

Close Tactical Select Passive Funds

Monthly fund manager update
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MONTH IN REVIEW

The first month of the 2025 delivered a strong start to the year, with good returns coming across the board.

Returns for the Close Tactical select Passive range over January were as follows (with the respective Investment Association (IA) sector peer groups in brackets):

- Close TSP Conservative
+3.0% (+2.4%),
- Close TSP Balanced
+4.0% (+3.3%)
- Close TSP Growth
+4.4% (+3.6%)

Our best performing equity holding in January was the Xtrackers Euro Stoxx 50 UCITS ETF, which advanced +9.1%, as European stocks rallied strongly. This was followed closely by the LGIM Cyber Security UCITS ETF, which was up +8.5% following news of Chinese Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered chatbot app, DeepSeek, overtaking OpenAI's ChatGPT as the most downloaded free iOS app. DeepSeek's breakthrough was also the reason behind the Invesco S&P US Information Technology UCITS

ETF being our worst performing investment over January, falling -1.5%.

Our fixed income holdings all ended January in positive territory, with very little variation between long and short duration bonds.

Our diversifiers also performed strongly; physical gold continued its march higher, adding +8.3% for the month, while the UBS CMCI Composite UCITS ETF advanced +3.8%.

Elsewhere, our absolute return holding, the Trium Alternative Growth fund, was up +1.2%, while the iShares FTSE Global infrastructure UCITS ETF also had a good start to the year, advancing +2.3%.

GENERAL POSITIONING

We have not made any significant changes to portfolios in January, only averaging-in positive net fund flows to ensure the cash level remains close to 1%.

From an asset allocation perspective, we remain underweight in fixed income and will continue to maintain an overweight allocation to equities, specifically in the US. We have reduced our alternatives weighting, as we have taken some profits from our physical gold positions following a very strong run.

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