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Tactical asset allocation outlook

A snapshot of our current views on equity, fixed-income and alternative asset classes — updated monthly to help you tactically adjust for opportunities and risks

Key takeaways

- The current environment is favorable for U.S. equity returns. Stretched valuations remain a constraint to a larger overweight.
- We maintain a neutral position in fixed income. Yields are currently fairly valued.
 Fixed income continues to have a negative correlation with stocks, which supports diversification.
- We continue to have a neutral position in alternatives, as we believe the potential diversification benefits offset the potential challenges of lower inflation to assets like commodities and REITs.



OVERALL POSITIONS

Equities
Fixed income
Alternatives
Cash

Underweight
Neutral

Overweight

Alternatives

Cash

WITHIN EQUITIES

	Underweight	< ······	······· Neutral ····		··· > Overweight
U.S. equities				•	
U.S. large caps			•		
U.S. small caps			•		
U.S. growth			•		
U.S. value			•		
Developed markets		•			
U.K.					
Eurozone			•		
Japan		•			
DM Asia ex-Japan	•				
Emerging markets					

WITHIN FIXED INCOME

Underweight
Neutral Overweight

Investment-grade bonds
Securitized bonds
Emerging market bonds
Developed market bonds
TIPS
Treasuries
Municipal bonds
High-yield bonds
Overweight

Neutral Overweight

Neutral Overweight

Neutral Overweight

Neutral Overweight

WITHIN ALTERNATIVES

Absolute return strategies

Commodities

REITs

Convertibles

Underweight < ····	······ Neutral ······	> Overweight
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