

Eagle Global Opportunity Growth Fund Quarterly Report



Yet another quarter that will be shaped by President Trump. Somewhat despite us, his name will be the most cited on planet Earth. For peace, for war, for health and for the global economy, all eyes will be turned towards President Trump. This is due to a lack of alternative leadership in the rest of the world and particularly in Europe.

The global economy appears to be positioning itself in resilience mode. The threats of new customs tariffs continue to change at the whim of Trump's caprices or negotiations and concessions to America's dictates. Investment and consumption are stagnating whilst awaiting visibility and the potential consequences of new trade rules imposed by President Trump's America.

If, despite the Federal Reserve's warnings, the American government implements the fiscal policy advocated by Trump, we can expect an explosion and devaluation of American debt and consequently a rise in the risk premium demanded by investors. It seems obvious to us that the USA will be more penalised than the rest of the world.

We believe that Asia can accommodate and emerge victorious from a trade war; regarding Europe, our view is more nuanced. Europe lacks a unified strategy and a common negotiating leader.

From a macroeconomic perspective, we note that oil is maintaining levels around \$60 with a currency that has lost approximately 10% against major currencies since the beginning of 2025. We believe this trend can be sustained in the medium and long term.

We do not foresee a significant rise in wages, energy or raw materials in the short term. The ECB will have room for a rate cut during this quarter as European inflation appears to be stabilised in the 2% zone, so appreciated by central banks. The new customs duties imposed by Trump should penalise the American economy more.

With this scenario, the bond market is no longer very attractive. We favour the industrial sector and infrastructure, maintaining the same asset allocation for the remainder. Without great ambitions regarding the performance expected for this year, we prefer to remain invested in equity markets, with significant sectoral and geographical diversification. It seems to us that this strategy will be more rewarding than the bond market.

A few more weeks of volatility await whilst we anticipate political decisions and their impact on global trade. Let us wager that a dose of pragmatism can bring some reason before witnessing damage that is long-lasting and difficult to remedy.