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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

- U.S. equities continue to be a preferred asset class as we believe strong momentum in prices and earnings, as well as low volatility, outweigh the negative of lofty valuations.
- We maintain our neutral position on fixed income, with an overweight to securitized assets. While rate cuts are still being priced in for 2024, the magnitude and timing remain uncertain.
- We continue to believe in the diversification benefits of including alternatives in a portfolio but maintain our underweights to inflation-sensitive areas such as REITs and commodities.



OVERALL POSITIONS

Equities
Fixed income
Alternatives
Cash

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U.S. large caps
U.S. small caps
U.S. growth
U.S. value

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Developed markets

U.K. Eurozone Japan DM Asia ex-Japan

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Emerging markets

WITHIN FIXED INCOME

Investment-grade bonds
Securitized bonds
Emerging market bonds
Developed market bonds
TIPS
Treasuries
Municipal bonds

High-yield bonds

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WITHIN ALTERNATIVES

Absolute return strategies

Commodities

REITs

Convertibles

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