



# PIMCO Global Managed Asset Allocation Portfolio



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# Executive summary

## Portfolio Performance

Over the quarter, the Global Managed Asset Allocation Portfolio had positive absolute returns of 9.92% (after admin share class fees). Relative to the benchmark, the Portfolio outperformed as an overweight to US and Eurozone duration contributed to relative performance. These were partially offset by overweights to select US bank stocks and positions in select EM FX.

### CONTRIBUTORS

- Overweight to US duration
- Overweight to Eurozone duration
- Overweight to US equities

### DETRACTORS

- Overweights to select US bank stocks
- Positions in select EM FX
- Underweights to US homebuilder stocks

Performance periods ended 31 Dec '23	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	SI
Portfolio after fees	9.92	5.46	13.02	1.29	7.29	5.25	5.45
Benchmark*	9.58	5.91	16.27	3.11	8.31	6.08	8.08

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## Portfolio strategy

- The Global Managed Asset Allocation Portfolio uses a globally diversified investment approach, allocating across all liquid asset classes, regions, and sectors to benefit from global opportunities while also limiting downside risks across market environments.
- We are neutral risk given our expectations for inflation to gradually moderate towards target levels and for developed market real growth to fall below consensus in 2024. Despite near-term resilience, we forecast a diverse set of potential macro backdrops over the cyclical horizon, thus we seek to balance our risk posture.

\*60% MSCI World Index/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index

Class:	ADMIN
Inception date:	15 Apr '09
Portfolio assets (in millions):	\$314.07
Gross expense ratio:	1.35%
Net expense ratio:	1.20%

The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reduction, which is in place through 1 May 2024 and renews automatically for a full year unless terminated by PIMCO in accordance with the terms of the agreement. See the Fund's prospectus for more information. The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver related to the Fund's subsidiary that will not terminate so long as PIMCO's advisory contract with the Fund's subsidiary is in place.

Adjusted expense ratio:	1.10%
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The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

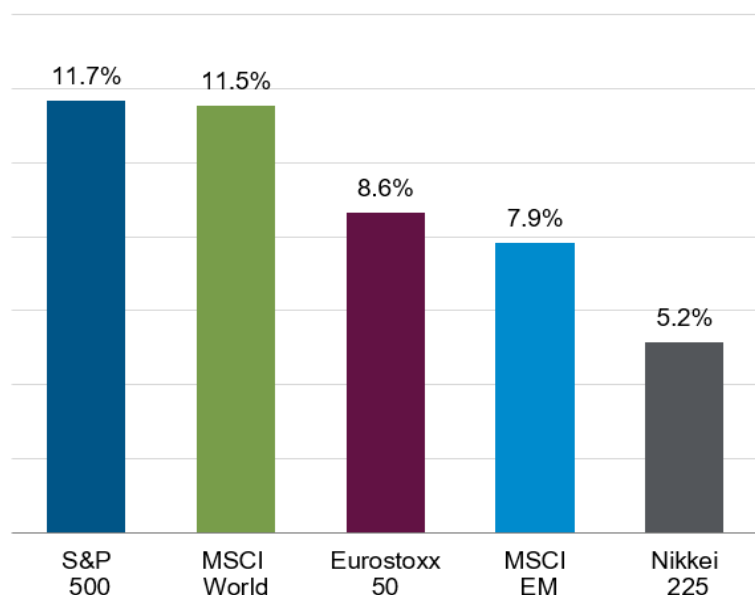
Sector diversification	Market value
U.S. Equities	45.3%
Developed ex-U.S. Equities	17.3%
Emerging Markets Equities	0.9%
U.S. Fixed Income	91.2%
Developed ex-U.S. Fixed Income	18.5%
Emerging Markets Fixed Income	9.0%
Commodities	0.0%
Net Other Short Duration Instruments	-82.1%

# Quarter in Review

## Disinflation, soft landing and peak Fed narratives gaining traction into year-end

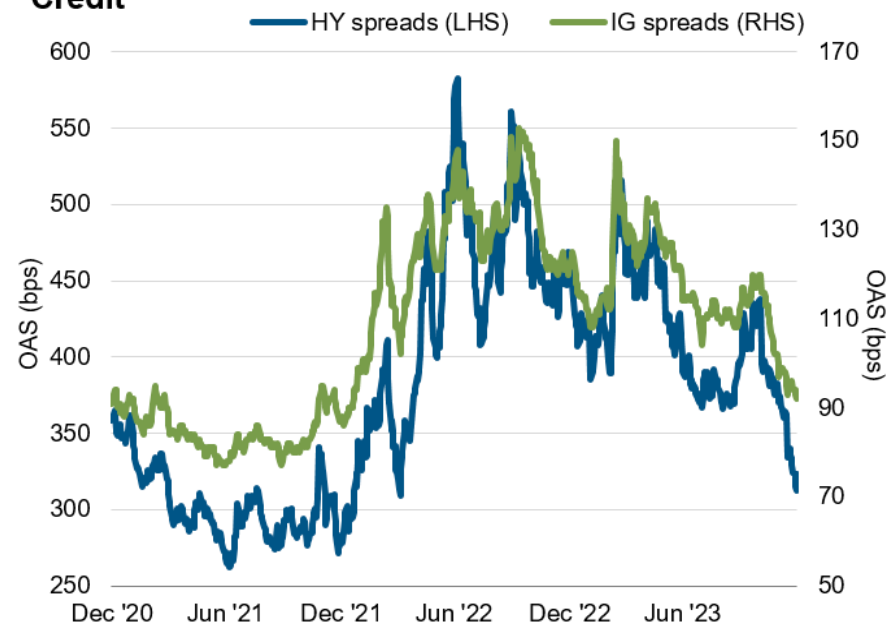
The last quarter of 2023 closed the year strong, with both rates and equities rallying into year-end. The read of markets on the cooling of economic activity combined with real progress on inflation prompted risk sentiment to pick up. As markets began pricing in a soft landing and 2024 rate cuts, this further fueled the rally in equities, broadening its breadth and leading the S&P 500 to return +11.7% during the quarter. Similarly, fixed income markets also recorded positive returns across geographies. The 10-year US Treasury closed at 3.9%, reverting to its initial level at the start of the year, despite a year marked by high volatility along the way.

### Equity



Developed markets equities bounced back in Q4, driven by expectations of monetary easing, cooling inflation, and resilient economic growth. Emerging market equities rallied +7.9% on the back of strong performance in Latin America and Asia ex-China.

### Credit



In credit, both investment grade and high yield credit spreads moved tighter during the quarter.

Source: Bloomberg.

Source: Bloomberg; "HY spreads" are represented by Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Average OAS index. "IG spreads" are represented by Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Credit Average OAS index.

# Market Summary

## Performance

The Portfolio had positive absolute returns during Q4 2023. Relative to the benchmark, the Portfolio outperformed as an overweight to US and Eurozone duration helped contribute to relative performance. Overweights to select US bank stocks and positions in select EM FX detracted from relative performance.

### Equities

Global equities performed strongly in Q4, amid easing inflationary pressures and cooling labor markets, contributing to expectations of lower future interest rates. US equities finished +11.7% higher as the strong YTD rally broadened outside of mega-caps and tech. European equities lagged slightly behind, still posting positive returns for the quarter at +8.6%, followed by emerging market equities up by +7.9%.

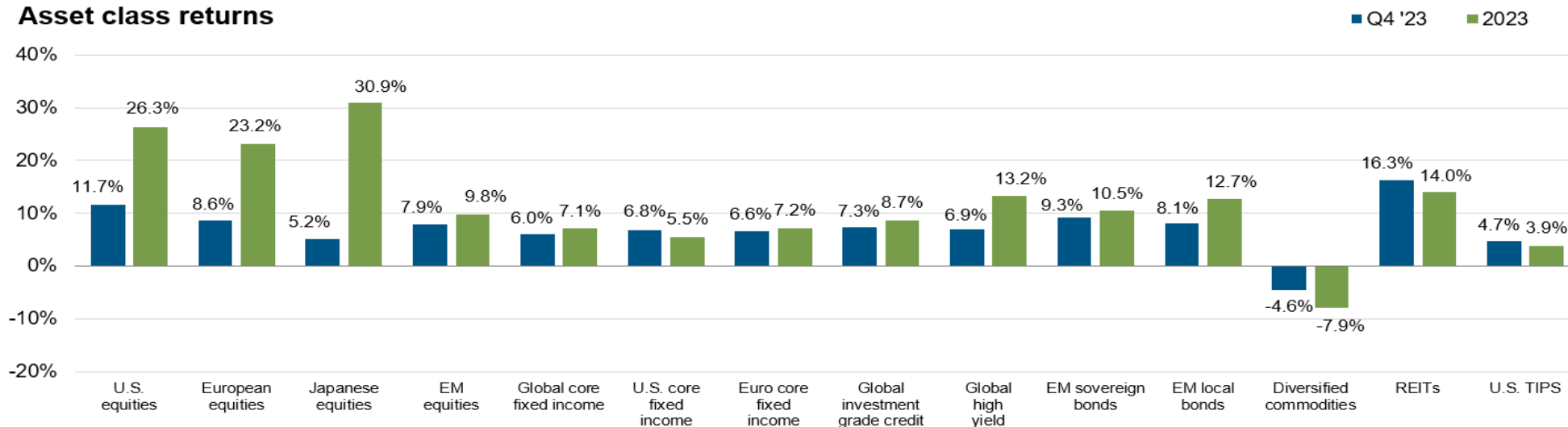
### Rates

Indications of slowing inflation in the second half of the quarter prompted markets to price in accelerated expectations of rate cuts for next year. Yields fell broadly in developed markets as central banks held rates steady, including in the US, UK, and Germany. In Japan, yields fell more modestly as the Bank of Japan weighed a potential exit to its accommodative monetary policy.

### Credit

Investment grade, high yield, and emerging markets spreads tightened over the quarter. Emerging markets spreads outperformed relative to investment grade, and high yield credit. Within developed markets, high yield credit outperformed.

## Asset class returns



Source: BofA, JPMorgan, Bloomberg; U.S. equities: S&P 500 Index; European equities: Eurostoxx 50 Index; Japanese equities: Nikkei 225 Index; EM Equities: MSCI EM Index; Global core fixed income: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index; U.S. core fixed income: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index; Euro core fixed income: Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Index; Global investment grade credit: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index; Global high yield: ICE BofAML BB-B Rated Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index; EM sovereign bonds: JP Morgan EMBI Index; EM local bonds: JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index; U.S. TIPS: Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation; REITs: Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Total Return Index; Diversified commodities: Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index.

## Navigating the Descent: Four economic themes

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**Peak inflation and rising unemployment consistent with rate cuts**



**Soft landings are possible, but risks remain**



**Markets already price a substantial cutting cycle**



**Global divergence in monetary policy**

# Portfolio Outlook

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## Strategic outlook

From a macro perspective, our expectations are for inflation to gradually moderate towards target levels and for developed market real growth to fall below consensus in 2024. We expect accumulated drags from the global rate hiking cycle and fading pandemic-era stimulus to pressure the global economy over the cyclical horizon, leading to an expectation for a “softish landing.” We remain cognizant of risks to our base case as soft landings have historically been rare in periods of elevated inflation. Leading economic indicators currently appear mixed, reflecting the possibility of recession as well as continued resilience. Accordingly, we emphasize active management, focusing on high quality assets, diversification, and the flexibility to adjust positioning quickly.

## Key strategies

### Equities

We are neutral equities given our expectation that equity churn in early January will result in rising volatility and a sentiment reversal of some of the year-end 2023 optimism. We took profits on the recent rally, modestly reducing our US overweight, and will look to re-enter at more attractive levels. Relative value across regions, sectors, and thematic continues to be an area of focus.

### Credit

We remain overweight credit with an emphasis on higher quality segments of the market. We are overweight securitized credit, with a preference for non-agency MBS, as we believe strong consumer balance sheets, a long-term shortage of homes, and limited expected supply will continue to support the asset class.

### Rates

We shift to neutral duration as we took profits on the year-end rally. We believe prices moved ahead of fundamentals, and we will look to re-enter at higher yield levels. We have a steepening bias and a preference for real versus nominal duration.

### Currency

We are neutral the US Dollar given we seek to balance its rich valuation profile with relatively elevated US interest rates versus other DM economies. We remain overweight select attractively-valued emerging market currencies that remain supported by higher relative interest rates versus developed market currencies.

# Additional share class performance

PIMCO Global Managed Asset Allocation Portfolio (net of fees performance)

Performance periods ended: 31 Dec '23	Gross expense ratio	Net expense ratio	Adjusted expense ratio	NAV currency	Class Inception date	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	SI
Class PVITADMIN	1.35	1.20	1.10	USD	15 Apr '09	9.92	5.46	13.02	1.29	7.29	5.25	5.45
Class PVITADV	1.45	1.30	1.20	USD	15 Apr '09	9.84	5.47	12.85	1.22	7.20	5.14	5.35
Class PVITINST	1.20	1.05	0.95	USD	30 Apr '12	9.89	5.50	13.12	1.44	7.44	5.40	4.20
60% MSCI World Index/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index						9.58	5.91	16.27	3.11	8.31	6.08	8.08

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**The performance figures presented reflect the performance for the institutional class unless otherwise noted.**

**A note about Sector exposure:** Other indicates swaps and securities issued in euros.

**A note about Emerging markets exposure by country of risk:** country of risk reflects the country of incorporation of the ultimate parent company.

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**Alpha** is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis calculated by comparing the volatility (price risk) of a portfolio vs. its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index; the excess return relative to the benchmark is alpha.

**Average coupon** is the average of the coupon payments of the underlying bonds within the portfolio.

**Average effective maturity** is a weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, computed by weighting each bond's effective maturity by the market value of the security.

**"Bend-but-not-break"** refers to credits that PIMCO would not expect to default in a credit-stressed environment.

**Beta** is a measure of price sensitivity to market movements. Market beta is 1.

**Breakeven inflation rate** (or expectation) is a market-based measure of expected inflation or the difference between the yield of a nominal and an inflation-linked bond of the same maturity.

**Carry** is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities.

The terms **"cheap" and "rich"** as used herein generally refer to a security or asset class that is deemed to be substantially under- or overpriced compared to both its historical average as well as to the investment manager's future expectations. There is no guarantee of future results or that a security's valuation will ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

**CPI** is the Consumer Price Index.

The **credit quality** of a particular security or group of securities does not ensure the stability or safety of an overall portfolio. The quality ratings of individual issues/issuers are provided to indicate the credit-worthiness of such issues/issuer and generally range from AAA, Aaa, or AAA (highest) to D, C, or D (lowest) for S&P, Moody's, and Fitch respectively.

**Dividend yield** is represented by the weighted average coupon divided by the weighted average price.

**Duration** is the measure of a bond's price sensitivity to interest rates and is expressed in years.

**Effective duration** is the duration for a bond with an embedded option when the value is calculated to include the expected change in cash flow caused by the option as interest rates change.

**Forward curve** is a function graph that defines the prices at which a contract for future delivery or payment can be concluded today.

**Fallen angel** is a bond that was initially given an investment grade rating but has since been reduced to below investment grade status.

**GFC** is the Global Financial Crisis.

**Information ratio** is a ratio of portfolio returns above the returns of a benchmark to the volatility of those returns.

**Like-duration Securities** are calculated by the index provider by comparing the index return to a hypothetical matched position in the security.

**LNG** is Liquefied Natural Gas.

The **Option Adjusted Spread (OAS)** measures the spread over a variety of possible interest rate paths. A security's OAS is the average return an investor will earn over Treasury returns, taking all possible future interest rate scenarios into account. The OAS is the net spread over the swap curve that will on average be earned if the security is held to maturity.

**Rising star** is the term given to a bond that was rated high yield but has since been upgraded to investment grade.

**"Risk assets"** are any financial security or instrument that are likely to fluctuate in price.

**Risk premia** is the return in excess of the risk-free rate of return an investment is expected to yield.

**Roll yield** is the yield that a futures investor captures as their long position in a futures contract converges to the spot price.

**"Safe haven"** is an investment that is expected to retain or increase in value during times of market turbulence.

The **SEC yield** is an annualized yield based on the most recent 30 day period. The subsidized yield includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. The **Unsubsidized 30 day SEC Yield** excludes contractual expense reimbursements.

**Tracking error** measures the dispersion or volatility of excess returns relative to a benchmark.

To relate the price sensitivity of ILBs to changes in nominal yields, yield beta is applied to nominal changes to arrive at a price sensitivity of ILBs to changes in nominal rates. A **yield beta** of 0.90 implies that if nominal yields move 100 basis points, real yields will move 90 basis points. ILBs with long maturity may respond differently to changes in nominal rates than shorter maturity ILBs.

The distribution yield for monthly paying Funds is calculated by annualizing actual dividends distributed for the monthly period ended on the date shown and dividing by the net asset value on the last business day for the same period. The distribution yield for quarterly paying Funds is calculated by taking the average of the prior four quarterly distribution yields. The quarterly distribution yields are calculated by annualizing actual dividends distributed for the quarterly period ended on the most recent quarterly distribution date and dividing by the net asset value for the same date. The yield does not include long- or short-term capital gains distributions.

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