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Market Commentary



Highlight of the month

In April 2025, global financial markets faced severe volatility due to US tariff announcements, sparking trade tensions with China. At first, stocks plunged as investors shifted to bonds but the second half of April saw stock markets return to their initial levels and yields soar, reflecting uncertainty.



Global

During April, equity indices suffered of US tariff threats. Over first week of the month, major indices dropped, MSCI World and S&P500 both down by 11%. However, the rest of the month delivered positive returns, enabling most indices to finish flat or slightly positive like Nifty 50, up by 3.5%.



US 10-year Treasury yields surged to 4.59% mid-month, the largest weekly increase in over two decades. They settled at 4.16% by April's end, mostly pushed down by a 90-day tariff pause for most countries, even though curve remained steep. Global bond markets rallied and Europe strongly outperformed.

Asia / Thai

Asia ex-Japan markets showed mixed performance, influenced by China's recovery signals and inflation concerns. India rose on strong earnings, while Southeast Asian markets remained resilient despite geopolitical tensions. Overall, investor sentiment was cautious amid an uncertain environment.

Thai bonds experienced stable demand as investors sought safety amid global market volatility. The Bank of Thailand's cautious stance on interest rates supported bond prices despite some concerns over inflation and fiscal policies lingered. USD has weakened versus THB, losing 0.5THB over the month.

Source: Amundi Asset Management as of 30/4/2025

Outlook and Positioning

Extreme policy uncertainty in the US is leading to sharp movements and increased volatility. Recent bond yield dynamics signal a shift from seeking safety in US assets to a reassessment of Treasuries and the USD as ultimate safe havens. While we think it is too early to question the trust in US assets, we also think any challenge to the Fed's independence and so much policy uncertainty could undermine investor confidence. For instance, the perceived risks around capital outflows and some repositioning in the markets caused the recent divergence between US yields and dollar.

How to handle the portfolio

Well-balanced and highly diversified portfolio, mindful of the valuations of risk assets as well as geo-political uncertainty.



Equity

Well-balanced allocation to equities with exposure to both US and International equities. In the US, focus is on sectors and companies which should see continuous earning growth and benefit from the new Trump administration policies but we stay away from equities where valuations do not reflect fundamentals. Across International markets, there is compelling investment cases in some parts of the European market and some countries like Korea and Japan.

Bonds

In Fixed Income, we express a more positive views on US Treasury yields and duration as we see early signs of US economy weakness. We remain very mindful of very tight corporate credit spreads, which were almost at record lows, just started to widen and, for us, do not compensate appropriately bondholders. We however find value in other part of the US fixed income markets, notably in high-quality Agency MBS, which provide an enhanced yield above Treasuries for no additional credit risk. Finally, we see value in selective emerging market debt countries and tactically allocation as warranted.

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Performance Review

In April 2025, the core allocation into the Amundi Funds Income Opportunities helped mitigated the volatility as the fund was flat on the month. In addition, our global stance with equity allocation outside of the US helped too. The main detractor was the weakness of the USD vs most currencies, including the THB.

	1 M	3 M	6 M	YTD	1 Y*	3Y*	Since inception (% p.a.)
Fund	-0.88	0.56	0.69	1.51	3.44	0.35	-0.92
Benchmark	0.63	-0.31	1.01	0.48	4.25	1.88	0.53

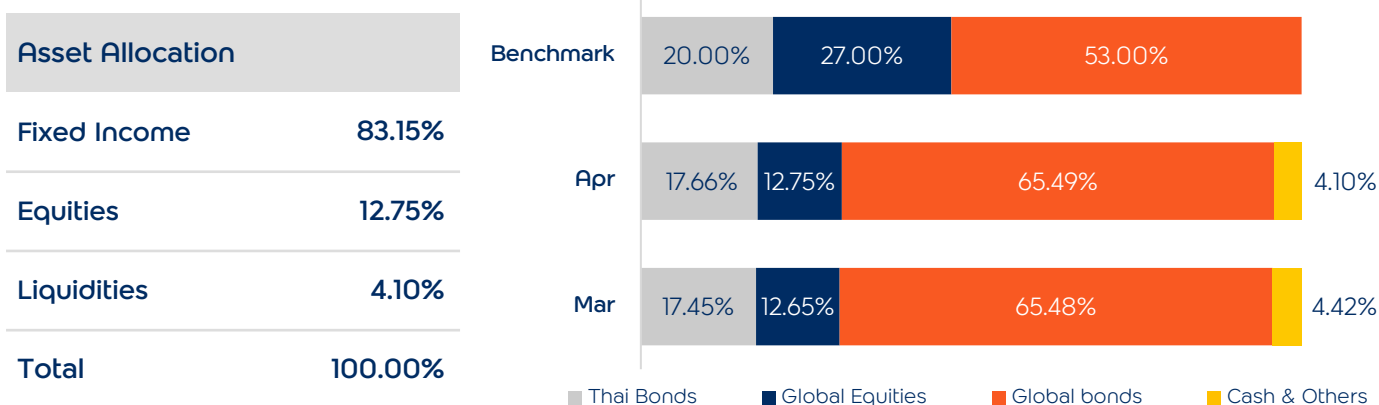
Benchmark:

1. Bloomberg Global Aggregate Total Return Index Value Hedged THB 53%
2. MSCI All Country World Index USD (Net) 27%
3. ThaiBMA Short-term Government Bond Index 20% (effective 15 Oct 2024)

Remark : *% p.a.

Source: Eastspring Asset Management (Thailand) as of 30/4/2025

Portfolio Breakdown



Source: Eastspring Asset Management (Thailand) as of 30/4/2025

Proportion of Assets Invested

Local Fixed Income Fund	17.66%
Eastspring Cash Management Fund	12.64%
Krung Thai Short Term Fixed Income Plus Fund I	5.02%
Foreign Equity Fund	12.75%
AMUNDI FUNDS GLOBAL EQUITY - I2 USD C	10.92%
Amundi Fds US Pioneer Fund I2 USD C	1.83%
Foreign Fixed Income Fund	65.49%
Amundi Pioneer Income Opportunities- I2 (USD)	36.42%
AMUNDI FUNDS US SHORT TERM BOND - I2 USD (C)	20.09%
AMUNDI FUNDS US BOND J2 USD (C)	8.98%
Cash & Others	4.10%

Source: Eastspring Asset Management (Thailand) as of 30/4/2025

Historical fund performance is expressed in Thai Baht. The performance data shown are calculated from the net yields of newly acquired financial instruments and does not include costs incurred. The performance data covers the full 12-month period of the respective calendar year. The product does not include a performance guarantee or financial return guarantee. Furthermore, past performance is not a guarantee nor a reference for expectations of current or future performance and returns. It does not guarantee that the investor can expect the results shown.

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