

February 2025













Highlight of the month

Global equities were dragged down in February due to the underperformance of US equities. The MSCI ACWI returned -0.6%, underperforming the MSCI Emerging Markets Index return of 0.5%, which was led by China equities. Europe equities was the strongest DM performer.



Global

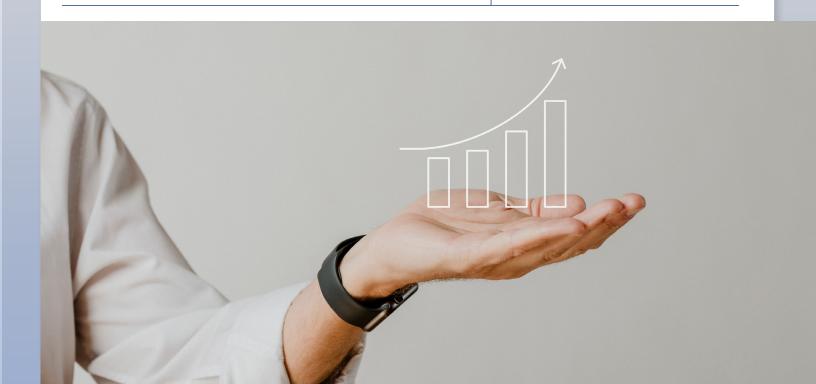
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Asia/Thai

Global equities returned -0.60%, dragged down in February due to the underperformance of US equities, which returned -1.6%, influenced by economic uncertainty, global geopolitical risks, and federal layoffs. European equities returned 3.7% in USD terms, outperforming global equities.

The Asia Pacific ex-Japan region delivered a relatively flat 0.2% return (USD); Chinese equities edged up by 11.8%, driven by government policy support. The MSCI Thailand Index returned -8.6% (USD), amid foreign investor concerns over slowing economic growth.





Expert View



Outlook overview

Despite recent weakening in US consumer sentiment, a US recession is still not our team's base case. Meanwhile, although the earnings and macro indicators which we monitor have deteriorated marginally, they still point to a constructive outlook for equities over the near-term. From a valuations and short-term momentum standpoint, European equities are starting to look attractive, especially as Europe starts embracing fiscal stimulus.



US consumer sentiment and consumption remain fragile amid trade policy uncertainty and still restrictive financial conditions.



US core inflation is expected to trend towards the Fed's target over long term, albeit with an uneven path. However, inflation shocks may arise in the near term due to supply-side factors or other events that can abruptly raise inflation expectations, potentially affecting the Fed's rate cut pace.



Trump's expected "America First" approach to foreign trade and relations, in addition to escalating Middle East tensions, for example, will keep volatility elevated in the near future. Geopolitical events can significantly impact investor sentiment, and hence should not be underestimated.



How to handle the portfolio

Geopolitics, immigration and tariffs will continue to be top-of-mind, leaving markets open to sharp bouts of volatility. To this end, active risk management is crucial.



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2.35%

The tsp5-gogetter returned -2.35% (net of fees), underperforming its benchmark by -1.25%. The relative underperformance was primarily due to underperformances in the global equity sleeves.

	1 M	3 M	6 M	YTD	1 Y	Since inception (% ρ.a.)
Portfolio	-2.35	-4.69	1.05	-2.27	6.38	-0.36
Benchmark	-1.10	-3.10	2.35	-1.39	10.09	17.28

Benchmark : Composite Index

- +19% MSCI Asia ex.Japan Net TR USD UnHedge, +21% Thai SET50 Index TR,
- +60% MSCI ACWI Net TR USD UnHedge (effective 15 Oct 2024)



3 Best contributors to relative performance (vs Benchmark)

- 1. ESI World Value Equity Fund (E)
- 2. ESI Asia Opportunities Equity Fund (E)
- 3. iShares MSCI ACWI ETF



3 Worst detractors to relative performance (vs Benchmark)

- 1. Eastspring SET50 Fund Class A
- 2. ESI Global Equity Navigator Fund (E)
- 3. ESI Global Dynamic Growth Equity Fund (E)





Remain nimble while enhancing diversification as market conditions continue to evolve amid higher volatility backdrop.



Benchmark	21%	799	%	
January	20.75%	79.21	%	0.04%
February	20.35%	79.56	%	0.09%
	Thai equities	Thai bonds	Global equities	Cash & Others



Within DMs, Europe starts to look more attractive especially as Europe starts to embrace fiscal stimulus



Asian Equities

Cheaner valuations and improving earnings growth in 2025 may help improve investor sentiment towards Asia equities.



Thai Equities

Neutral for now We anticipate that the SET index will trade sideways with some volatility throughout the year.





Proportion of Assets Invested

Local Equity Fund		20.35%
EASTSPRING SET50 FUND (Accumulation Class)	20.35%

Foreign Equity Fund	79.56%
ISHARES MSCI ACWI INDEX FUND	20.20%
Eastspring Investments - Global Equity Navigator Fund - E	15.15%
Eastspring Investments-Global Multi Factor Equity Fund E USD ACC	9.12%
Eastspring Investments-World Value Equity Fund E USD ACC	8.30%
Eastspring Investments-Global Dynamic Growth Equity Fund E USD ACC	7.76%
Eastspring Investments-Asian multi Factor Equity Fund E USD ACC	6.87%
Eastspring Investments-Asian Dynamic Fund E USD ACC	6.10%
Eastspring Investments-Asia Opportunities Equity Fund E USD ACC	6.06%
Cash & Others	0.09%

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