

**Aggregate performance, net of fees (%)**

**Historic performances, net of fees**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
3.17%	1.49%	0.99%	1.90%	-2.32%	2.65%	1.32%	-1.51%	0.45%	-0.25%	1.41%	1.09%	10.76% <b>2019</b>
0.10%	-2.44%	-5.95%	4.72%	2.32%	2.17%	1.98%	1.18%	-0.45%	-0.66%	3.08%	1.77%	7.63% <b>2020</b>
-0.29%	-0.55%	0.21%	2.07%	-0.01%	1.62%	0.28%	1.36%	-1.92%	1.34%	0.47%	0.70%	5.35% <b>2021</b>
-4.43%	-2.48%	0.48%	-3.49%	-0.62%	-4.33%	4.37%	-1.31%	-5.48%	1.07%	3.70%	-2.53%	-14.54% <b>2022</b>
4.08%	-1.22%	0.93%	-0.74%	0.15%	1.55%	1.50%	-1.02%	-1.38%	-2.24%	5.15%	3.78%	10.73% <b>2023</b>
0.24%	2.32%	1.75%	-2.34%	1.77%	1.75%	-0.15%	0.58%	0.26%	-0.44%	2.35%	-1.12%	7.08% <b>2024</b>
2.73%	-1.01%	-3.93%	-0.38%	3.40%	1.53%	0.92%	0.34%	1.02%	1.33%	-0.20%	0.41%	6.13% <b>2025</b>

Source: Kestrel Wealth Management

**Comments from the portfolio manager**

The financial markets ended the year with a positive month. Despite a divided US Federal Reserve's (Fed) board and escalating tensions between the US and Venezuela, a declining inflation rate and a better economic growth supported equity prices overall. Globally, equities posted a monthly return of 1.1%, led by Emerging Markets (3%) and Europe (2.8%). US stocks ended the month virtually unchanged (0.1%). Regarding other asset classes, global bond prices increased slightly (0.3%) in spite of higher long-term interest rates. The yield on the US 10-year government bond gained 15 bps to 4.17% on doubts over the Fed's next move and geopolitical uncertainties. Gold price increased 1.9%, ending the year at USD 4'319.-oz.

In December, the Fed announced its third cut in its benchmark interest rate, from 4% to 3.75% for the upper bound. It was a split decision though, with many board members arguing that the inflation rate is still too high. On this matter, consumer prices in the USA increased by 2.7%, below the 3.1% expected by the consensus. The US GDP growth was also surprisingly strong, coming in at 4.3% vs. 3.3% expected. Overall, investors were reassured in their beliefs that the Fed will continue to lower its rate despite mounting dissensions within its board.

**Performance contributors (YTD)**
**Best Contributors**

Security	Price Performance	Currency Performance	Performance	Weighting	Performance Contribution
Invesco Funds - Invesco Euro Eq. Fund A GBP H Acc.	22.80%	0.00%	22.80%	6.20%	1.22%
UBS (Lux) Key Selection SICAV - Asian Equities GBP	25.05%	0.00%	25.05%	5.26%	1.12%
Polar Capital North American Fd Class R GBP Income	9.53%	0.00%	9.53%	7.91%	0.73%
Schroder ISF EURO Equity A GBP Hedged Acc	10.72%	0.00%	10.72%	6.72%	0.69%
Alliance Bernstein SICAV I Select US Eq. A GBP H	16.89%	0.00%	16.89%	3.89%	0.60%

**Worst Contributors**

Security	Price Performance	Currency Performance	Performance	Weighting	Performance Contribution
Polar Capital Global Tech R GBP - Sterling Class	-11.30%	0.00%	-11.30%	0.00%	-1.17%
Janus Henderson Hrzn Global Tech. Leaders Fund A2	0.20%	-7.01%	-6.82%	0.00%	-0.37%
Mirabaud Equities Global Emerging Markets A GBP	-1.15%	0.00%	-1.15%	0.00%	-0.03%
Goldman Sachs Group Inc. 1.875% 16.12.2030	-1.66%	0.00%	-1.66%	1.78%	-0.03%
Pictet - Water HP CHF	-6.48%	6.46%	-0.43%	2.57%	-0.01%

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