Commentary

### **Active Investing**

### **April 2024**

# SPDR® SSGA Multi-Asset Real Return

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# Portfolio Manager Insights

- During the first quarter of 2024, the Fund finished up in absolute returns and outperformed its custom strategic benchmark.
- Targeted allocations to energy and gold, with underweights to inflationlinked bonds and REITs, aided relative performance.
- The Fund finished the quarter with overweights to natural resource equities, gold, global infrastructure, and cash.

# Fund Positioning and Outlook

With expectations for easing global monetary policy, we started to increase the allocation to inflation-linked bonds, but still hold a sizable underweight. With risk appetite remaining positive, optimistic forecasts for equity-oriented assets from our quantitative models, and our expectations for inflationary pressures to persist, we maintained a tilt towards natural resource and infrastructure equities.

We hold a modest overweight to gold due to support from both technical and fundamental factors. Technical indicators imply positive momentum for the precious metal while a rising debt to GDP ratio suggests gold is still attractive.

Our targeted allocation to energy was driven by a supportive quantitative forecast and a constructive outlook for the sector. Valuations for energy companies are attractive while balance sheets remain healthy. Demand for oil remains robust while supply is tight given restrictions from OPEC+, peaking US production, and attacks on Russian oil production facilities.

#### **Portfolio Allocation**

Sector	Weight (%)	Change Since Prior Quarter (%)
Natural Resources	38.2	1.0
Global Infrastructure	23.5	-1.0
Commodities	20.0	-1.0
Inflation Linked	12.7	1.5
REITs	1.0	0.0
Cash	4.5	-0.5

Increase No Changes Decrease

Source: State Street Global Advisors Investment Solutions Group, as of March 31, 2024. Portfolio allocations are as of the date indicated, are subjected to change and should be relied upon as current thereafter. This information should not be considered a recommendation to invest in particular sector or to buy or sell any security shown. The benchmarks weights indicated reflect the weight of custom benchmark. The "Custom Benchmark" is created by State Street Global Advisors and maybe different for different accounts.

#### **Fund Performance**

	NAV (%)	Market Value (%)	Bloomberg U.S. Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index (%)	DBIQ Optimum Yield Diversified Commodity Index Excess Return (%)
QTD	2.69	2.67	-0.11	3.13
YTD	2.69	2.67	-0.11	3.13
1 Year	4.76	4.75	0.28	-2.88
3 Year	8.91	8.93	-0.71	11.55
5 Year	7.65	7.65	2.44	7.84
10 Year	3.16	3.15	2.25	-0.81
Since Inception (April 25, 2012)	2.85	2.85	1.62	-1.15

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