

PIMCO Balanced Income and Growth Fund

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Balanced Income and Growth Fund returned 2.34% (Institutional, Accumulation net of fees) in February outperforming the 60% MSCI ACWI Index / 40% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index by 0.33%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 3.23% (Institutional, Accumulation net of fees), while the benchmark returned 2.26%.

Tech stocks led a broad market rally fueled by advancements in artificial intelligence, while bond indexes faced challenges as yields rose. U.S. credit spreads tightened, developed sovereign bond yields rose, and the U.S. Dollar strengthened. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury rose 34 bps to 4.25% as unexpectedly resilient inflation and strong economic data challenged market expectations of rapid rate cuts. In Germany, the 10-year Bund yield rose 25 bps to 2.41%. In the U.K., 10-year Gilt yields rose 33 bps to 4.12%, while 10-year Japanese Government Bond yields fell 2 bps to 0.71%.

Contributors

- Long exposure to U.S. equities
- Long exposure to non-U.S. developed equities, primarily European and Japanese equities
- Long exposure to EM equities

Detractors

- Long exposure to U.S. duration
- Long tactical exposure to the Japanese Yen

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Performance (Net of Fees)	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
Institutional, Acc (%)	2.34	7.48	8.25	13.50	1.99	5.62	5.30	5.67
Benchmark (%)	2.01	6.77	8.19	15.81	3.48	6.89	6.06	—

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Performance (Net of Fees)	Feb'2019-Feb'2020	Feb'2020-Feb'2021	Feb'2021-Feb'2022	Feb'2022-Feb'2023	Feb'2023-Feb'2024
Institutional, Acc (%)	2.20	21.25	3.50	-9.71	13.50
Benchmark (%)	-	-	-	-	15.81

The following information is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data presented below.

Calendar Year (Net of Fees)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Institutional, Acc (%)	7.58	-0.90	4.18	14.18	-5.16	15.57	14.59	11.01	-17.06	11.40	3.23
Benchmark (%)	5.61	-0.80	6.45	15.18	-4.86	19.18	12.65	10.28	-15.32	16.36	2.26

Current MIFID legislation prevents us from reporting performance data for funds with less than a 12 month track record. The benchmark is the Inception to November 28, 2023 60% MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) and 40% Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD Hedged Index. November 29, 2023 onwards 60% MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) and 40% Bloomberg US Aggregate Index
All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

The fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the below benchmark as further outlined in the prospectus and key investor information document/key information document.

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Key Facts

	Accumulation
Bloomberg Ticker	PGMAUIA
ISIN	IE00B639QY17
Sedol	B639QY1
CUSIP	G70975787
Valoren	10011826
WKN	AORF98
Inception Date	15/04/2009
Distribution	-
Unified Management Fee	0.95% p.a.
Fund Type	UCITS
Portfolio Manager	Emmanuel Sharef, Erin Browne, Daniel J. Ivascyn, Joshua Anderson
Total Net Assets	652.6 (USD in Millions)
Fund Base Currency	USD
Share Class Currency	USD

Credit and Default Risk: A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk. **Currency Risk:** Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. **Equity Risk:** The value of equity or equity related securities may be affected by stock market movements. Drivers of price fluctuations include general economic and political factors as well as industry or company specific factors. **Derivatives and Counterparty Risk:** The use of certain derivatives could result in the fund having a greater or more volatile exposure to the underlying assets and an increased exposure to counterparty risk. This may expose the fund to larger gains or losses associated with market movements or in relation to a trade counterparty being unable to meet its obligations. **Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets, and especially frontier markets, generally carry greater political, legal, counterparty and operational risk. Investments in these markets may expose the fund to larger gains or losses. **Liquidity Risk:** Difficult market conditions could result in certain securities becoming hard to sell at a desired time and price. **Interest Rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices). **Mortgage Related and Other Asset Backed Securities Risks:** Mortgage or asset backed securities are subject to similar risks as other fixed income securities, and may also be subject to prepayment risk and higher levels of credit and liquidity risk.

MONTH IN REVIEW

The MSCI World Index advanced 4.2% in February as investors weighed the outlook for central bank rate cuts after the latest batch of strong economic data. In the U.S., the S&P 500 Index hit record highs, rising 5.3% and bringing YTD gains to 7.1%. DM economies overall remained stronger than expected and the market showed optimism in artificial intelligence, resulting in continued market leadership from large tech companies. Emerging market equities rose 4.8% in February, boosted by performance in Chinese stock markets as investor sentiment improved following a bout of interest rate cuts and indications that officials may work to stem market volatility. Korean equities provided an additional tailwind to performance amid an AI-related rally in the tech sector.

Against a backdrop of still-sticky inflation, developed sovereign yields broadly rose in February as markets adjusted expectations for central bank rate cuts, which may begin later than previously anticipated. The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield rose 34 bps to 4.25% following cautious comments from Federal Reserve officials. The German 10-year Bund yield ended 25 bps higher at 2.41%, while the U.K. 10-year Gilt yield rose 33 bps to 4.12% as growth remained resilient. Meanwhile, in Japan, 10-year Government Bond yields rose intra-month as the Bank of Japan alluded to the potential for near-term rate hikes before ending the month down 2 bps at 0.71%. Global investment grade credit spreads tightened 5 bps amid generally positive earnings results despite some of the central bank rate cuts being priced out of the market.

PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

- **Core Equity Strategy:** Across developed markets, we are underweight the U.S., but are overweight Europe and Japan. We have a modest overweight to emerging market equities. In terms of sectors, we are overweight information technology and industrials, and underweight real estate and materials.
- **Flexible Fixed Income Strategy:** We favor U.S. duration given the yield advantage over other developed markets. We continue to prefer agency MBS given they offer a high quality source of spread and strong liquidity profile. In the higher yielding segment, we also maintain a preference for senior legacy non-agency MBS based on attractive spreads, strong fundamentals, and a resilient housing market.
- **Tactical Strategy:** Given higher inflation signals in the U.S. and Eurozone, we decreased our exposure to equities and credit despite a stronger business cycle signal. We modestly decreased our overweight to duration, and we increased our exposure to and are now overweight the U.S. Dollar.

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

We expect further disinflation and the potential for a faster cutting cycle to raise the prospects for a soft landing. However, this is not to say that we believe that the path toward a soft landing is the only possible path. It is our view that the tighter-for-longer strategy that central banks have been communicating along with the strong possibility of stagnation in developed market supply and demand growth leave recession risks elevated.

Against this backdrop, the Fund seeks to provide a combination of income and growth potential in a stable and consistent manner, utilizing the following strategies:

Core Equity Strategy: The Fund's 60% core equity strategy is a systematic approach that seeks to outperform the MSCI ACWI Index, offering exposure to robust equity factors for consistent returns across market environments.

Flexible Fixed Income Strategy: The Fund's 40% flexible fixed income allocation uses a global, multi-sector approach to seek consistent income and long-term capital appreciation potential. Leveraging PIMCO's global resources, the strategy accesses the vast global fixed income market, investing in a mix of high-quality and higher-yielding assets to achieve its objectives.

Tactical Strategy: The Fund utilizes up to 10% tactical flexibility to enhance its long-term return potential, leveraging PIMCO's macro insights and return-generation expertise to improve the Fund's risk/return profile across varying macro and market environments. The Fund's approach to active tactical allocation anchors on macro-driven asset allocation adjustments to manage the 4 main risk factors of a multi-asset portfolio: equity, duration, credit, and currency.

Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs)	1.62
Benchmark Duration (yrs)	2.44

Emerging Market Equities: MSCI Emerging Markets Index; Global Investment Grade Credit Spreads: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index USD-Hedged Index Basis points (bps); Japanese Government Bond (JGB); European Central Bank (ECB); Bank of Japan (BOJ)

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