

Santander AM Euro Equity

Fund commentary

October was a weak month across almost every equity markets: the MSCI World fell by -2.24%, although YTD it is still up a strong 16.0%. This poor performance was mainly due to the market discounting a more gradual pace of Fed policy easing, given the resilience of the U.S. economy, uncertainty related to the U.S. elections, especially on fiscal matters, and increased geopolitical tension in the Middle East.

Within this weak performance, developed markets outperformed emerging markets (-1.98% vs. -4.45%), thanks to the good performance of the Japanese market, which rose 3.07% in October. Eurozone indices posted very weak results, with the EuroStoxx 50 down 3.34%, while the MSCI Euro decline 3.33%. Year to date, all indices continue to perform strongly, with the EuroStoxx 50 and MSCI Euro up 9.30% and 7.94%, respectively.

In terms of sectors in Europe (Stoxx 600), Travel & Leisure (+6.32%), Telecoms (2%), Banks (0.62%) and Energy (0.12%) were the only sectors in positive territory. Consumer Products (-9.89%), Basic Materials (-7.68%) Technology (-7.54%) and Real Estate (-6.66%), were the worst performers for the period.

During the month of October Santander Euro Equity had a negative absolute return but slightly outperformed its benchmark MSCI EMU Net Total Return.

Sector allocation was neutral, positive contribution being long banks, telecoms and short basic materials. Negative contribution being short energy.

Positive performance on the stock selection side, main contributors included being long Deutsche Telecom, Unicredit and Intesa as well as being short Basf, Bayer, Phillips, Cap Gemini, Pernod, L'Oreal and luxury names.

Main detractors were Cellnex, Adidas, Eon, D Post, ASML, DSM, Vonovia, Munich Re and ING and short position in Nokia and Ferrari.

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During the month of October, we reduced Sanofi and bought Gea and Ryanair.

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