

Santander Prosperity

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Fund commentary

In February, the fund delivered a negative performance in absolute terms partially trimming the solid performance seen the previous month. Higher bond yields during the month, boosted by sticky inflation and hawkish rhetoric from central banks, coupled with resilient macro data across the globe, led to a decline in equity markets.

In absolute terms, sector wise Technology was the largest positive contributor for the month, with Consumer Staples, Real Estate and Healthcare being the main draggers. Regarding single names, the main positive contributors were Nvidia (19%), Laureate Education (8%), Kahoot (8%), Dassault Systems (5%) and Edwards Lifescience (5%), while Genera (-12%), IDP Education (-11%), Kikkoman (-11%), Ajinomoto (-10%) and Vonovia (-10%) were the biggest detractors.

The fund has a clear social objective, investing in companies that generate a minimum of 30% of their revenues in activities linked to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, with a special focus on three long-term growth megatrends: Health & Well-Being; Food & Nutrition; Education & Financial Inclusion. Following these trends, during the month two new positions were added to the portfolio: JDE Peets and Kahoot. The management team also took advantage of the inflows experienced during the month, and increased its portfolio bets in Pfizer, Intuitive Surgical, Grupo Bimbo, Pearson and Kurita Waters, among others.

The fund currently has a 96.9% exposure to equities, with a diversified footprint throughout Europe, US, Japan and Latam.

In terms of sector position, due to the fund's intrinsic thematic biases the manager holds a majority allocation to Health Care, Consumer Staples and Real Estate sectors.

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