

Santander AM Euro Equity

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Fund commentary

February was a very positive month for global equity markets (MSCI ACWI was up by 4.29%), with virtually all markets in positive territory. This rise was mainly driven by resilient macroeconomic data in the US and Europe, better-than-expected corporate earnings, especially in the US, and a recovery in China, where government measures started to have an effect. In this environment, all European indexes recorded positive results with the EuroStoxx 50 up 5.04% and the MSCI Euro up by 3.32%.

Regarding sectors in Eurozone, Autos & Parts (13%), Industrials (8%), Consumer Prod & Serv (7.9%), Technology -5% and Insurance 4.9% were the best performers. Real Estate (-9%), Utilities (-6.4%) Basic Resources (-5.6%) and Food, Bev & Tob (-2.8%) were the worst performers.

During the month of February Santander Euro Equity had a positive absolute return but underperformed its benchmark MSCI EMU Net Total Return.

Sector allocation was neutral, negative contribution being short Consumer discretionary and Defence but positive contribution being long Industrials and Insurance and short Healthcare.

On the stock selection side, main contributors included being long Linde, Saint Gobain, Axa, Puma, Stellantis, ASML, Schneider and Airbus as well as being short Bayer, Prosus, Dassault and Amadeus.

Main detractor was Grifols, as well as Sanofi, DHL, Forvia and Teleperformance, and short position in Basf, Safran, Siemens, Hermes, Ahold, Wolters Kluwer, Ferrari and BMW.

During the month of February, we sold RWE and Danone and bought Adyen.

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