



## Weekly performance, macro context, current positioning, and future expectations.

### Performance

May 24, 2024

### Arrow Global Multi-Asset Alternative Class (Series F):

WTD -0.24%

MTD 1.34%

YTD 4.14%

### Global Market Summary

Economic survey data released last week challenged the recent pattern of softer Q224 data that was at the core of our recent thesis which favoured allocations to rate proxies. Specifically, global composite purchasing manager indices (PMIs) offered signs of some reacceleration of economic activity at the midpoint of Q224. As a result, bond prices have now given up almost 2/3 of the gains made in response to the weaker jobs and inflation data released earlier in May. Perhaps more importantly, short rate easing expectations continue to decline with major bank forecasters now expecting the Fed not to ease until September. Specifically, markets price an approximate 50% chance of a 25bps cut in September and, cumulatively, about 35bps only of easing by year-end. By contrast, the Bank of Canada is expected to ease a total of 55bps by December. The pain trade in fixed income last week was not so much a moderate rise in 10yr yields of ~5bps, but rather the non-consensus flattening in the yield curve as 2yr yields rose about 12bps.

The data, while classified as ‘soft data’ vs the ‘hard data’ of GDP jobs, CPI etc., warrants respect indicating that, notwithstanding a record rise in borrowing costs, the economy has in aggregate weathered the impact quite well to date. Nevertheless, we note some conditionality within the US report based upon the business outlook which highlighted uncertainty around future inflation, the associated interest rate policy path coupled with geopolitics and the US election. Furthermore, the employment sub-index remained subdued (<50). Whether this is a sign that businesses still think growth can moderate or a function of labour market supply inelasticity will be a key determination going forward. Consistent with our macro-data driven investment process, we will be comprehensively researching the forthcoming jobs related data forecasts due the first week of June via JOLTS, ADP and, of course, NFP.

It is worth mentioning that the European surveys painted a mildly more comforting picture with signs of growth declines basing out, alongside evidence that average prices for both goods and services rose at their mildest pace in six months. This suggests a lower hurdle to rate cuts for the ECB, in contrast to the Fed. However, the rates markets have already

priced a 90% chance of an ECB 25bps rate cut in June and so European bonds - one of our more disappointing recent tactical allocations - continue to trade heavy and with a higher than expected beta to US rates. Despite this, if indeed Europe is seeing a growth improvement with inflation pressures manageable somewhat nullifying the stagflation risk story, a broader risk rally may well take place and we are considering related tactical expressions.

Quality equities continue to trade in a largely distinct and separate manner with the behemoth of NVIDIA heavily influencing sentiment - a critical reminder of the limited diversification of returns within the broader index.

Despite giving up some ground on our rates view, the portfolio continues to capture some alpha through its allocation to various idiosyncratic FX strategies, as mentioned in last week's commentary. We expect to add further exposure in this space as we see opportunities related to the global growth rotation.

We look forward to reporting back next week.

Thanks,  
Arrow Investment Team

**Historical Performance** – As of April 30, 2024

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	ITD
AGMAAC - Series F	2.44%	0.68%	3.64%	2.86%

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