

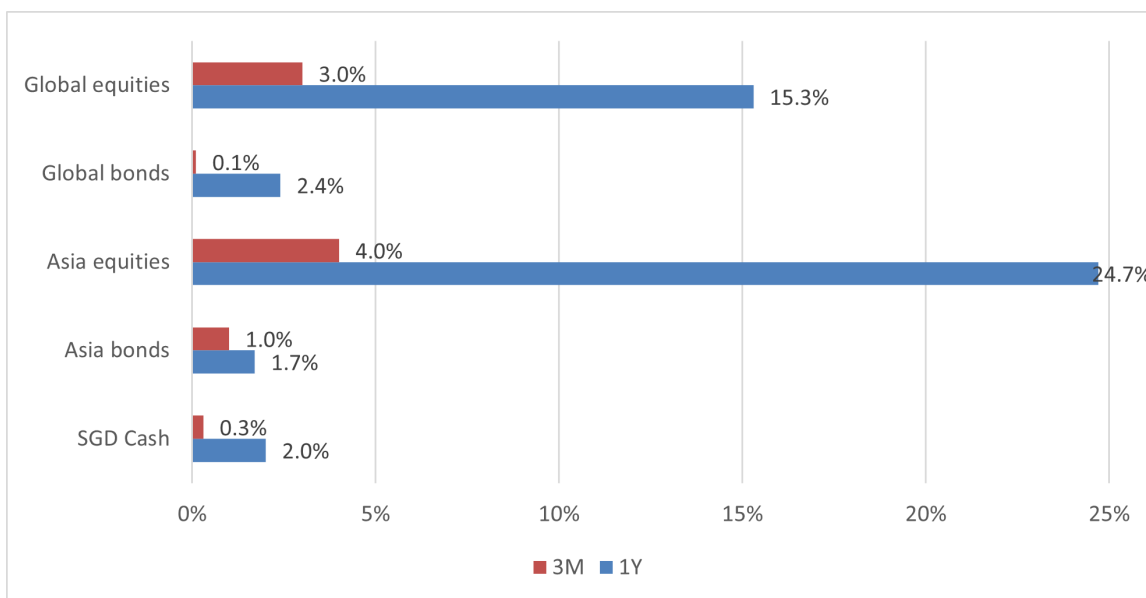


## UOBAM Invest Q4 2025 Market Review

### Q4 2025 Market Developments

- Global equities ended Q4 on a strong note, supported by easing inflation, and continued AI-driven optimism.
- Asian equities advanced, led by Korea and Taiwan amid sustained strength in technology sectors.
- Bond markets firmed as dovish central bank signals reinforced rate-cut expectations, though volatility persisted on mixed inflation data.

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



Source: FactSet/Bloomberg. Performance as at 31 December 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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U.S. stocks continued their winning streak in Q4 2025, marking a third consecutive quarterly and annual gain. Strong company earnings and resilient consumer spending supported the rally. Sectors like pharma, biotech, semiconductors, and industrials saw broad strength. AI optimism remained a key driver, fuelled by elevated big investments in hyperscalers and upbeat guidance from Nvidia. However, questions around returns on AI spending and rising debt levels added some volatility. Among big tech names, performance was uneven, with Alphabet leading gains while Nvidia was flat and Meta came under pressure. Global trade news was positive, with an extended US-China trade truce and tariff relief boosting sentiment. Looking ahead to 2026, while earnings and fiscal outlooks remain optimistic, concerns over sticky inflation, housing weakness, and stretched sentiment suggest early 2026 could be more volatile.

Asian equities extended gains in Q4 2025, capping a strong year, though performance varied by country. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan index rose 4 percent, led by South Korea's tech stocks like SK Hynix and Samsung Electronics, which surged on strong AI-related demand. China's earlier rally stalled, with the MSCI China and Hang Seng Tech indices slipping on weaker economic data and profit-taking. Taiwan's market advanced, though less than Korea, while Malaysia and Singapore outperformed, with Singapore hitting record highs. Japan posted modest gains, but concerns over Bank of Japan rate hikes and high AI valuations kept investors cautious.

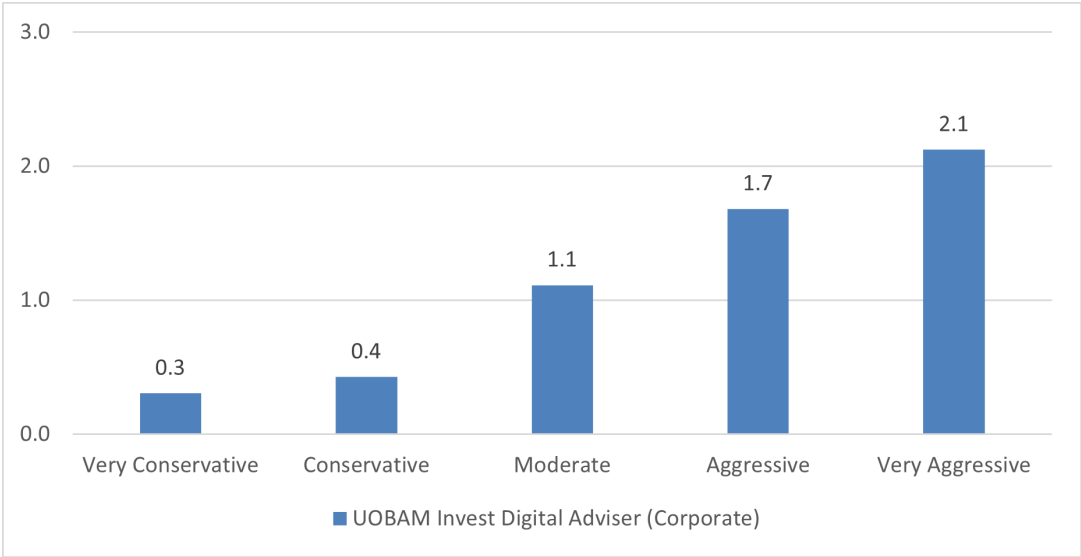
Global bond markets edged higher in Q4 as investors anticipated a more accommodative US Federal Reserve (Fed). The Fed delivered two 25-basis-point cuts – in October and December – and concluded its Quantitative Tightening programme in December. This dovish tilt supported risk sentiment, though markets occasionally softened when hawkish remarks surfaced, particularly after the October FOMC minutes signalled ongoing caution.

US Treasuries strengthened at the front end of the curve, with the 2-year yield easing from 3.6 percent to 3.5 percent as dovish Fed communication and signs of cooling in the labour market improved investor confidence. The 10-year yield finished the quarter unchanged at 4.2 percent, although it experienced notable volatility as investors constantly reassessed growth and inflation prospects. Late in Q4, global rate dynamics turned more complex as the Bank of Japan raised its policy rate by 25 basis points to 0.75 percent, lifting JGB yields above 2 percent for the first time in decades, while several other central banks maintained a tightening bias.

# PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

- As of 31 December 2025, UOBAM Invest portfolio returns for the fourth quarter, ranged between 0.3 percent and 2.1 percent.

Portfolio returns (% in SGD terms) 30 September 2025 – 31 December 2025

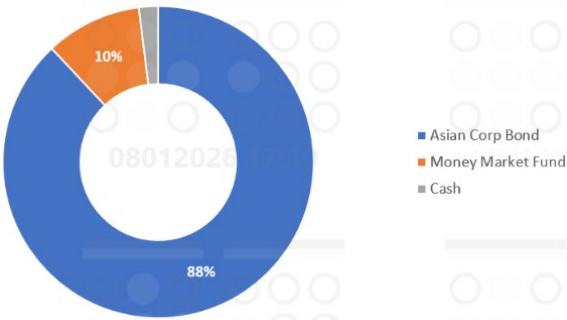


Source: Factset / UOBAM. Portfolio returns are for the period from 30 September 2025 to 31 December 2025.

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**1. Very Conservative portfolio**

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	0.3
6 months	1.3
1 year	3.4



Source: UOBAM as of 31 December 2025

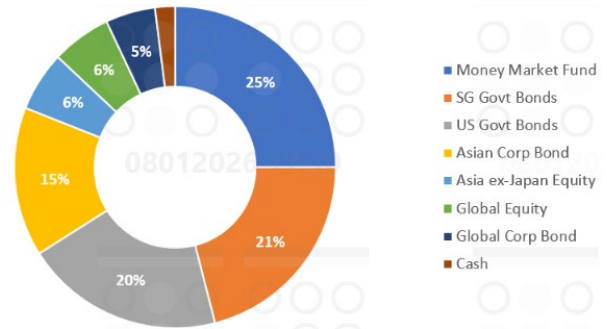
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For the three-month period ending 31 December 2025, this portfolio was up 0.3 percent. Asia investment-grade bonds contributed to the bulk of the returns.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 3.4 percent. Asia investment-grade bonds contributed to the bulk of the returns.

## 2. Conservative portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	0.4
6 months	3.4
1 year	5.2



Source: UOBAM as of 31 December 2025

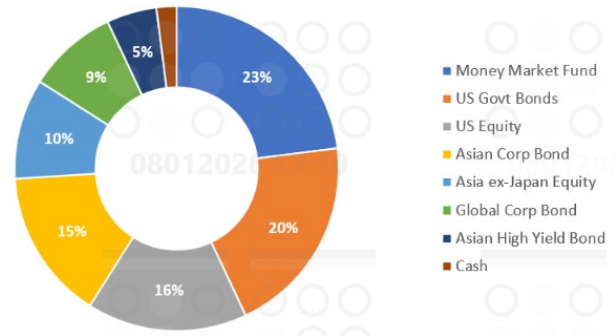
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For the three-month period ending 31 December 2025, this portfolio was up 0.4 percent. The largest contributor was Asian equities while Singapore government bonds detracted.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 5.2 percent. 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	4.7
1 year	6.1



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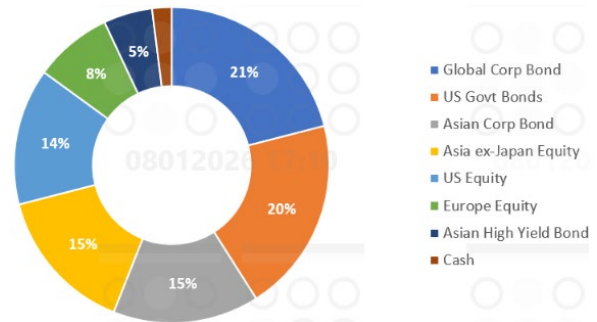
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For the three-month period ending 31 December 2025, the portfolio was up 1.1 percent. The largest contributor was US equities while the smallest contributor was Asia investment-grade bonds.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 6.1 percent. The largest contributor was Asia equities while global equities was the largest detractor.

#### 4. Aggressive portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	1.7
6 months	7.0
1 year	8.1



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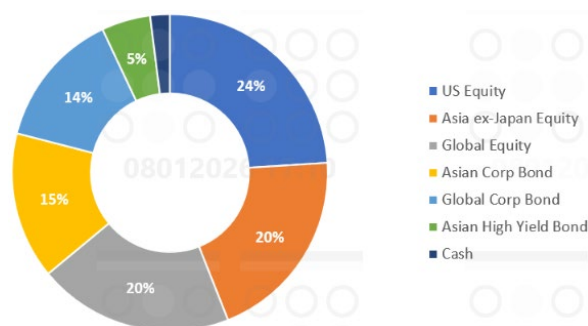
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For the three-month period ending 31 December 2025, this portfolio was up 1.7 percent. The largest contributor was Asian equities while the smallest contributor was Asia investment-grade bonds.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 8.1 percent. The largest contributor was Asia equities while global high-yield bonds was the largest detractor.

## 5. Very Aggressive portfolio

Period	Portfolio Return (%)
3 months	2.1
6 months	9.5
1 year	11.4



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For the three-month period ending 31 December 2025, the portfolio was up 2.1 percent. The largest contributor was Asian equities while the smallest contributor was Asia investment-grade bonds.

Over the one-year period, the portfolio gained 11.4 percent. The largest contributor was Asia equities while global high-yield bonds detracted.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Global markets enter 2026 on a constructive footing, supported by policy tailwinds, fading tariff impacts, and resilient corporate fundamentals
- Bond markets offer stability and attractive carry, though caution is warranted amid policy uncertainty and macro shocks
- We are shifting to a slight equity overweight as economic risks recede and corporate earnings remain healthy

As we move into 2026, economic conditions are becoming more supportive. Fiscal and monetary policy are expected to turn more accommodative, with new tax incentives and further rate cuts following those implemented at the end of 2025. The drag from tariffs on global growth is likely to fade by mid-year, while corporate fundamentals remain strong. Consensus forecasts for 2026 earnings growth stand at 13 percent for the US, 11 percent for Europe, 10 percent for Japan, and 18 percent for Asia ex-Japan, reinforcing a constructive outlook for global markets.

Strong corporate profit growth and improving productivity underpin expectations for continued market resilience. Historically, double-digit earnings growth tends to align with strong equity performance, and companies today are generally maintaining margins with lower leverage compared to previous high-valuation periods. These dynamics suggest the current expansion cycle could extend for another one to two years, supported by ongoing investment in technology and AI.

Across Asia, a growing middle class, attractive valuations, and currency strength remain key pillars of support. In China, liquidity conditions, anti-involution measures, and more measured consumer policies are expected to sustain market performance, with the extension of the US tariff pause to November 2026 providing additional relief. India may encounter headwinds as US tariffs weigh on near-term growth, while valuations in Taiwan and Korea appear stretched after strong tech-sector performance, prompting a more cautious stance.

Global bond markets are expected to remain stable, with US 10-year Treasury yields projected to trade between 4.0 percent and 4.5 percent in Q1 2026. The Fed funds rate is expected to decline toward 3.25 percent by mid-year, supporting a neutral stance on duration. We favour investment-grade developed market credit as developed market economies continue to demonstrate resilience. However, heightened policy uncertainty in the US and ongoing geopolitical risks warrant a prudent approach. While high-yield names may offer wider spreads, they are more exposed to macro shocks and external funding pressures, whereas investment-grade bonds are better positioned to weather volatility.

With economic risks fading and corporate earnings remaining healthy, we expect the market expansion cycle to continue and are shifting to a modest equity overweight. Within equities, we maintain an overweight in Asia and are upgrading our outlook on the US market to positive,

supported by improving profit margins from technological innovation and productivity gains. We continue to monitor inflation dynamics, labour-market trends, and tariff developments closely, standing ready to adjust our positioning as conditions evolve.

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