

Global Investment Committee

Asset Allocation



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The Citi Wealth Global Investment Committee met today and left its tactical asset allocation unchanged. We reiterate our neutral equity stance and short duration bias amid ongoing trade and monetary policy uncertainty.

Macro: We remain vigilant to the risks that tariffs and interest rates may pose to US growth in 2H25, although our base case is for slow – but not stalled – economic activity. As with the US, the outlook for global growth remains constrained by changes in trade policy and the capacity for fiscal stimulus. This slowdown may lower near quarter earnings growth and temporarily put pressure on cyclical margins as we head into a seasonally weak period for risk markets. However, rolling sector-level recessions over the past few years likely reduce the risk of an imminent, broad-based contraction heading into a more positive outlook for 2026.

Fixed income: Inflation, while moderating, may rise due to renewed tariff impacts and delayed Fed rate cuts relative to market expectations. This view has influenced our shorter-than-benchmark intermediate posture in core fixed income portfolios, where we maintain a duration of about 5.5yrs. Additionally, our near-term growth concerns support our up-in-quality credit allocation focused primarily on investment grade-rated securities. We are evaluating diverging growth and inflation dynamics globally to determine when and where it is appropriate to add back to duration for income and ballast potential in the portfolio.

Equities: Despite plenty of policy uncertainty, global equities are up nearly 12% year-to-date. Though we approach the traditional period of seasonal weakness in August and September with caution, we are less concerned that a prolonged bear market will subsequently emerge. Our positioning remains skewed towards high quality large caps, which we believe are well-supported by AI and deregulatory tailwinds. Technology, Comm Services, and Financials comprise 58% of the S&P 500 and remain in fundamentally strong positions. While we are starting to see frothy investor sentiment via rallies in heavily shorted and less profitable names, we re-underwrite our preference to avoid small caps in the near-term given cyclical headwinds and fundamentally weaker set-up relative to large caps.

Asset Classes | Global USD Level 3 Asset Allocation (%)

	SAA	TAA	Active Weight	Chg
FIXED INCOME	38.1	37.1	-1.0	
Developed Sovereign	19.0	18.8	-0.2	
US	9.2	14.2	5.0	
Non-US	9.8	4.6	-5.2	
US Securitized	5.8	7.8	2.0	
Developed IG Corporates	6.9	6.6	-0.3	
High Yield	3.2	1.7	-1.5	
Emerging Market Sovereigns	3.2	2.2	-1.0	
EQUITIES	60.0	60.0	0.0	
Developed Equities	51.4	50.6	-0.8	
Large Cap	45.6	50.6	5.0	
US	33.7	37.7	4.0	
Canada	1.4	1.4	0.0	
UK	1.7	1.7	0.0	
Europe ex-UK	4.9	5.9	1.0	
Asia ex-Japan	1.3	1.3	0.0	
Japan	2.6	2.6	0.0	
Small and Mid Cap	5.8	0.0	-5.8	
Emerging Market Equity	8.6	9.4	0.8	
Asia	7.4	8.2	0.8	
Latin America	0.7	0.7	0.0	
Europe, Middle East & Africa	0.5	0.5	0.0	
CASH	2.0	1.0	-1.0	
COMMODITIES	0.0	2.0	2.0	
Level 3 Global USD Portfolio	100	100		

Please refer to the [Portfolio Allocations](#) for a comprehensive breakdown of the portfolios at each risk level.

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Medium grade	Baa	BBB	BBB
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Low grade (speculative)	B	B	B
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Most speculative	Ca	CC	CC
No interest being paid or bankruptcy petition filed	C	D	C
In default	C	D	D

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