group.
Approved for issue in the UK by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.
www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk

Further Information can be found in the prospectus and in our Key Investor Information Documents published in our Fund Centre at www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Follow us on:

HSBC Asset Management

For more information please contact us at E-mail:
Wholesale.clientservices@hsbc.com.
www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com/uk
To help improve our service and in the interests of security we may record and/or monitor your communication with us.

Glossary