

Santander Total Return

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Fund commentary

October has been a favorable month for most assets benefiting from less restrictive monetary policies, positive developments regarding US-China trade tariffs, positive surprises in corporate earnings, and announcements of multibillion dollar investments related to artificial intelligence and data centers. These factors have caused stock market indices in the main geographical areas to close in positive territory, with the Japanese and emerging markets standing out among the best performers with returns of around 5%, while the US and European indices rose by around 2%. In terms of sectors, technology and electricity stood out in gains, whereas materials and automobiles ended in negative territory.

The Fed did not disappoint the markets and cut Fed Funds rates, which favored sovereign debt and yields fell. The dollar appreciated +1.7% against the euro during the month, correcting part of the large depreciation it has accumulated over the year. The price of gold continued to skyrocket until the middle of the month, when it corrected sharply, yet still ended the month with a 4% increase.

With equities being the fund's main source of value in terms of exposure and risk, this month the Fund took advantage of the excellent performance seen across all markets. Exposure to emerging markets and Europe stood out above that to Japan and the US. The fund is benefiting from the positive performance of gold this month, where, even though it has limited exposure, it is reaching levels of contribution close to those of US equities. With all assets in the portfolio contributing positively, changes this month have led to a further increase in the equity market exposure, where we have gained exposure to all of them. On the fixed income side, exposure to investment-grade assets in the US has been increased. In terms of dollar positioning, the fund maintains a position in derivatives providing exposure to the currency and capturing the appreciation we have seen in it this month.

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