

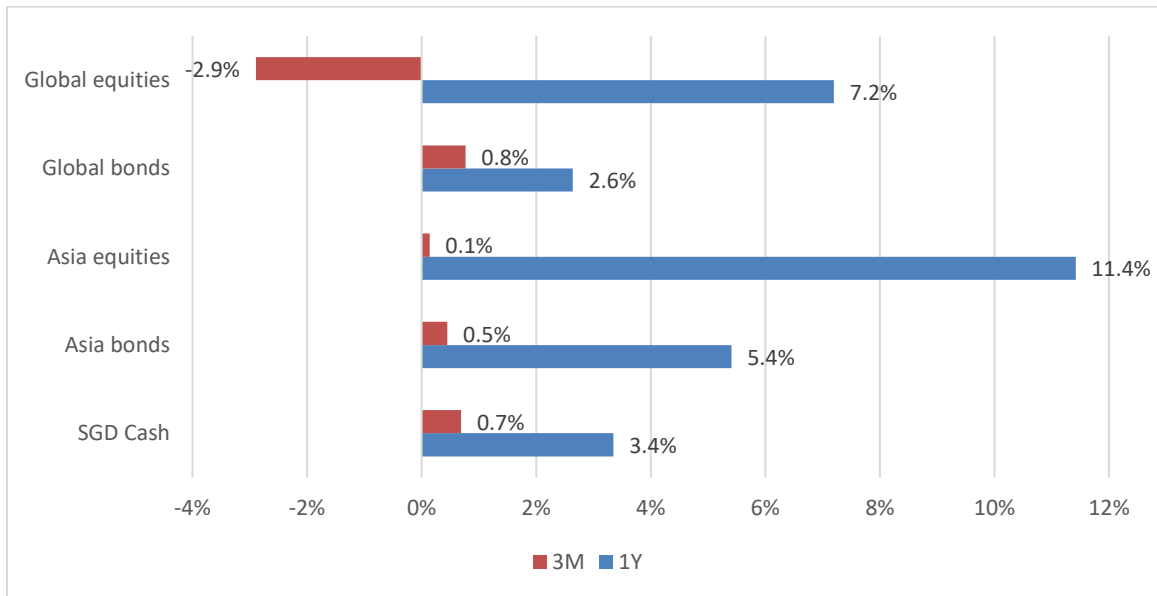


## UOBAM Invest Q1 2025 Market Review

### Q1 2025 Market developments

- Global equities in fell in the first quarter after hitting all-time-high in February due to concerns over Trump's trade policies.
- Global bonds rose as investors bought safe-haven assets.
- Asian equities had strong gains during the earlier part of the quarter before giving most of them up over tariff concerns.

### Asset class performance (% in SGD terms)



Source: UOBAM/Bloomberg. Performance as at 31 March 2025.

Indices used as follows:

Global Equities	MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI);
Global Bonds	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index;
Asian Equities	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index; and
Asian Bonds	J.P.Morgan Asia Credit (JACI) Investment Grade Index on a Net Asset Value basis;
SGD Cash	3M Singapore Overnight Rate Average (SORA)

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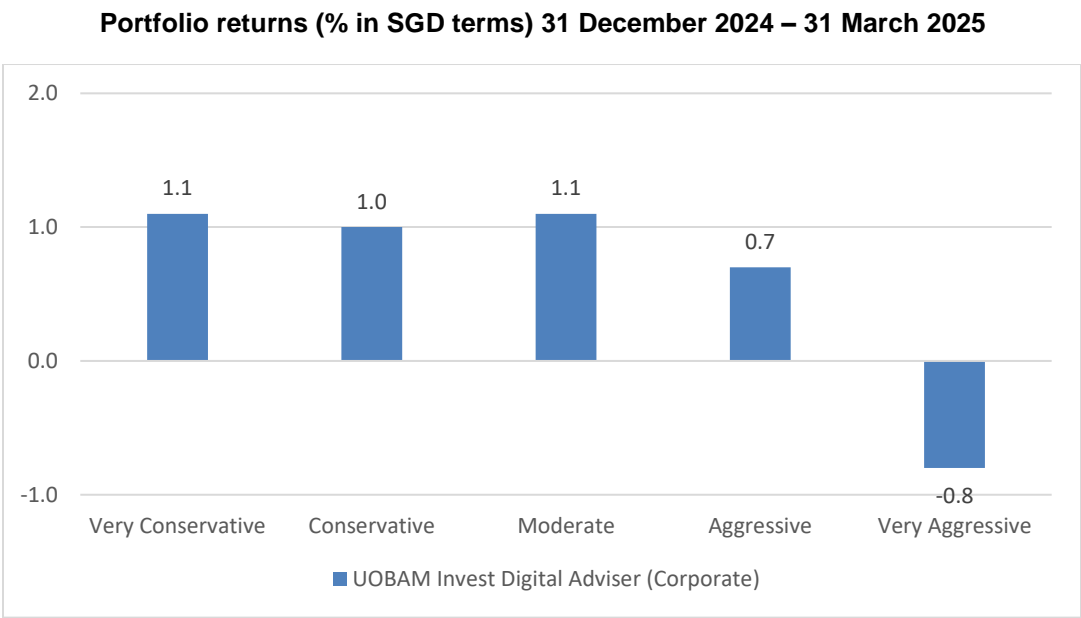
The quarter started strong for US equities with the S&P 500 hitting a record high in February. However, it ended negative due to growth fears, tariff uncertainties, and cracks in the artificial intelligence (AI) growth narrative – which led to Big Tech's leadership faltering and contributing to the broader market's decline. Strategists cut their 2025 S&P 500 price targets and revised earnings downward, citing higher tariffs, weaker economic growth, and higher inflation. Despite these, hard data such as nonfarm payrolls, core CPI, and retail sales held up relatively well, providing some support to the market amidst the broader weakness. On the other hand, Europe equities performed relatively better, driven by attractive valuations, Germany's aggressive fiscal stimulus, and resilient earnings growth across most sectors.

Asia equities saw mixed performance. The Hang Seng index gained over 15% following DeepSeek's AI breakthrough, while mainland China equities were mixed. South Korea's KOSPI rebounded from political turmoil but faced chip stock selloffs, and Taiwan's Taiex underperformed as the AI rally faded. India's benchmarks fell in February over stock valuation and growth concerns but steadied subsequently due to limited US exposure. Most Asian equities ended the quarter lower due to concerns over President Trump's tariff threats.

Global bonds ended the quarter higher as treasuries rallied, with the 2Y and 10Y yields falling significantly, primarily due to heightened economic growth concerns and policy uncertainties around tariffs and the broader Trump 2.0 policy agenda. As investors grew wary of potential economic slowdowns and market volatility, they sought the relative safety of government bonds, leading to a flight to quality. The shorter-term US 2 Year Treasury yield fell from 4.2%, to 3.9%, while the US 10 Year Treasury yield fell from 4.6% to 4.2%. Additionally, the Federal Reserve's cautious stance and expectations for potential rate cuts further supported the bond market.

# Portfolio performance

- As of 31 March 2025, UOBAM Invest portfolio returns for the first quarter ranged between -0.8 percent to 1.1 percent.

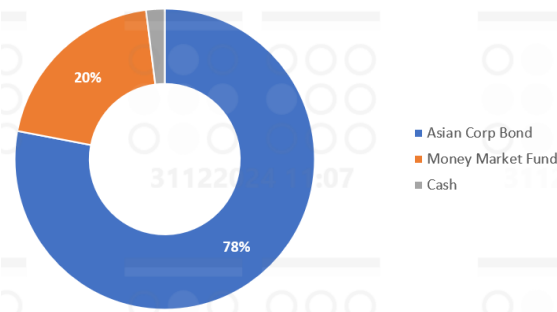


Source: Factset / UOBAM. Portfolio returns are for the period from 31 December 2024 to 31 March 2025.

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## 1. Very Conservative portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	1.0
6 months	1.7
1 year	3.9



Source: UOBAM as of 31 March 2025

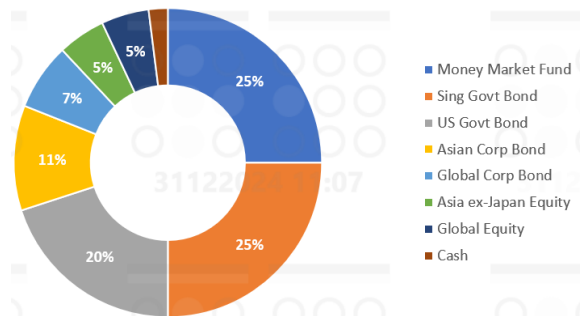
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For the three-month period ending 31 March 2025, this portfolio was up 1.0%. Asia investment grade bonds contributed to the bulk of the returns.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 3.9%. The largest contributor was Asia investment grade bonds while the smallest contributor was global investment grade bonds.

## 2. Conservative portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	1.0
6 months	2.2
1 year	5.0



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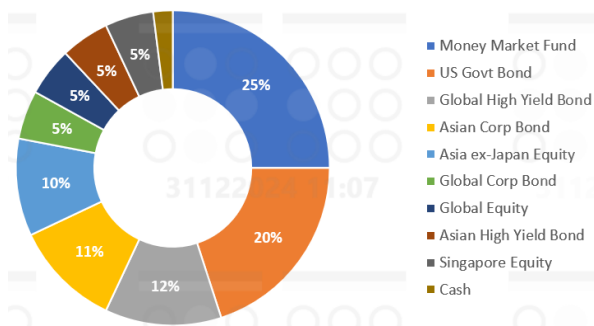
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For the three-month period ending 31 March 2025, this portfolio was up 1.0%. The largest contributor was Singapore government bonds while the largest detractor was global equities.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 5.0%. The largest contributor was Singapore government bonds while the smallest contributor was global equities.

### 3. Moderate portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	1.1
6 months	3.9
1 year	5.8



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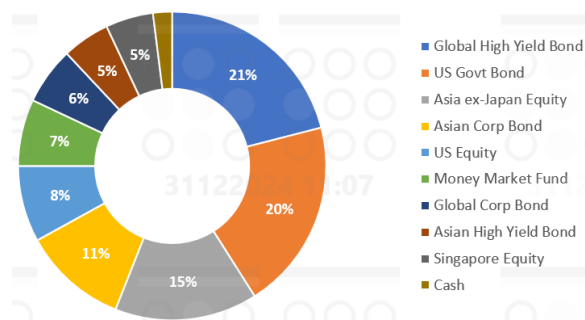
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For the three-month period ending 31 March 2025, the portfolio was up 1.1%. The largest contributor was Europe equities while the largest detractor was global equities.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 5.8%. The largest contributor was Asia equities while US equities detracted slightly.

#### 4. Aggressive portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	0.7
6 months	4.1
1 year	6.3



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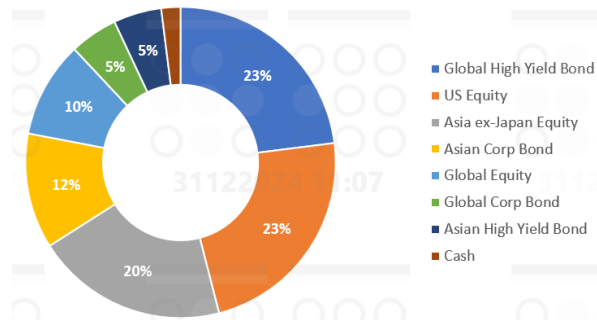
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For the three-month period ending 31 March 2025, this portfolio was up 0.7%. The largest contributor was Asia equities while the largest detractor was US equities.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 6.3%. The largest contributor was Asia equities while Europe equities detracted slightly.

## 5. Very Aggressive portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	-0.8
6 months	3.2
1 year	6.5



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For the three-month period ending 31 March 2025, the portfolio was down 0.8%. The largest contributor was Asia equities while the largest detractor was US equities.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 6.5%. The largest contributor was Asia equities while Europe equities detracted.

## Looking ahead

- Aggressive tariffs have led to significant stock market declines and increased recession risks.
- Consumers and businesses face price increases and uncertainties, impacting spending and margins.

On April 3, President Trump announced significant tariffs on major US trading partners, aiming for economic independence. However, the repercussions are complex. US stocks plummeted, with the Nasdaq Composite entering a bear market and both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 falling to their lowest levels since May 2024. Trade tensions escalated as China retaliated with tariffs on US goods. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell warned that these tariffs could lead to higher inflation and slower economic growth, adopting a cautious stance on rate cuts. The scope and speed of the tariffs are worse than expected, making negotiations challenging.

At the beginning of the year, the consensus view was that risk of recession was low, but the recent aggressive policy announcements have raised recession odds. Recession probability would increase if US consumption growth stalls and trigger weaker consumption and more layoffs. Key data points that we are monitoring include US consumer reactions to price increases. Resilient US consumers and continued spending could support global economic growth, despite margin compression for companies, which can recover over time with technology and AI.

China has an opportunity to position itself as a reliable global partner, though its geopolitical stance complicates this. Market recovery paths exist, but with the flip-flops of Trump policies, investors would be more cautious and recovery will take time. The fiscal drag on US growth would potentially tip the country into recession. The Fed might cut interest rates, and income tax cuts could partly offset tariff effects, but these measures offer limited comfort. The US has taken a significant step backward, and while the market correction is large, it reflects the negative impact on global efficiency and output due to US policies.

As of the latest rebalancing, we have broadly reduced equities exposure due to increased volatility, especially for the most aggressive portfolio. We have also added US government bonds and money market fund to some of the portfolios for a more defensive positioning. We are continuously monitoring market conditions and stand ready to adjust our strategies as needed.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to review your investment objective and portfolio. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at [UOBAMSupport@uobgroup.com](mailto:UOBAMSupport@uobgroup.com).

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