# **Asset Allocation Changes**

# **SEI Global Strategic Portfolios**

First Quarter 2018



SEI's target strategic asset allocations are based on our long-term expectations for the global markets and are derived from our capital market assumptions. In the short-term, we may over- or underweight these positions as part of our active asset allocation, which aims to take advantage of short-term market opportunities.

Changes were made to the target active asset allocations of the SEI Global Strategic Portfolios (the Funds) in the first quarter:

• Established an overweight to emerging-markets fixed interest and corresponding underweight to high-yield fixed interest in the Global Conservative, Global Core, Global Balanced and Global Growth Funds.

#### Rationale

### Overweight Emerging-Markets Fixed Interest And Underweight High-Yield Fixed Income

SEI believes the following reasons support the overweight to emerging-markets fixed interest (EMFI) versus an underweight to high-yield fixed income in the specified Funds:

- Credit markets have performed very well during the current expansion. As credit spreads have narrowed to low levels, the potential for further price appreciation has become more limited for assets like high-yield bonds.
- By comparison, EMFI appears to have more room to run. The differential between the yields of EMFI and high-yield bonds has narrowed significantly, making EMD relatively more attractive by historical measures.
- In addition to a compelling valuation differential, we believe fundamentals are supportive of EMFI. A stronger global economy, an improving outlook for commodity prices and a cooling US dollar should provide an accommodative environment for EMD.

The following tables provide a comparison of the Funds' target active weights relative to their strategic (long-term, neutral target) weights as at 31 March 2018:

	Global Conservative		Global Core		Global Balanced	
	Strategic (%)	Current (%)	Strategic (%)	Current (%)	Strategic (%)	Current (%)
Equities						
Global Managed Volatility	16.90%	16.90%				
Global Developed	4.20%	4.20%	9.30%	9.30%	13.20%	13.20%
UK			3.10%	3.10%	4.00%	4.00%
Europe			4.10%	4.10%	5.10%	5.10%
Europe Hedged (in US dollars)				2.00%		2.00%
Pan European Small Companies			1.00%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%
US Large Companies			8.30%	4.80%	7.80%	4.30%
US Small Companies			1.00%	1.00%	3.80%	3.80%
Factor Allocation US Equity			9.40%	9.40%	11.70%	11.70%
Japan			3.10%	3.10%	4.10%	4.10%
Japan Hedged (in US dollars)				1.50%		1.50%
Pacific Basin ex-Japan			2.10%	2.10%	2.00%	2.00%
Emerging Markets			4.10%	4.10%	8.10%	8.10%
Fixed Interest						
Emerging Markets		2.00%	3.20%	7.20%	5.20%	9.20%
High Yield	6.20%	4.20%	7.40%	3.40%	6.20%	2.20%
Global Credit	7.20%	7.20%	11.60%	11.60%	6.20%	6.20%
Global Government	7.20%	7.20%	11.60%	11.60%	7.30%	7.30%
Global Short Duration	15.40%	15.40%	2.65%	2.65%	1.05%	1.05%
Global Short Term	15.40%	15.40%	2.65%	2.65%	1.05%	1.05%
Income						
Multi-Asset Income	7.20%	7.20%	3.10%	3.10%	2.10%	2.10%
Inflation Sensitive						
Inflation-Linked Bonds	2.00%	2.00%	3.20%	3.20%	3.10%	3.10%
Commodities	3.00%	3.00%	4.00%	4.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Absolute Return						
Liquid Alternatives	3.00%	3.00%	4.00%	4.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Liquidity						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	12.30%	12.30%	1.10%	1.10%	1.00%	1.00%

A blue-shaded cell (white font) represents an overweight position; a grey-shaded cell (black font) represents an underweight position versus the strategic weight. Figures shown represent the total target active weight (i.e. strategic weight +/- overweight/underweight).

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	Global Growth		Global Aggressive		
	Strategic (%)	Current (%)	Strategic (%)	Current (%)	
Equities					
Global Managed Volatility					
Global Developed	16.10%	16.10%	18.80%	18.80%	
UK	5.00%	5.00%	7.00%	7.00%	
Europe	6.00%	6.00%	7.00%	7.00%	
Europe Hedged (in US dollars)		3.00%		3.00%	
Pan European Small Companies	3.00%	3.00%	4.00%	4.00%	
US Large Companies	9.50%	4.25%	11.40%	6.15%	
US Small Companies	5.50%	5.50%	7.20%	7.20%	
Factor Allocation US Equity	15.10%	15.10%	18.60%	18.60%	
Japan	5.00%	5.00%	6.00%	6.00%	
Japan Hedged (in US dollars)		2.25%		2.25%	
Pacific Basin ex-Japan	3.00%	3.00%	4.00%	4.00%	
Emerging Markets	12.00%	12.00%	16.00%	16.00%	
Fixed Interest					
Emerging Markets	6.00%	11.00%			
High Yield	6.00%	1.00%			
Global Credit	2.00%	2.00%			
Global Government	1.80%	1.80%			
Global Short Duration					
Global Short Term					
Income					
Multi-Asset Income					
Inflation Sensitive					
Inflation-Linked Bonds	2.00%	2.00%			
Commodities	2.00%	2.00%			
Absolute Return					
Liquid Alternatives					
Liquidity					
Cash and Cash Equivalents					

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- Fixed-income securities are subject to credit risk and may also be subject to price volatility and may be sensitive to interest-rate fluctuations.
- Absolute return investments utilise aggressive investment techniques which may increase the volatility of returns. If the correlation between absolute return investments and other asset classes within the fund increases, absolute return investments' expected diversification benefits may be decreased.

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