

Global Fund Manager Survey

Magnificent Sentiment

BofA February Global Fund Manager Survey

Bottom Line: most bullish FMS in 2 years, cash levels cut to 4.2% from 4.8% as global growth expectations hit 2-year highs and investors go all-in on US tech; BofA Bull & Bear Indicator at 6.8...investor positioning increasingly a headwind for risk assets.

On Macro: for first time since Apr'22, investors not predicting recession (Chart 1), global growth optimism highest since Feb'22 (net -25%); asked for path of economy this year, 2/3 of investors say "soft landing," 1/5 say "no landing," 1/10 say "hard landing."

On Policy: lower interest rates the catalyst for optimism: just 4% expect higher short rates, just 7% expect higher inflation and 85% say yield curve will steepen; note record 46% say fiscal policy "too stimulative."

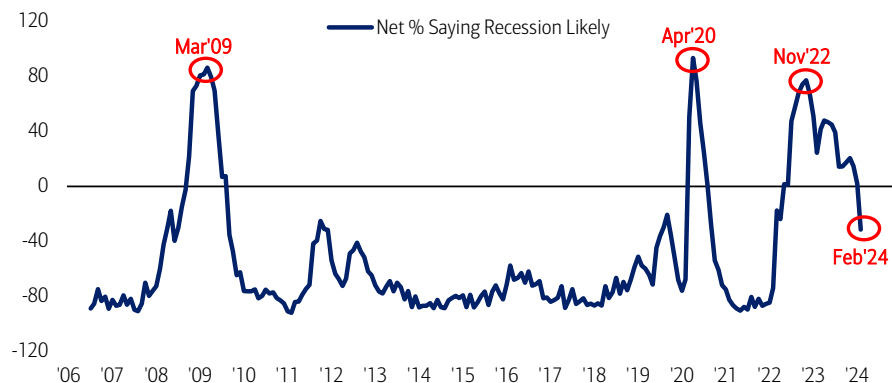
On Crowds & Leaders: "long Magnificent 7" most crowded trade since "long US\$" in Oct'22 (= big inflection point); "short China stocks" 2nd most crowded trade and 1/4 say structural UW of China is right strategy; leadership of US equity bull: 41% say "large cap growth," 18% "small cap growth," 12% "small cap value," 11% "large cap value."

On AA: global equity allocation at 2-year high, allocation to US stocks highest since Nov'21, to tech sector highest since Aug'20, to growth>value highest since May'20; investors cut cash, commodities, EM, defensives & energy stocks (lowest since Dec'20).

FMS Contrarian Trades: for "hard landing" – long cash, defensives & short US/Japan & tech stocks; for "no landing" – long commodities, energy, US\$ & short bonds.

Chart 1: BofA FMS Expectations of Global Recession

Net % of FMS investors say global recession likely in the next 12 months



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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Survey period 2nd to 8th Feb 2024

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How to join the FMS panel

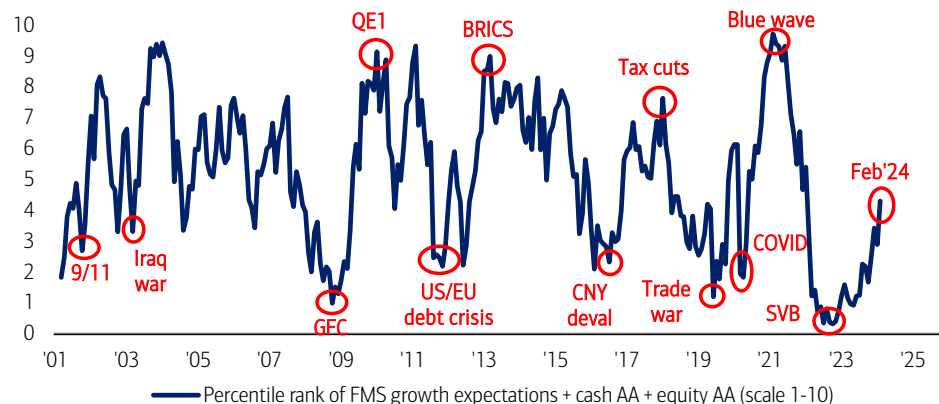
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Charts of the Month

Chart 2: BofA FMS sentiment most bullish since Jan'22

Percentile rank of FMS growth expectations,



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

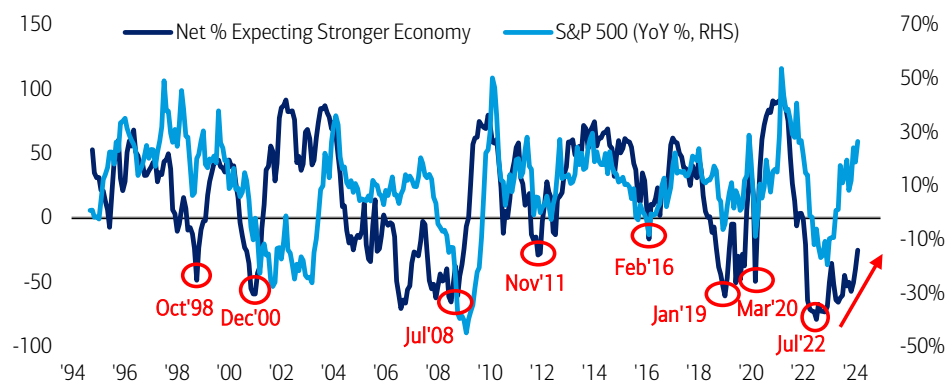
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February FMS sentiment improved further to the most bullish level in more than 2 years.

Our broadest measure of FMS sentiment, based on cash levels, equity allocation, and economic growth expectations, rose to 4.1 from 2.9.

Chart 3: Global growth expectations rise to a 2-year high

Net % expecting stronger global economy next 12 months vs S&P 500 (YoY %)



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey; Bloomberg

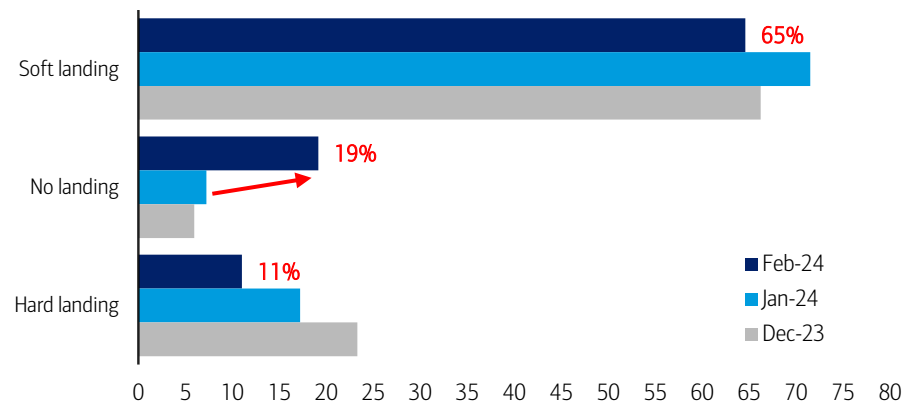
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Investors turned more bullish on the macro in Feb...net -25% expect a stronger economy over the next 12 months (vs. -40% in Jan and most optimistic since Feb'22).

Big improvement in global growth expectations vs low of net -79% expecting a stronger economy in Jul'22.

Chart 4: "Soft landing" still the base case, "no landing" probability rising

What is the most likely outcome for the global economy in the next 12 months?



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

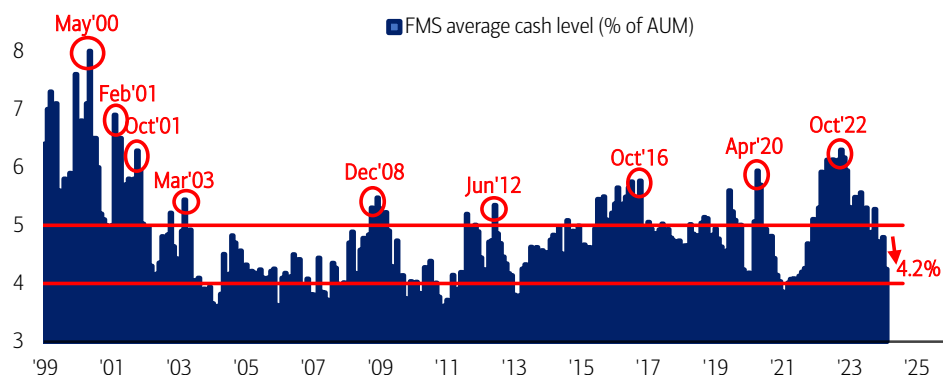
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Expectations for strong macro and no recession keep investors in the "soft landing" camp at 65%, with "hard landing" probability fading to just 11%.

Note also a rising % of investors expect "no landing" at 19%, up from 7% in Jan and now higher than the % expecting "hard landing."

Chart 5: FMS investors reduce cash levels to 4.2%

FMS average cash level (% of AUM)



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

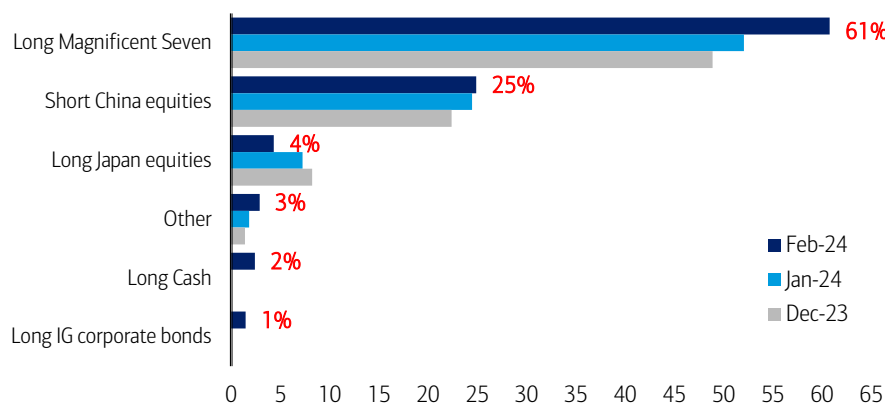
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Improved macro outlook and reduced risk perception drove investors to take down their cash levels to 4.2% in Feb from 4.8% in Jan, a 55bps MoM drop (note prior >50bps MoM declines in cash levels were followed by equities up ~4% following 3 months).

Note BofA Global FMS Cash Rule triggers a “sell” signal when cash at or below 4.0%.

Chart 6: "Long Magnificent 7" the most crowded trade

What do you think is currently the most crowded trade?



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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"Long Magnificent 7" continues to be the most crowded trade (per 61% of FMS investors, the most crowded since 64% said "long US dollar" in Oct'22).

Feb'24 most crowded trade:

1. Long Magnificent Seven 61%
2. Short China equities 25%
3. Long Japan equities 4%
4. Long cash 2%
5. Long IG corporate bonds 1%

Chart 7: Fiscal policy the most stimulative of the past 15 years

FMS % say fiscal policy is "too stimulative"



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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Record 46% of FMS investors say global fiscal policy is "too stimulative" (up from 37% in Jan).

Chart 8: Just 4% expect higher short-term rates, 7% higher inflation

FMS % expecting higher global CPI vs % expecting higher short-term rates



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Majority of BofA Global FMS investors expect lower short-term rates (90%) and lower inflation (77%); only 4% expect higher short-term rates while only 7% expect inflation to rise.

Chart 9: 85% of FMS investors say yield curve will steepen

FMS % expect yield curves to steepen in 12 months' time



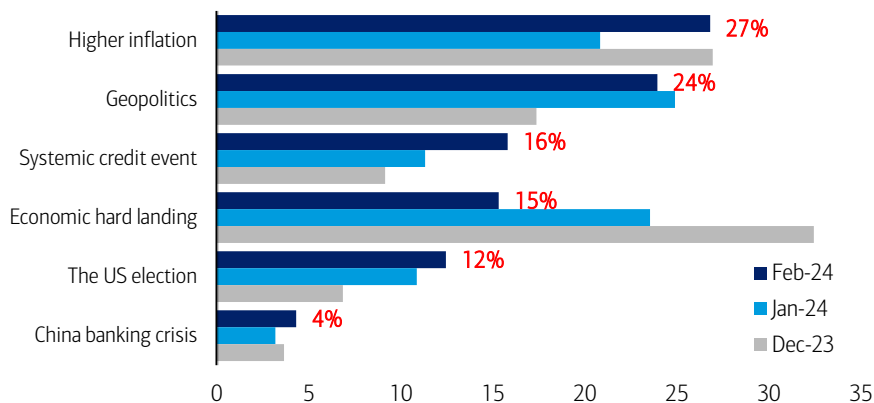
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85% expect yield curves to steepen in 12 months' time, up from 81% in Jan and the most since Feb'21.

Only 7% expect yield curves to flatten, the lowest level since Feb'21.

Chart 10: Higher inflation seen as the biggest tail risk

What do you consider the biggest 'tail risk'?



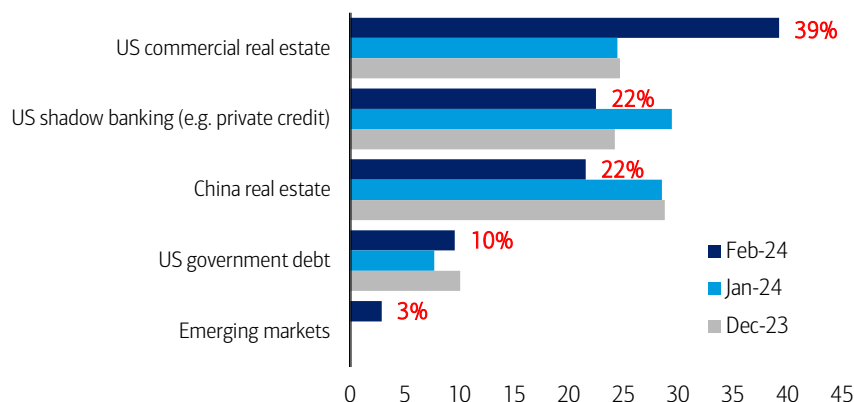
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Feb'24 biggest tail risks:

1. Higher inflation 27%
2. Geopolitics 24%
3. Systemic credit event 16%
4. Economic hard landing 15%
5. The US election 12%
6. China banking crisis 4%

Chart 11: Commercial real estate seen as the most likely source of a credit event

What is the most likely source for a systemic credit event?



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

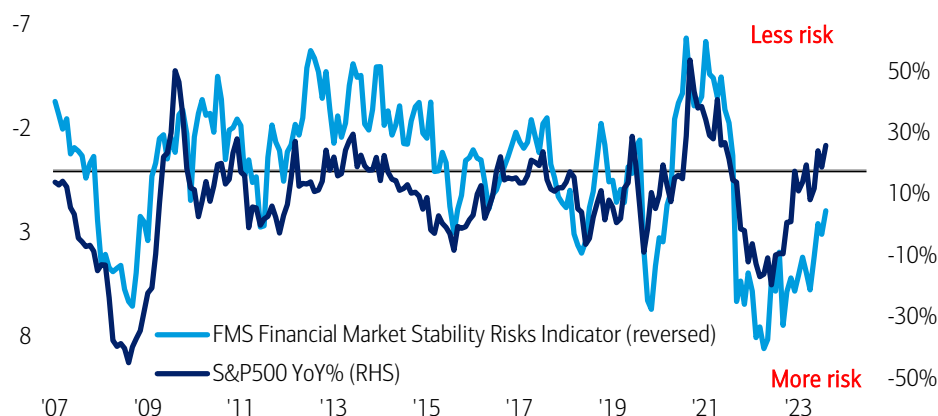
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US commercial real estate takes the #1 spot for the most likely source of a systemic credit event (was US shadow banking in January).

Real estate in US & China seen as 2 of the top 3 most likely sources of a credit event.

Chart 12: FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator drops to 1.9 from 3.0

BofA FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator (reversed) vs S&P 500 YoY %



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Bloomberg

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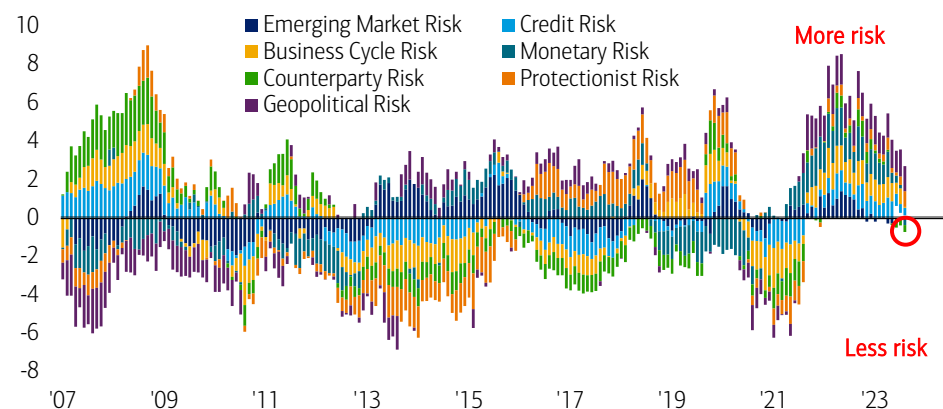
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More info and methodology on the FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator can be found in the [Nov'22 Global FMS](#).

Chart 13: Investors less concerned about 5 out of 7 risks to financial market stability

Components of the FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator



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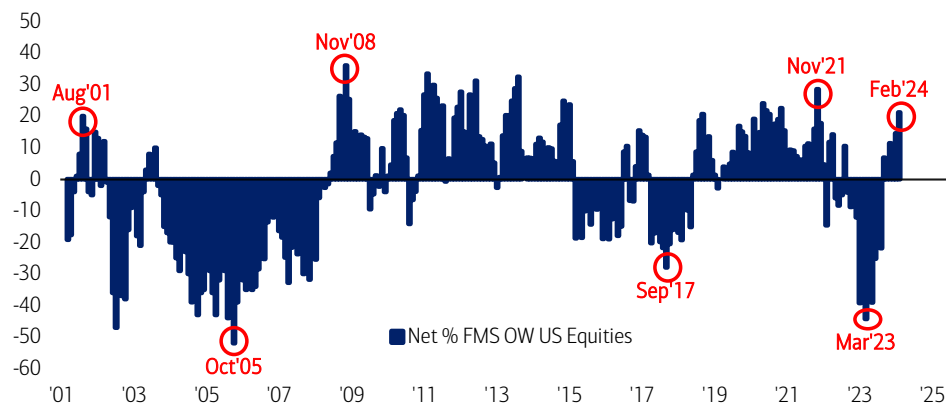
The chart shows the individual z-scores of each response to how FMS investors rated potential risks to financial market stability since '07.

Only 2 out of 7 components saw greater perception of risk vs Jan... "counterparty risk" (net 12% say above normal risk) and "protectionist risk" (net 68% say above normal risk).

Net 38% rate monetary risk as above normal, the lowest since Apr'21.

Chart 14: Allocation to US stocks highest since Nov'21

Net % FMS overweight US equities



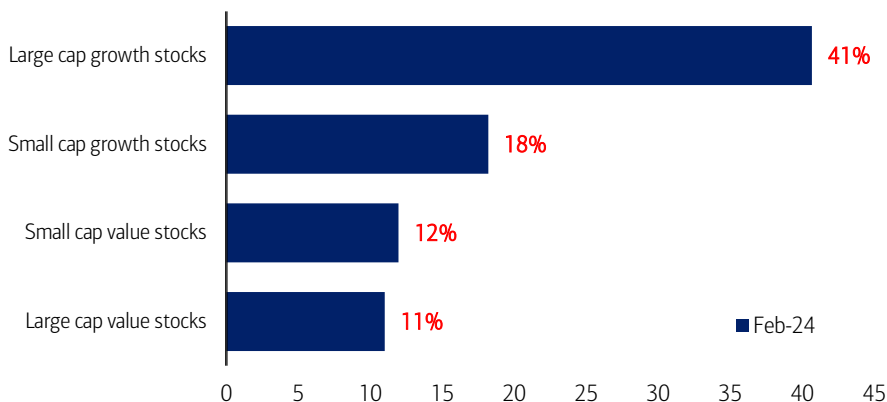
Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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Allocation to US equities rose 7ppt MoM to net 21% OW, the highest since Nov'21.

Chart 15: Large cap growth stocks viewed as leadership of the new US equity bull market

Do you believe the new US equity bull market will be led by?



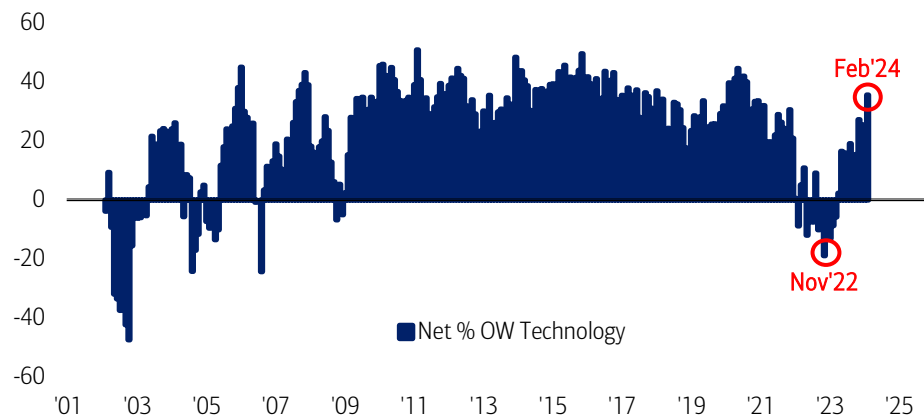
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When asked about the leadership of the new US equity bull market...41% said "large cap growth stocks," 18% "small cap growth stocks," 12% "small cap value stocks," 11% "large cap value stocks."

Chart 16: Allocation to tech highest since Aug'20

Net % overweight technology



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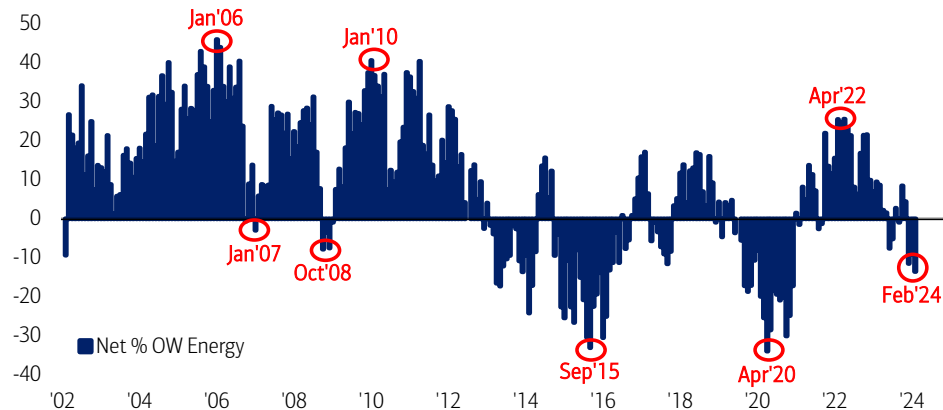
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BofA Global FMS investors raised allocation to tech by 10ppt MoM to net 36% OW.

Allocation to tech is now the highest since Aug'20 and is the #1 most overweight sector for the 1st time since Jul'21 (replaces healthcare, which was the most OW sector from Mar'22 to Jan'24).

Chart 17: Most UW energy since Dec'20

Net % overweight energy



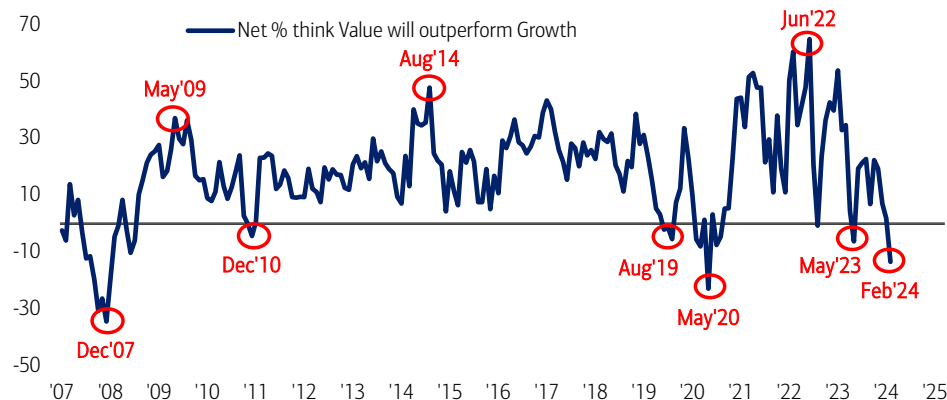
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FMS allocation to energy was cut further by 4ppt MoM in Feb to net 13% underweight, the largest underweight since Dec'20.

Chart 18: Expectations for growth to outperform value highest since May'20

Net % think value will outperform growth



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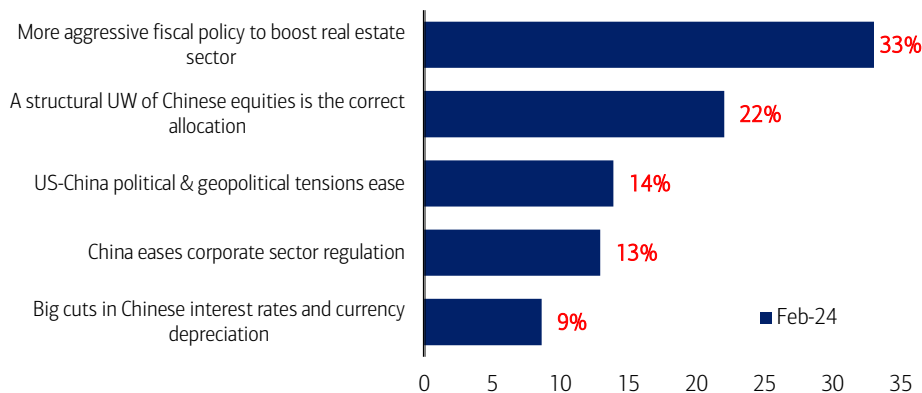
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Net 13% of FMS investors think growth will outperform value over the next 12 months, a reversal from last month's net 2% expecting value to outperform growth.

Expectations for growth to outperform value are now the highest since May'20.

Chart 19: Investors remain pessimistic on China

Which of the following is most likely to cause you to aggressively raise your allocation to Chinese equities?



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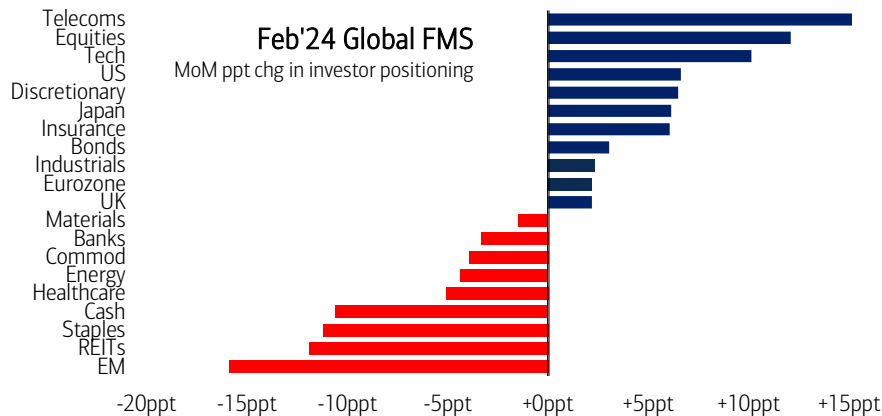
When asked what (if any) development would prompt increased allocation to Chinese equities, 33% of BofA FMS investors said aggressive fiscal policy to boost real estate.

22% view a structural UW of China stocks as the correct allocation.

Overall investor outlook on China remains bleak...net 10% see weaker Chinese economy, China real estate systematically in top 3 of most likely source for global credit event; "short China equities" the 2nd most crowded trade.

Chart 20: Feb rotation into stocks, telecoms, tech & US vs out of EM, REITs, staples & cash

MoM ppt change in FMS investor positioning



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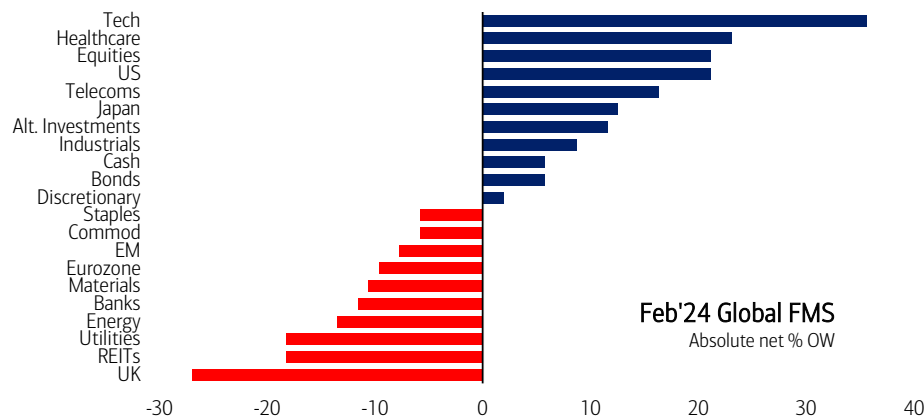
This chart shows MoM changes in FMS investor allocation.

In February, FMS investors rotated into telecom, stocks, tech, and US...

and out of EM, REITs, staples, and cash.

Chart 21: FMS net OW tech, healthcare, US and UW UK, real estate, utilities

FMS absolute positioning (net % overweight)



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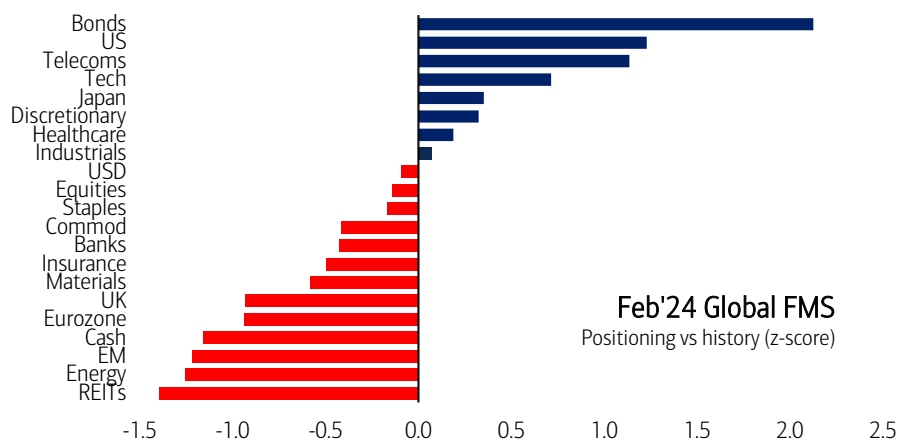
This chart shows absolute FMS investor positioning (net % overweight)...

Bullish: tech, healthcare, stocks, US, telecom;

Bearish: UK, REITs, utilities, energy and banks.

Chart 22: Investors OW bonds, US, telecoms & tech and UW REITs, energy & EM vs history

FMS positioning vs history (z-score)



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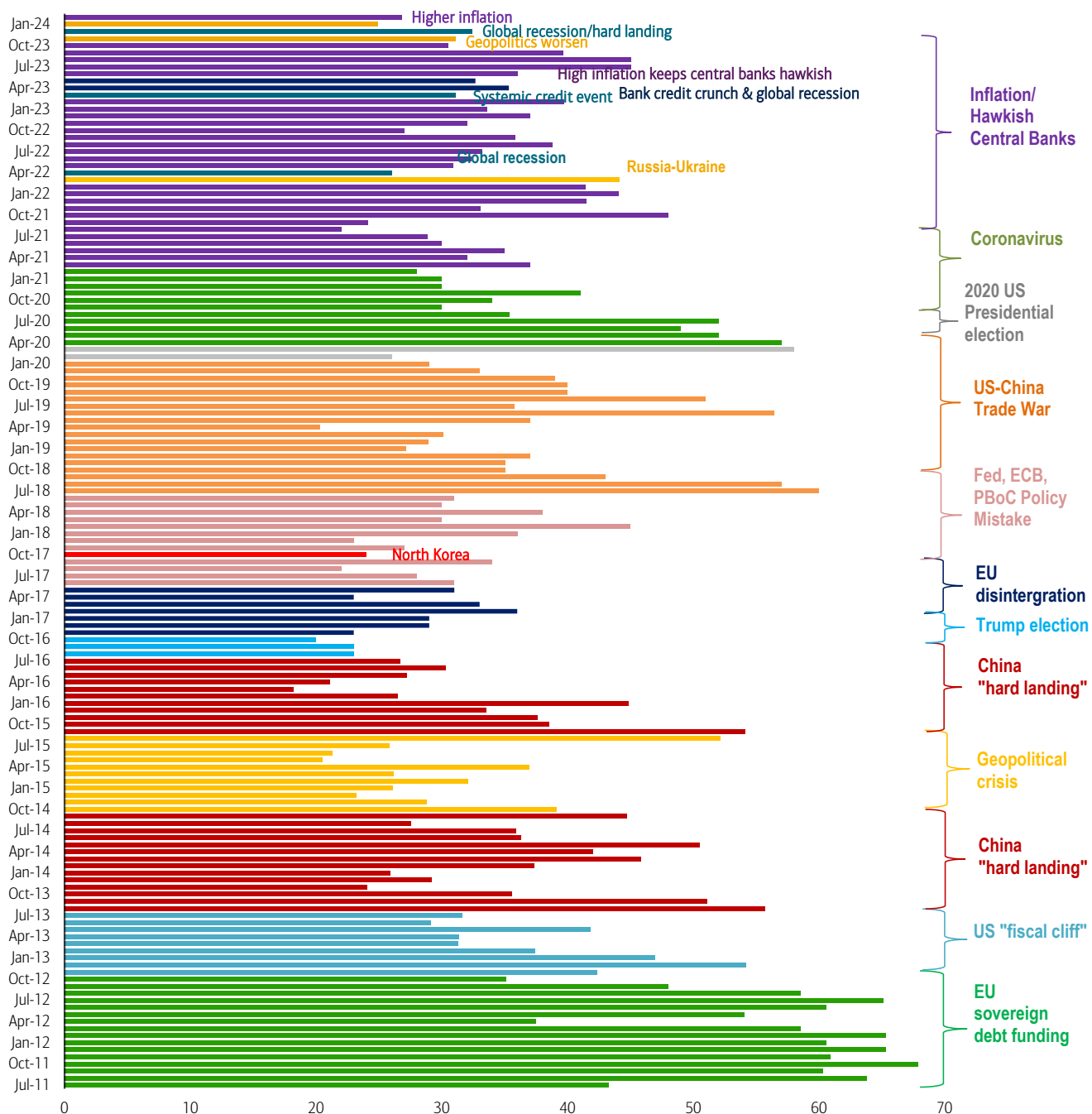
This chart shows FMS investor positioning relative to the average positioning of the past 20 years.

Relative to history, investors are long bonds, US, telecom & tech...

...and are underweight REITs, energy, and EM.

Chart 23: Evolution of Global FMS “biggest tail risk”

History of Global FMS “biggest tail risk” answers



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

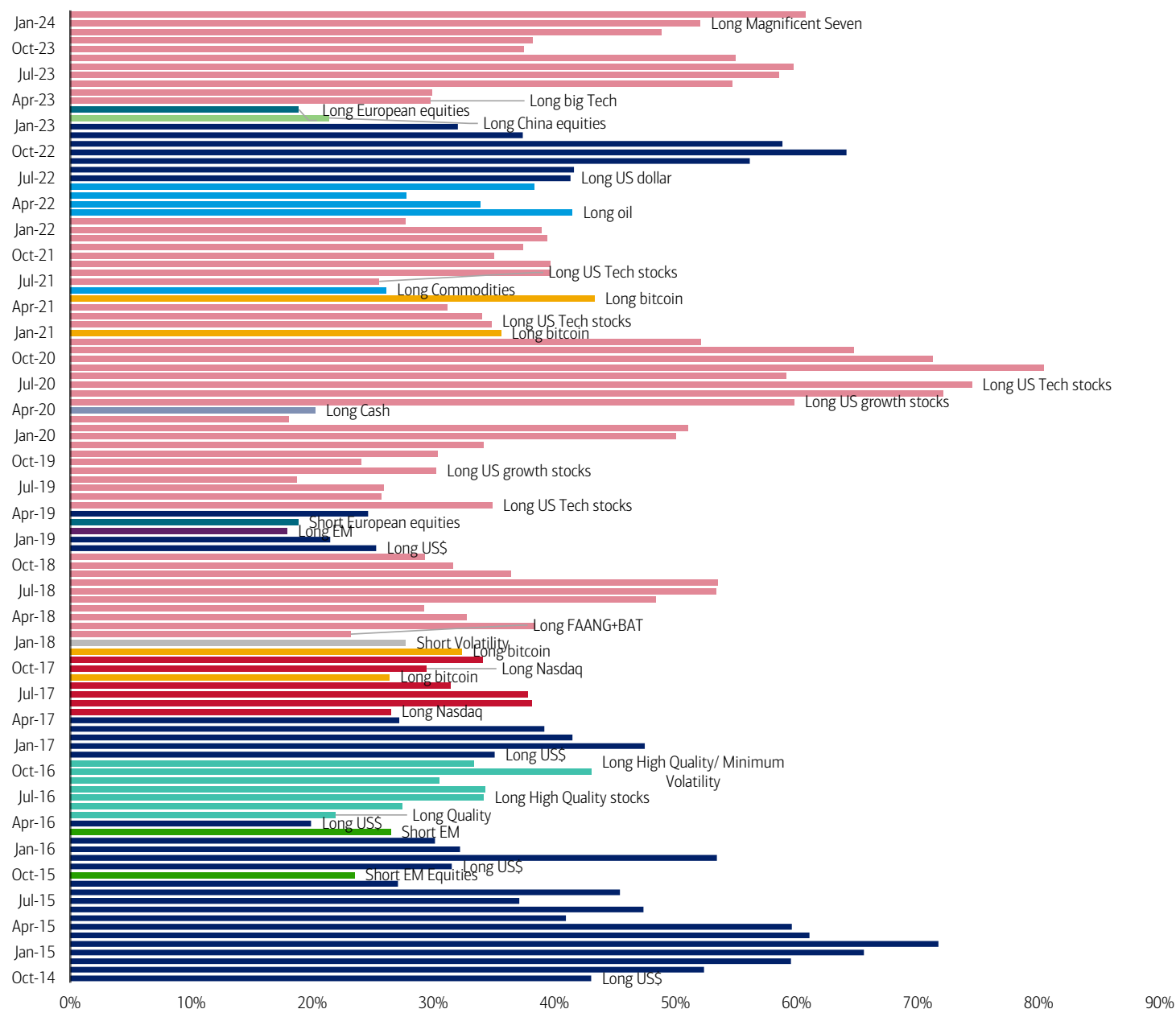
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- This chart shows the full history of the biggest “tail risk” for markets from BofA’s monthly Global Fund Manager Survey.
- The dominant concerns of investors since 2011 have been Eurozone debt & potential breakdown; Chinese growth; populism, quantitative tightening & trade wars, global coronavirus; now inflation/bond tantrum and central bank rate hikes.
- Higher inflation the top “tail risk” at 27% of FMS investors; #2 Geopolitics, #3 Systemic credit event.



Chart 24: Evolution of Global FMS “most crowded trade”

History of Global FMS “most crowded trade” answers



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- This chart shows the full history of the most “crowded trade” according to BofA’s monthly Global Fund Manager Survey.
- The market leadership has been relatively narrow since 2013, shifting from high yielding debt; long US\$; long Quality; long Tech; long Emerging Markets; long US Treasuries, long US tech & growth stocks, long Bitcoin, long commodities, long tech, long commodities, long US dollar, and long Magnificent Seven.
- Long Magnificent 7 is the most crowded trade (61%) followed by #2 Short China equities, #3 Long Japan equities, #4 Long Cash.

BofA Global FMS Rules & Tools

The Global FMS Rules & Tools are designed to help investors determine risk appetite, rotation opportunities, and tactical entry points.

Table 1: BofA Global FMS Cash Rule and Bull & Bear Indicator

Current reading of BofA Global FMS Cash Rule and Bull & Bear Indicator

	Category	Current reading	Current signal
BofA Global FMS Cash Rule	Contrarian	4.2%	Neutral
Buy global equities when cash at or above 5.0%; sell when cash at or below 4.0%			
BofA Bull & Bear Indicator	Contrarian	6.8	Neutral
Buy global equities when the indicator falls below 2.0; sell when it rises above 8.0			

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy

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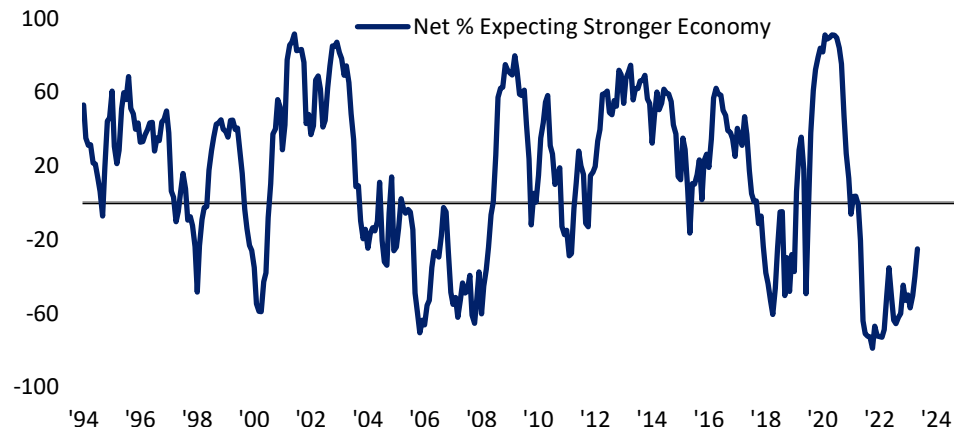
For full details please see: Global Investment Strategy: [The BofA Global FMS Rules & Tools, 12 November 2020](#).



Investors on the Macro

Chart 25: Net % of FMS investors who see a stronger global economy in next 12 months

Net % of FMS investors expecting stronger economy



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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February FMS showed net 25% of investors expect a weaker economy in next 12 months, a 15ppt MoM improvement to the most optimistic sentiment since Feb'22.

Chart 26: Net % of FMS investors that think global CPI (in YoY terms) will be higher

Net % of FMS investors expecting higher inflation



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey.

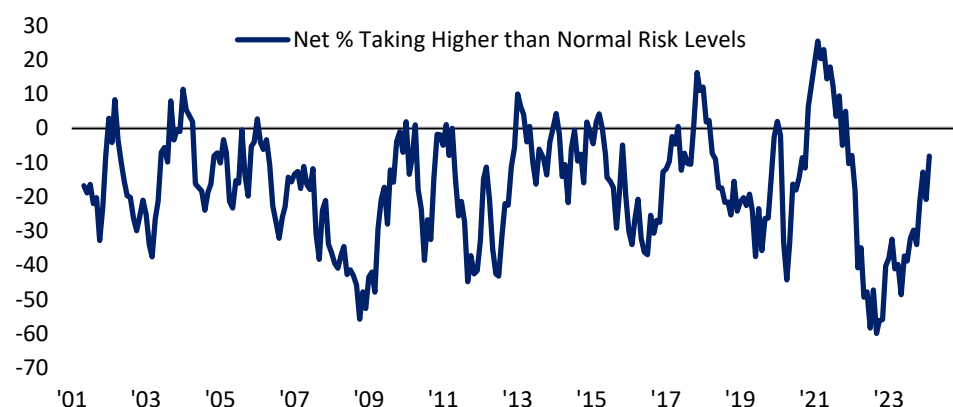
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Net 69% of FMS investors expect lower global CPI in the next 12 months, down 2ppt MoM.

Investor Risk Appetite

Chart 27: Level of risk that investors are currently taking in their investments

Net% of FMS investors taking higher than normal risk levels



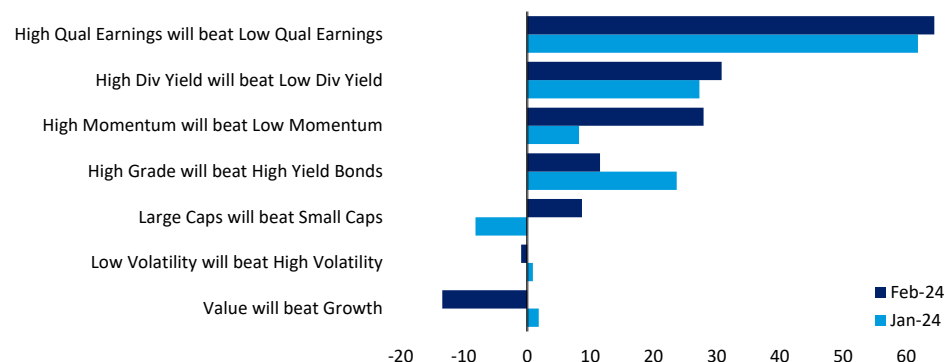
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Net 8% of FMS investors say they are currently taking lower-than-normal risk levels, down 13ppt MoM.

Chart 28: Expectations for investment performance over the next 12 months

Over the next 12 months, net % FMS investors think...



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FMS investors continue to favor high quality over low quality earnings (net 64%, up 2ppt MoM).

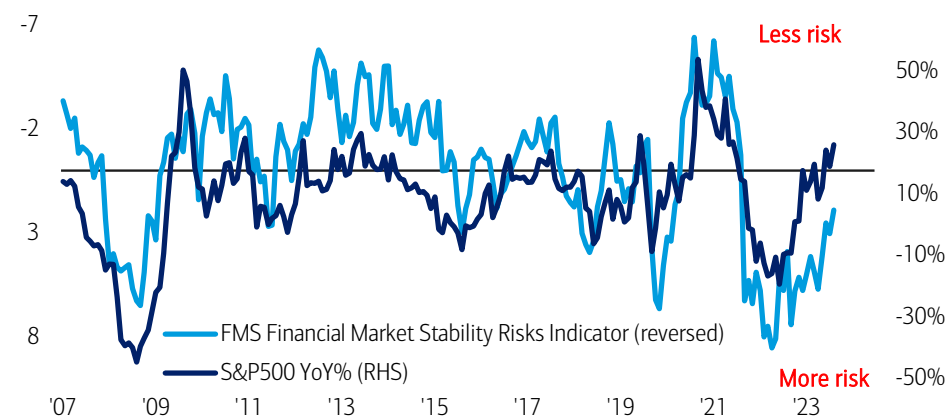
Investors still favor high grade > high yield bonds, but at lowest (net 12%, -12ppt MoM) since Jan'22.

Investors expect growth to outperform value (net 13%) for the first time since May'23.

Investors once again expect large caps to beat small caps (net 9%, up 17ppt MoM).

Chart 29: FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator falls to 1.9 from 3.0

FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator vs S&P 500 YoY %



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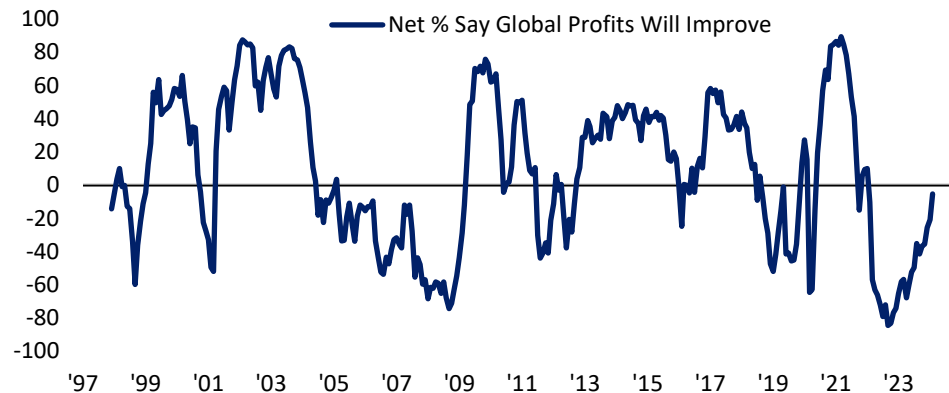
More info and methodology on the FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator can be found in the [Nov'22 Global FMS](#).



Investors on EPS & Leverage

Chart 30: Net % of FMS investors that think global corporate profit growth will improve

Net % of FMS investors saying global profits will improve



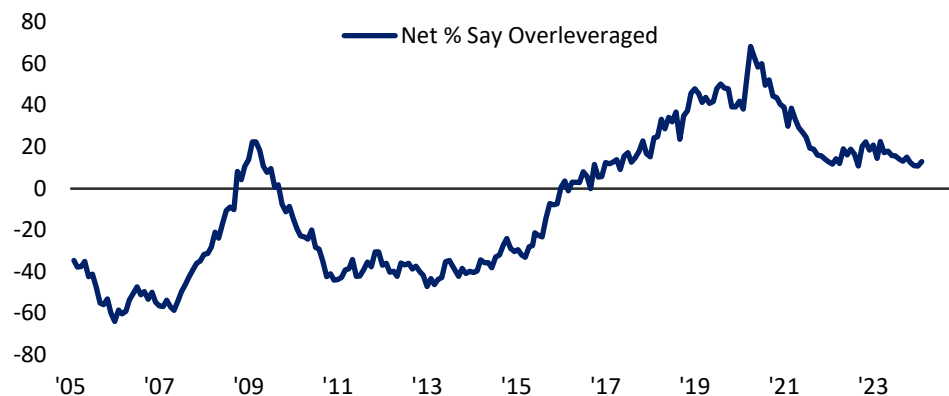
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Net 5% of investors think profits will worsen in next 12 months, a 16ppt MoM improvement to the most optimistic profit outlook since Jan'22.

Chart 31: Net % of FMS investors that think corporate balance sheets are overleveraged

Net % of FMS investors saying companies are overleveraged



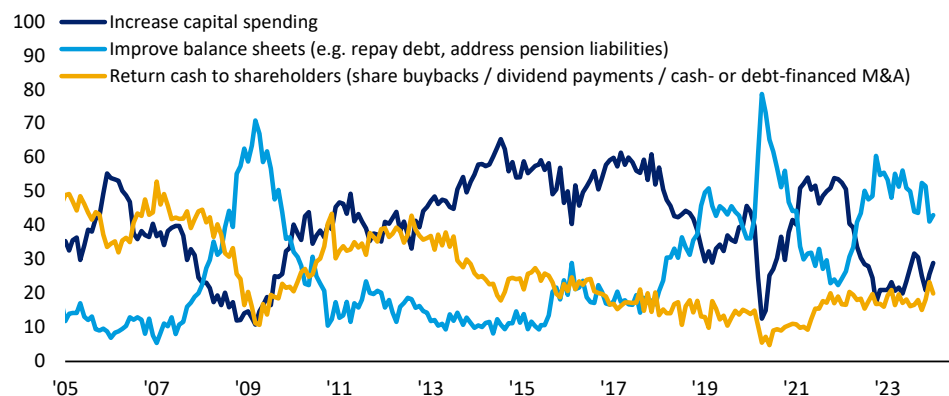
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Net 13% of FMS investors say companies are overleveraged (up 2ppt MoM).

Chart 32: What would you most like to see companies do with cash flow?

What FMS investors would most like to see companies do with cash flow



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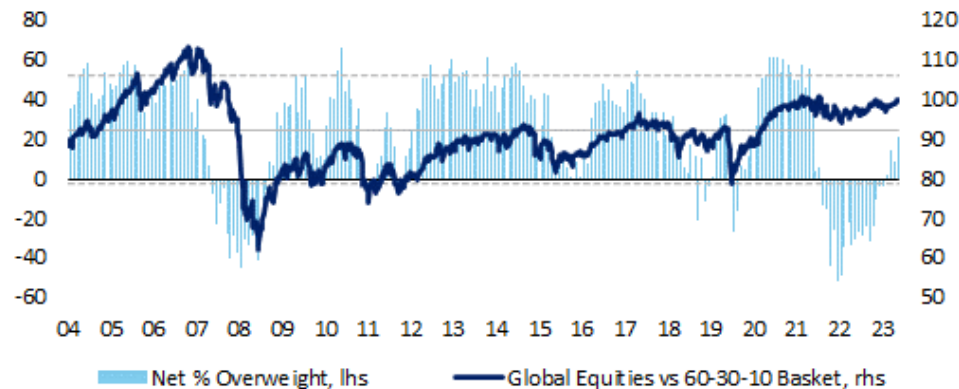
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36% of FMS investors want corporates to improve balance sheets (down 7ppt MoM) over increasing capital spending (31%, up 2ppt MoM) or returning cash to shareholders (23%, up 3ppt MoM).

FMS Asset Allocation

Chart 33: Net % AA Say they are overweight Equities

Net% of FMS investors overweight equities



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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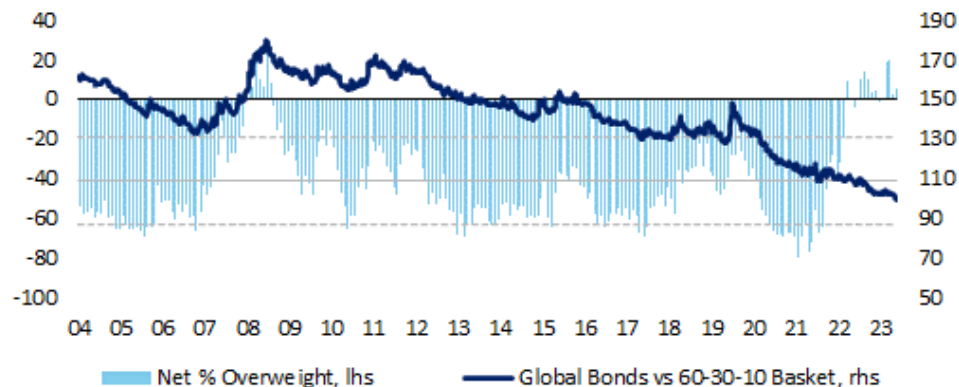
FMS investors are net 21% OW equities, up 12ppt to highest level since Feb'22.

FMS investors have been OW equities for four months now, after an 18-month period of UW allocation that ran from May'22 through Oct'23.

Current allocation is 0.1 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 34: Net % AA Say they are overweight Bonds

Net% of FMS investors overweight bonds



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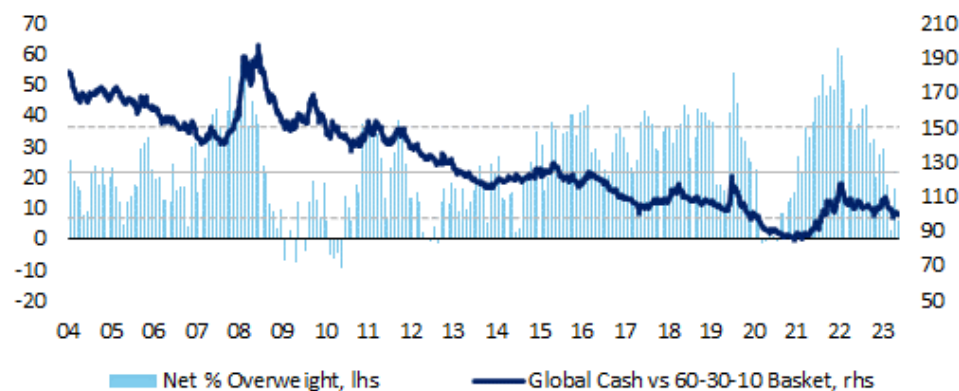
FMS investors' bond allocation rose 3ppt MoM to net 6% overweight.

Investors have been overweight bonds for 11 of the past 12 months.

Current allocation is 2.1 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 35: Net % AA Say they are overweight Cash

Net% of FMS investors overweight cash



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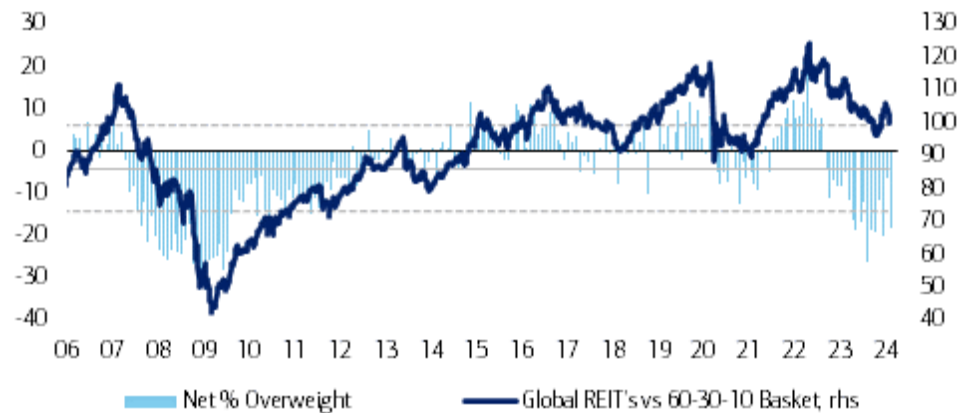
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FMS cash allocation dropped 11ppt MoM to net 6% overweight.

Current allocation is 1.2 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 36: Net % AA Say they are overweight Real Estate

Net% of FMS investors overweight Real Estate



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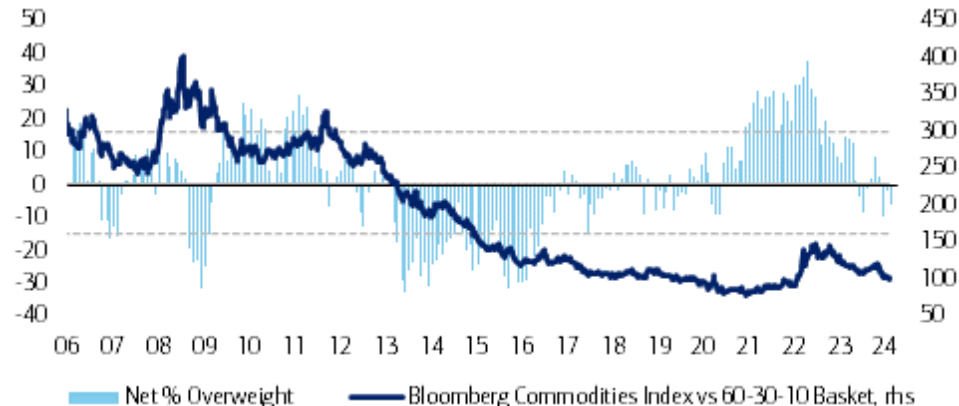
Allocation to real estate dropped 12ppt MoM to net 18% underweight.

Investors have been consistently UW real estate since Sep'22.

Current allocation is 1.4 stdev below its long term average.

Chart 37: Net % AA Say they are overweight Commodities

Net% of FMS investors overweight commodities



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream.

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Allocation to commodities fell 4ppt MoM to net 6% underweight.

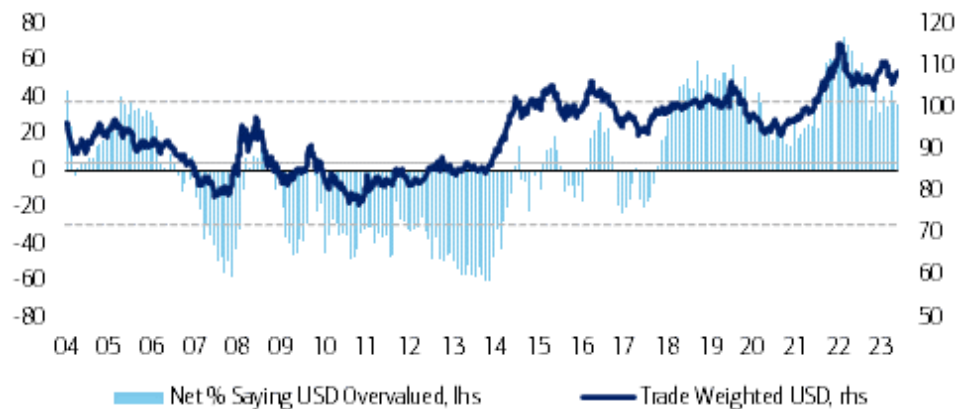
FMS investors have been underweight commodities for the past 3 months.

Current allocation is 0.4 stdev below its long-term average.

Currencies extremes

Chart 38: USD Valuation and Trade weighted index

Net% of FMS investors saying USD overvalued



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

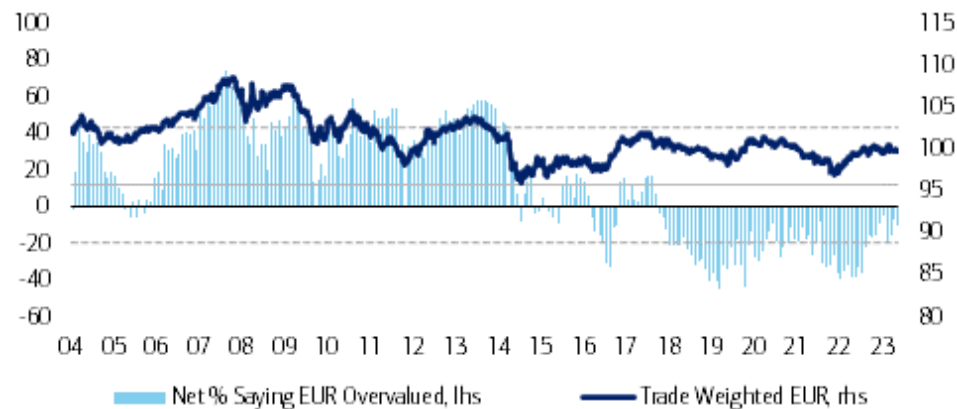
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FMS investors saying the US\$ is overvalued was down 11ppt MoM to net 36%.

Current valuations are 0.9 stdev above the long-term average.

Chart 39: EUR valuation and Trade weighted index

Net% of FMS investors saying EUR overvalued



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

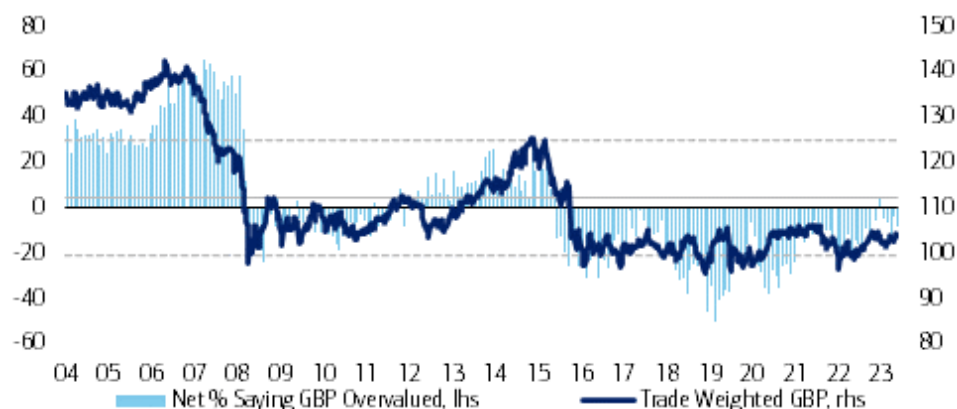
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Net 10% of FMS investors say EUR is undervalued, up 4ppt MoM.

Current valuations are 0.7 stdev below the long-term average.

Chart 40: GBP valuation and Trade weighted index

Net % of FMS investors saying GBP overvalued



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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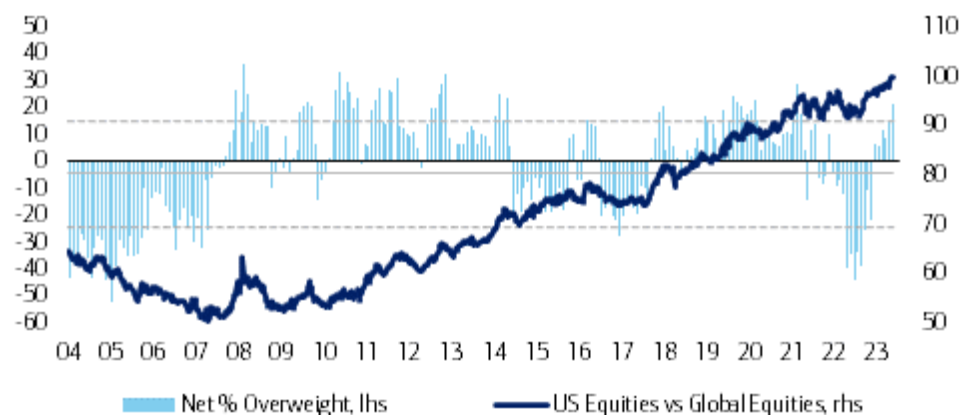
Net 9% of FMS investors think GBP is undervalued, down 2ppt MoM.

Current valuations are 0.5 stdev below the long-term average.

Investor Regional Equity Allocation

Chart 41: Net % AA Say they are overweight US Equities

Net% of FMS investors overweight US equities



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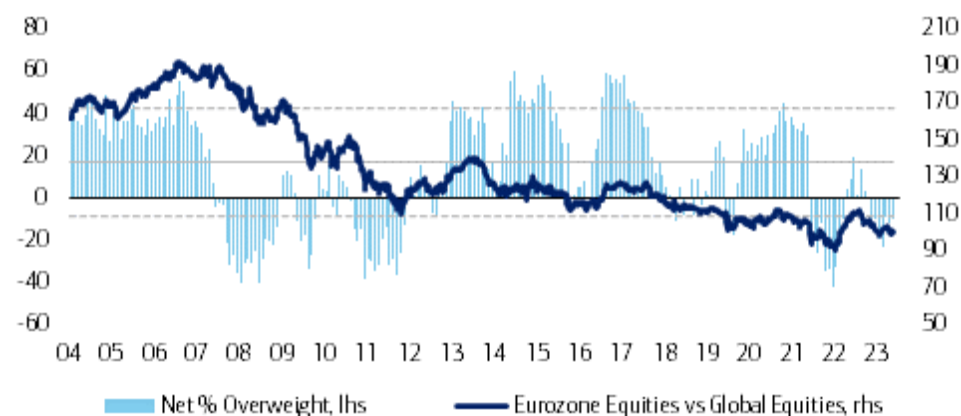
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Allocation to US equities increased 7ppt MoM to net 21% overweight, highest since Nov'21.

Current allocation is 1.3 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 42: Net % AA Say they are overweight Eurozone Equities

Net% of FMS investors overweight EU equities



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

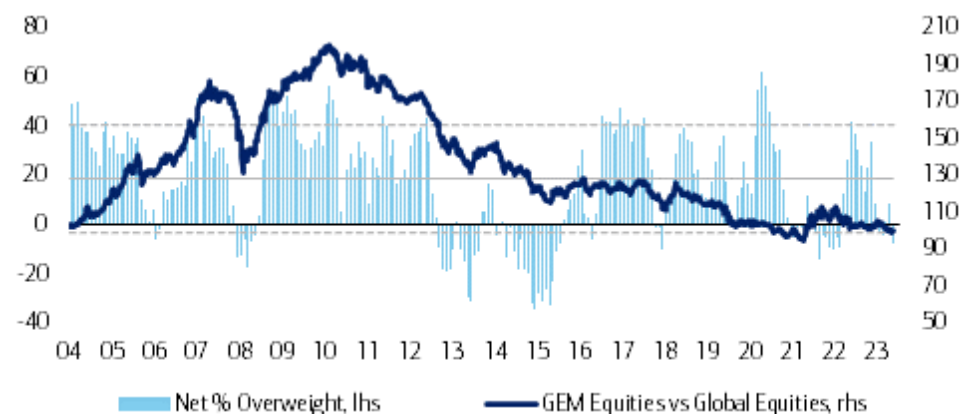
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Allocation to Eurozone equities was up 2ppt MoM to net 10% UW.

Current allocation is 1.0 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 43: Net % AA Say they are overweight GEM Equities

Net% of FMS investors overweight EM equities



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

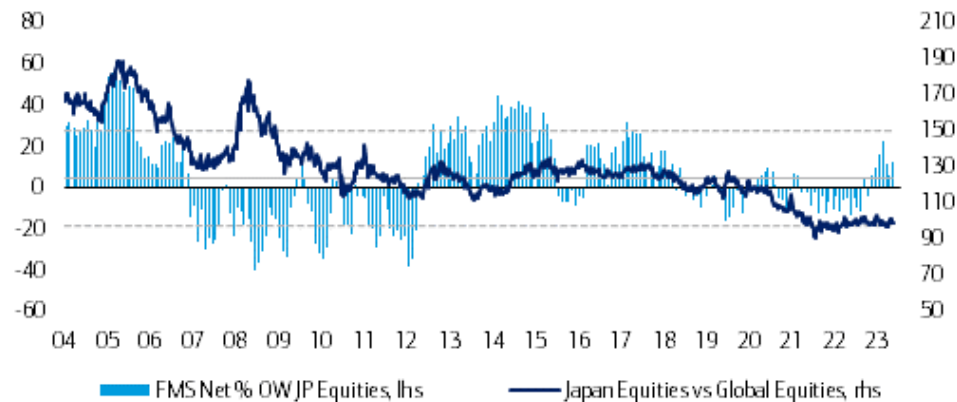
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Allocation to EM equities dropped 16ppt MoM to net 8% underweight, the lowest allocation since Nov'22.

Current allocation is 1.2 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 44: Net % AA Say they are overweight Japanese Equities

Net% of FMS investors overweight Japanese equities



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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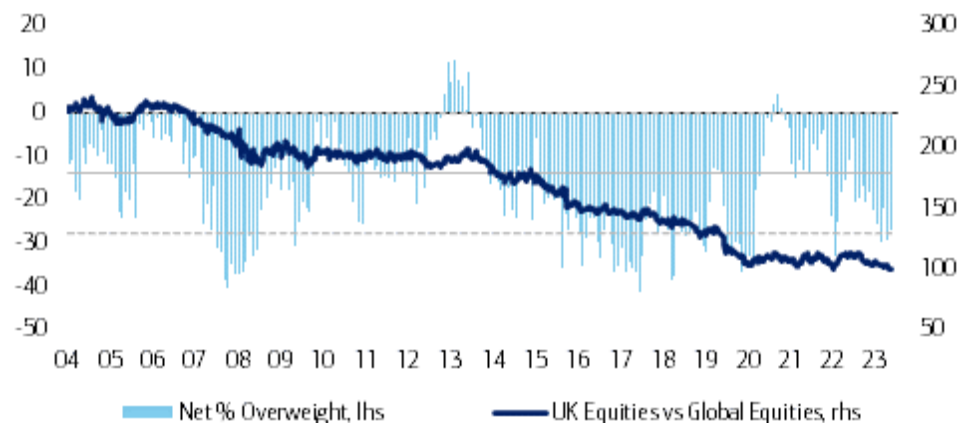
FMS allocation to Japanese equities increased 7ppt MoM to net 13% overweight (3-month high).

FMS investors have been consistently OW Japanese equities for the past 7 months.

Current allocation is 0.4 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 45: Net % AA Say they are overweight UK Equities

Net% of FMS investors overweight UK equities



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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FMS allocation to UK equities was down 2ppt MoM to net 27% underweight.

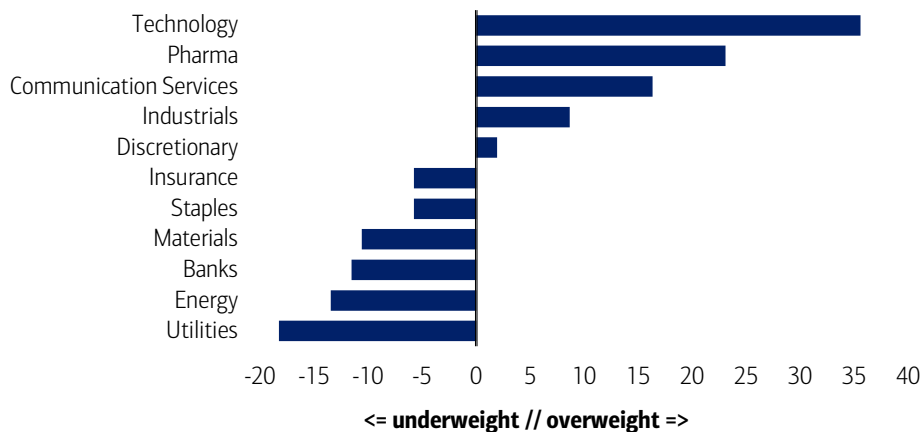
FMS investors have been consistently underweight UK equities since Jul'21.

Current allocation is 0.9 stdev below its long-term average.

Investor Sector Allocation

Chart 46: Global Sector Sentiment

% saying overweight - % saying underweight



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

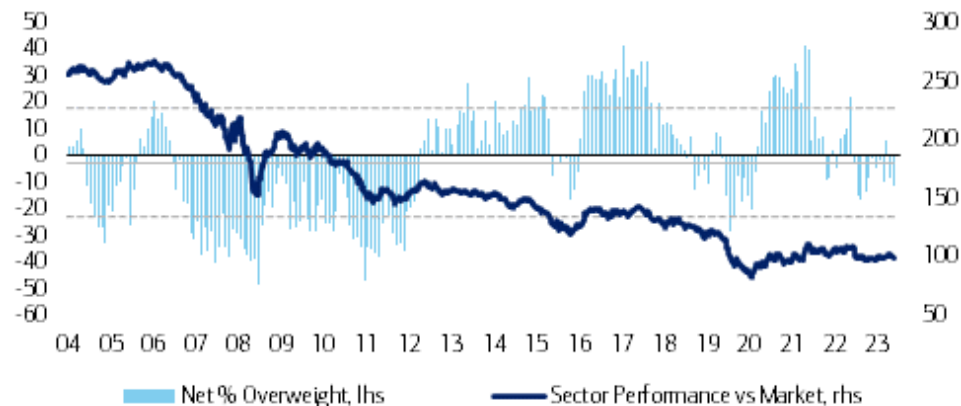
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February saw FMS investors buying into telecom, tech, and discretionary, and selling out of staples, pharma, and energy.

FMS investors are the most (net) overweight tech and pharma, and the most (net) underweight utilities and energy.

Chart 47: Global Banks

Net % of FMS investors overweight banks



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

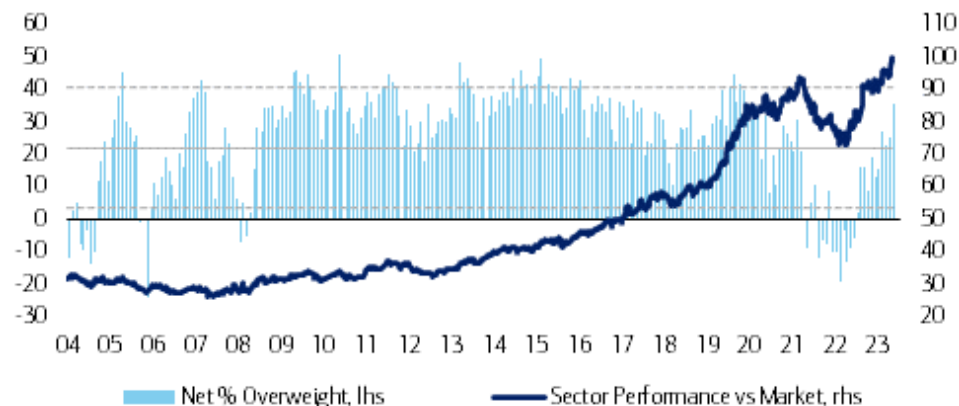
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Allocation to banks dropped 4ppt to net 12% UW, lowest allocation since Jul'23.

Current reading is 0.4 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 48: Global Technology

Net % of FMS investors overweight technology



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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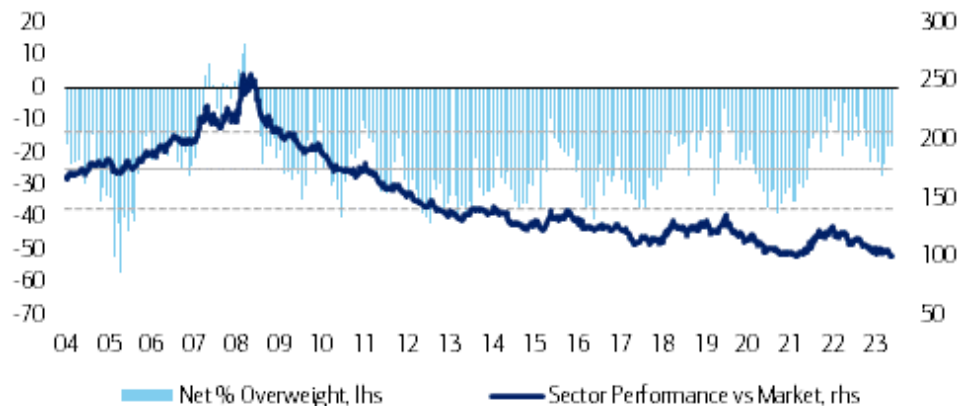
Allocation to technology jumped 11ppt MoM to net 36% overweight.

FMS investors have been OW tech for the past 11 months.

Current reading is 0.7 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 49: Global Utilities

Net % of FMS investors overweight utilities



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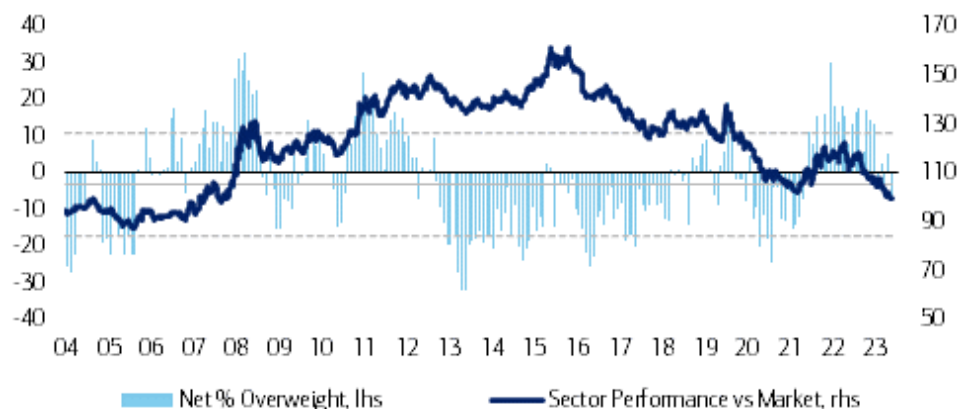
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Allocation to utilities was net 18% underweight in February (flat MoM).

Current reading is 0.6 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 50: Global Consumer Staples

Net % of FMS investors overweight consumer staples



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

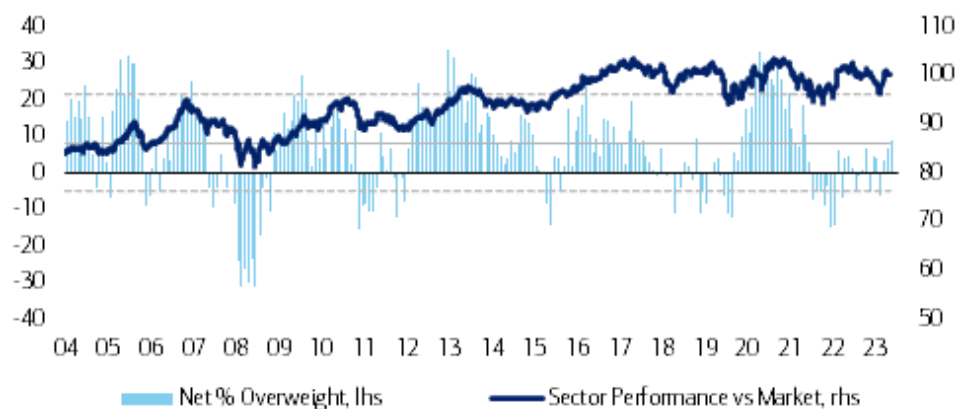
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Allocation to staples fell 11ppt MoM to net 6% underweight, lowest allocation since Jan'22.

Current reading is 0.2 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 51: Global Industrials

Net % of FMS investors overweight industrials



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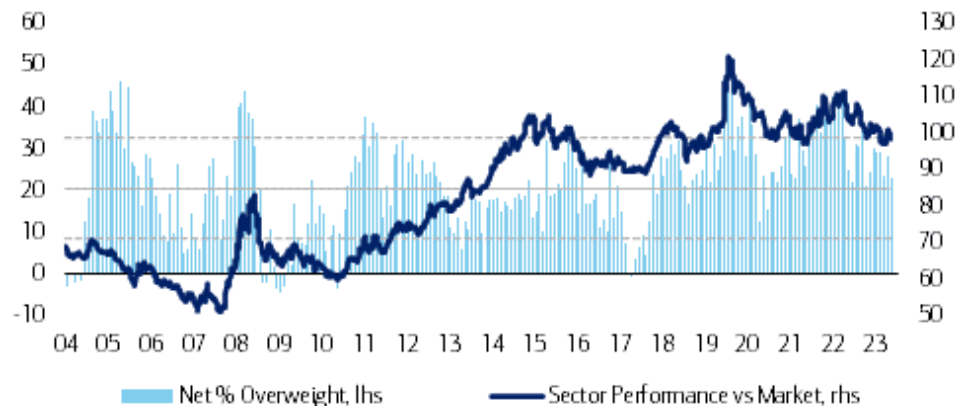
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Allocation to industrials was up 3ppt MoM to net 9% overweight, highest since Feb'22.

Current reading is at its long-term average.

Chart 52: Global Healthcare

Net% of FMS investors overweight healthcare



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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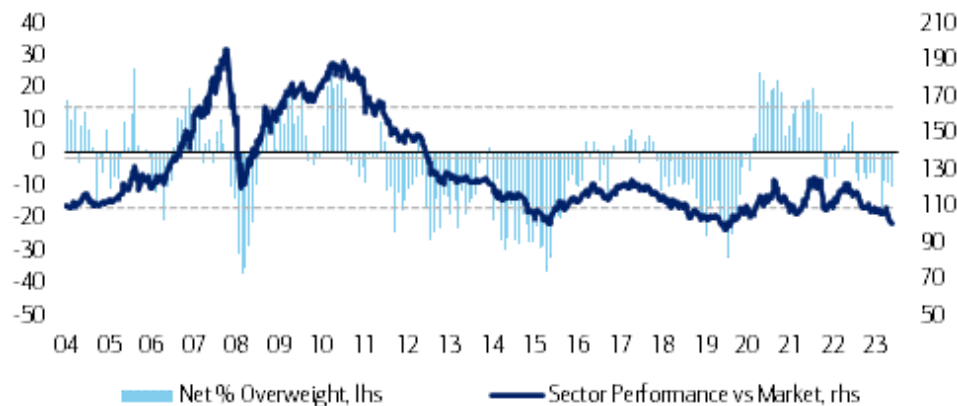
Allocation to healthcare was down 5ppt MoM to net 23% overweight.

FMS investors have kept their net overweight on healthcare continuously since Jan'18.

Current reading is 0.2 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 53: Global Materials

Net% of FMS investors overweight materials



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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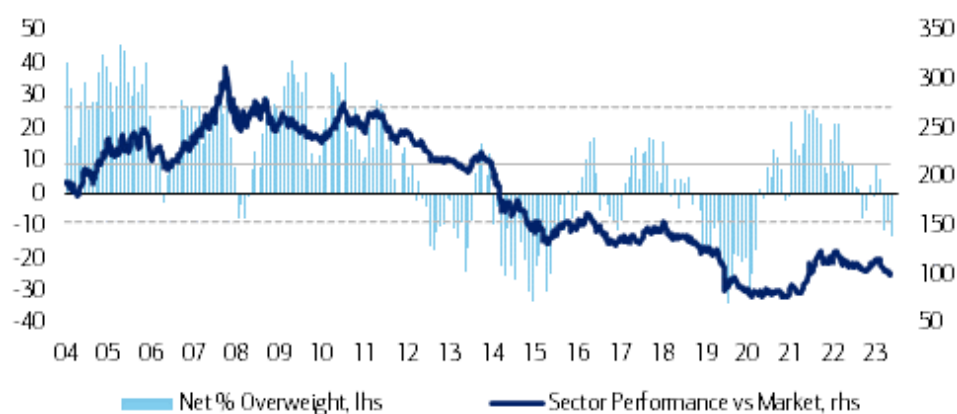
Allocation to materials was down 2ppt MoM to net 11% underweight.

FMS Investors have been UW materials since Apr'23.

Current reading is 0.6 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 54: Global Energy

Net% of FMS investors overweight energy



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Datastream

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Allocation to energy was down 4ppt MoM to net 13% UW.

Current reading is 1.3 stdev below its long-term average.

Global survey demographics data

Table 2: Position / Institution / Approach to Global Equity Strategy

Position / Institution / Approach to Global Equity Strategy

	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23
Structure of the panel - by position			
Chief Investment Officer	38	43	36
Asset Allocator / Strategist / Economist	62	60	66
Portfolio Manager	100	104	108
Other	9	14	9
Structure of the Panel - by expertise			
Global Specialists Only	104	110	114
Regional Specialists With a Global View	105	111	105
Total # of Respondents to Global Questions	209	221	219

Which of the Following Best Describes the Type of Money You are Running?

Institutional funds (e.g. pension funds / insurance companies)	60	67	62
Hedge funds / proprietary trading desks	22	25	26
Mutual funds / unit trusts / investment trusts	94	98	93
None of the above	33	31	38

What Do You Estimate to be the Total Current Value of Assets Under Your Direct Control?

Up to \$250mn	34	40	43
Around \$500mn	30	31	28
Around \$1bn	32	33	31
Around \$2.5bn	32	34	30
Around \$5bn	11	15	16
Around \$7.5bn	5	4	4
Around \$10bn or more	34	34	37
No funds under my direct control	31	30	30
Total (USD bn)	568	589	611

What best describes your investment time horizon at this moment?

3 months or less	57	58	60
6 months	49	63	52
9 months	27	20	27
12 months or more	73	77	77
Weighted average	7.7	7.6	7.7
Don't know	3	3	3

Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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