UBS Defensive Investment Fund

July 2020

Fund description
The Fund is a diversified portfolio of growth and income assets, with a long term neutral (or average) exposure expected to be around 30% and 60% respectively of the total portfolio. The remaining 10% is expected to be allocated to various alternative asset strategies, which are likely to provide a combination of both income and growth potential.

Investment strategy
Our portfolio management team will build a diversified portfolio by allocating to differing asset classes anywhere within the allowable ranges by normally investing in other UBS managed funds, third party funds and through a range of instruments.

Investment return objective
The Fund aims to outperform (after management costs) the Benchmark over rolling five year periods. The Benchmark is based on the return on the market indices based on the Neutral Allocation of assets (refer to the individual asset class benchmark weights opposite in the ‘Fund tactical and strategic allocations’ graph).

Growth income asset split strategy
Tactical asset allocations

![Growth income asset split strategy]

Investment performance

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<tr>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>1 month %</th>
<th>3 months %</th>
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<th>3 years % pa</th>
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<td>Total return</td>
<td>0.64</td>
<td>3.43</td>
<td>(0.77)</td>
<td>3.25</td>
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<td>Benchmark**</td>
<td>0.64</td>
<td>2.61</td>
<td>0.98</td>
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<td>Added Value</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.82</td>
<td>(1.75)</td>
<td>(2.25)</td>
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Performance figures are net of ongoing fees and expenses. The performance figures quoted are historical, calculated using end of month redemption prices, and do not allow for the effects of income tax or inflation. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Performance can be volatile and future returns can vary from past returns.

Estimate of the fees the Fund will incur through the Fund’s investment in underlying funds. These fees and expenses will vary from time to time.

Due to increased volatility in the markets resulting from COVID-19, the buy/sell spreads for certain funds may have varied. For more information, please download our latest Buy/sell spreads from our website.

Asset allocation includes derivatives used to hedge market exposures.
Performance review

After fees and expenses, the portfolio increased by 0.64% over the month, in line with its benchmark return. At the end of July, the Fund’s equity weight was in line with the benchmark. Through the month equity exposure was tilted long and was reduced to a small overweight relative to the benchmark by month end. Key overweight equity positions are held in emerging market versus developed market equities.

Tactical fixed income strategies included an overweight to investment grade credit across Australian and global markets as well as an overweight to EM hard currency debt and high yield credit. Duration remained moderately long with a preference for $-bloc countries versus the Euro area and Japan where real yields remain negative. Foreign currency exposure was at 11.3% with key underweights in CHF, CAD and USD, and overweight in JPY, EUR and BRL.

Asset Allocation and security selection

Asset Allocation contributed positively over the month. Global growth bottoming is likely to benefit EM due to tailwinds from policy support, sentiment and valuation as well as absence of strength in the US dollar. We added to our allocation in emerging market equity which was additive to performance as EM outperformed all markets in July. We also increased our overweight to EM hard debt which along with IG credit and high yield which contributed positively and continued to outperform government bonds. Sovereign yields fell over the month but contribution to performance was to a much smaller degree as compared to equity and spreads. FX performance was mixed. We opened a tactical underweight to USD and overweight to EUR at the start of the month to reflect our relative preference for European currencies. This was additive for performance as agreements by EU leaders on fiscal support and positive coronavirus vaccine news contributed to broad USD weakness. We also took profit and closed our long SEK (vs. GBP) following a period of strong performance. Overweight to JPY and BRL also contributed positively this month. This was partially offset by short positions held against the USD, such as CAD and AUD. We closed our short AUD position and added to our existing shorts in GBP and CHF in the latter half of the month.

Security selection was a drag to performance this month. Equity strategies had a challenging month as Australian and International Share Funds posted negative returns and underperformed positive benchmark returns. This was partially offset by the Emerging Market Equity Fund which outperformed its benchmark. Fixed Income strategies on the other hand had a good month as Diversified Fixed Income and Global Credit Funds both outperformed their benchmarks. Alternative strategies also made a positive contribution to performance.

Outlook

Global equities continue to price in a brisker economic normalization and associated earnings recovery than we think is likely. We are cognizant of the possibility that risk assets become divorced from fundamentals and overshoot to the upside amid an inflection point in economic activity. However, structurally higher multiples may ultimately be warranted should governments and central banks successfully implement countercyclical macroeconomic policy. We are neutral global equities and focused on relative value opportunities that offer attractively priced exposure to the turn in global growth.

The long end of sovereign curves can serve as a release valve for any signs of economic optimism as central bank commitments to keep policy rates low remain credible. Nonetheless, sovereign fixed income continues to play an important diversifying role in portfolio construction. IG credit and EMD hard debt is preferred to Treasury bonds as central banks and policy makers are increasingly coordinating to increase lending and credit support to the economy.
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