

MONTHLY COMMENTARY

AHAM SMART INVEST PORTFOLIO – GROWTH



Portfolio Review

YTD	1M	3M	1Y	3Y (p.a.)	*SI (p.a.)
-4.2%	2.8%	-5.3%	-4.2%	3.6%	5.8%

Performance: The Fund recorded a return of 2.8% for the month, with 90-day pause in tariffs initiated a swift reversal in risk sentiment global equities recouping most of Liberation day sell-offs. USD weakened further by -1.4% during the month.

- ↑ Contributors: Global equities and Technology; with European names leading with investors rebalancing away from US.
- Detractors: Healthcare underperformed, as markets were uneasy over policies for potential Medicare/Medicaid spending cuts.

Positioning: Diversifying away from US overweight given tariff uncertainties. Reduce ETFs for more active management in view of increased dispersion between corporate performance.

- ↑ Increased: Introduced new Japan manager, overall Japan exposure maintain.
- Decreased: No changes.

Our views on the market

- May saw markets retracing all tariff-related losses, reflecting a shift from "peak pessimism" amid heightened economic uncertainty.
- We note 1Q corporate earnings were better than analyst consensus (10%), but also wary surprises came mainly from margin gains instead of sales volume, and yet to reflect tariff impacts.
- Dispersion across rate cut expectations on inflation and unemployment outlook highlights further uncertainty, with USD retracing some of its weakness (YTD -5%).
- With continued uncertainty as well as higher long-end rates, we advocate for quality growth companies with a focus on cash flow and earnings resiliency.
- We continue to diversify away from USD assets for now into Europe, Japan and China until policies on both trade and corporate tax reforms alongside fiscal debt exhibits more clarity.

Fund Contributors and Detractors

Тор 3	Return (%)
Baillie Gifford Long Term Global Growth Fund	1.0
NikkoAM Global Equity Fund	0.7
Franklin Technology Fund	0.7

Bottom 3	Return (%)
Janus Henderson Biotechnology Fund	-0.3
BGF World Healthscience Fund	-0.3
GQG Partners US Equity Fund	-0.2

Portfolio Positioning

- We maintain conviction by reducing our passive ETF exposure and relocating proceeds into global quality growth strategies that are actively managed.
- On Japan, we diversified managerial risk by allocating into a strategy that is more domestic consumption focused, to weather against any trade uncertainties that continues to persist. Also topped up to China AI on any signs of pullbacks as we remain confident that it remains a growth catalyst for the region.
- Given political headwinds, strategy is reviewing some of its healthcare positions with the belief that fundamental remains in-tact and that the sector continues to command a premium given structural growth opportunities (i.e. aging population, recovery of surgical procedures).

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Source: Bloomberg, AHAM Capital, as at 31st May 2025.



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Geographic Allocation*



- 54% US
- 14% Europe
- 9% Japan
- 10% China + Hong Kong
- 1% Taiwan
- 3% South Korea
- 4% ASEAN
- 2% Others
- 2% Cash + Equivalents

Sector Allocation*



- 27% Information Technology
- 22% Healthcare
- 11% Financials
- 15% Consumer Discretionary
- 8% Industrials
- 12% Communication Services
- 0% Utilities
- 1% Energy
- 3% Consumer Staples
- 0% Materials
- 0% Others
- 0% Real Estate
- 2% Cash

Portfolio Changes

Portfolio Initiations	Weight
Franklin Japan Fund	4.0%

Portfolio Addition	Weight
Baillie Gifford Long Term Global Growth Fund	6.0%
Nikko AM Global Equity	2.0%
Franklin Technology Fund	2.0%
iShares Hang Seng Tech	1.5%
Janus Henderson Pan European Fund	0.5%

Portfolio Reduction	Weight
Lazard Strategic Japan Equity Fund	-3.0%
iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF	-1.0%

Portfolio Exits	Weight	
HSBC US Dollar Liquidity Fund	-12.0%	

Source: Bloomberg, AHAM Capital, as at 31st May 2025.* Underlying fund breakdowns are shown on a look-through basis and rely on holdings data disclosed by external fund managers via Bloomberg. The accuracy and completeness of this information depend on the timeliness and transparency of those disclosures and June not reflect real-time exposures.



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