

Santander Future Wealth

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Fund commentary

The second quarter began like the previous one, with both fixed income and equity markets falling and with few assets performing well. Traditional defensive assets continued to be pressured by inflation and by the US Federal Reserve's messages, which once again surprised the markets with its hawkish talk of rate hikes. This situation has strengthened the dollar against most currencies and pressured the stock market, especially the U.S. stock market. The war in Ukraine coupled with lockdowns in China are causing new restrictions on the supply of raw materials, affecting the production chain in many sectors and leading to inflationary pressures on commodities prices, with the consequent negative effect on margins.

In this environment, the main US stock market indexes performed worse than their European counterparts in local currency terms. The fund fell by around 4% in the month, mainly due to the correction in future technology theme, while the falls in society and future planet were smaller than those of the stock market indexes. The Internet of Things and E-Commerce sub-themes were the most penalized, unlike some sub-themes that even ended in positive territory, such as Foodtech and Asian Consumers. During the month, some changes were made to the portfolio, notably the increase in weighting in Future Planet through Climate Action and Foodtech, financed by the reduction in weighting in Robotics and Health Technology in particular.

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