

## Santander AM Euro Equity 2/2025

## **Fund commentary**

February was a strong month for European Equities although the MSCI World declined by 0.69%, dragged down by the weakness in the U.S. In contrast, Europe stood out with gains: the Stoxx 600 recorded its second consecutive month of increases, reaching all-time highs, driven by regional optimism fueled by expectations of a possible truce in Ukraine, the strong performance of banks, and the anticipation of higher defense spending.

Within these results, developed markets performed broadly in line with emerging markets (-0.60% vs. -0.72%). Among developed markets, the Eurozone (Euro Stoxx 50 +3.45%) outperformed the UK (FTSE 100 +1.99%), the U.S. (S&P 500 -1.24%), and Japan (Nikkei 225 -6.0%).

In this environment, European indices continued their strong January trend, with the Euro Stoxx 50 and the MSCI Euro Net Total return rising by 3.45%. Year-to-date, the Euro Stoxx 50 and MSCI Euro have accumulated gains of 11.83% and 10.97%, respectively.

By sector in Eurozone, Banks (+13.81%) led the gains, extending their strong momentum, followed by Food, Beverage & Tobacco (+8.16%), Telecoms (+6.92%), Construction & Materials (+6.52%), Industrials (+4.44%) and Insurance (+4.31%), as the best-performing sectors. On the other hand, Media (-8.55%), Technology (-1.74%), Retail (-1.49%), and Healthcare (-0.41%) were the weakest sectors, closing the month in negative territory.

During the month of February Santander Euro Equity had a strong positive absolute return and outperformed its benchmark MSCI EMU Net Total Return offsetting January's underperformance.

Sector allocation was positive, being long banks and telecoms and short healthcare and energy. Negative contribution being long utilities.

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During the month of February, we sold the positions in Vonovia and RWE and bought Basf, Renk, Leonardo, Thales and participate in the IPO of HBX.

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