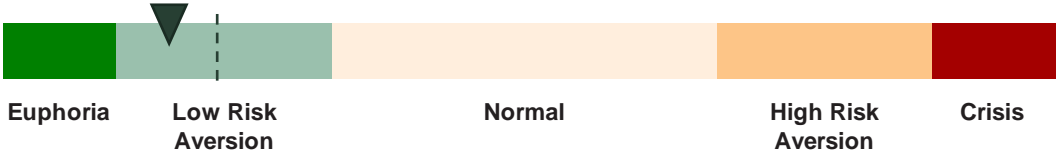


February 2024  
Trade Rationale

# State Street Active Asset Allocation ETF Portfolios


## State of the Market Regime Indicator (MRI)

▼ Current  
- - - Previous  
*MRI plotted as an estimate.*




### Key Takeaways

- The Market Regime Indicator (MRI) began January in the Low Risk regime. The MRI rose slightly and reached its highest point of the month on January 4. Then it started to trend down and remained in the Low Risk regime until end of the month.
- Market sentiment remained positive as the U.S. economy grew faster than expected in the fourth quarter amid strong consumer spending and strong performance from technology companies.
- Better-than-expected job reports, stellar US retail sales and sticky service inflation readings challenged expectations for a Fed rate cut in March. January’s Federal Open Market Committee meeting resulted in no change to rates.

INCREASE 	
High Yield	+2.5%
Treasury Bills	+1.5%

Source: State Street Global Advisors as of 2/8/2024.

DECREASE 	
Fixed Income Sector Rotation	-3.0%
Aggregate Bonds	-1.0%

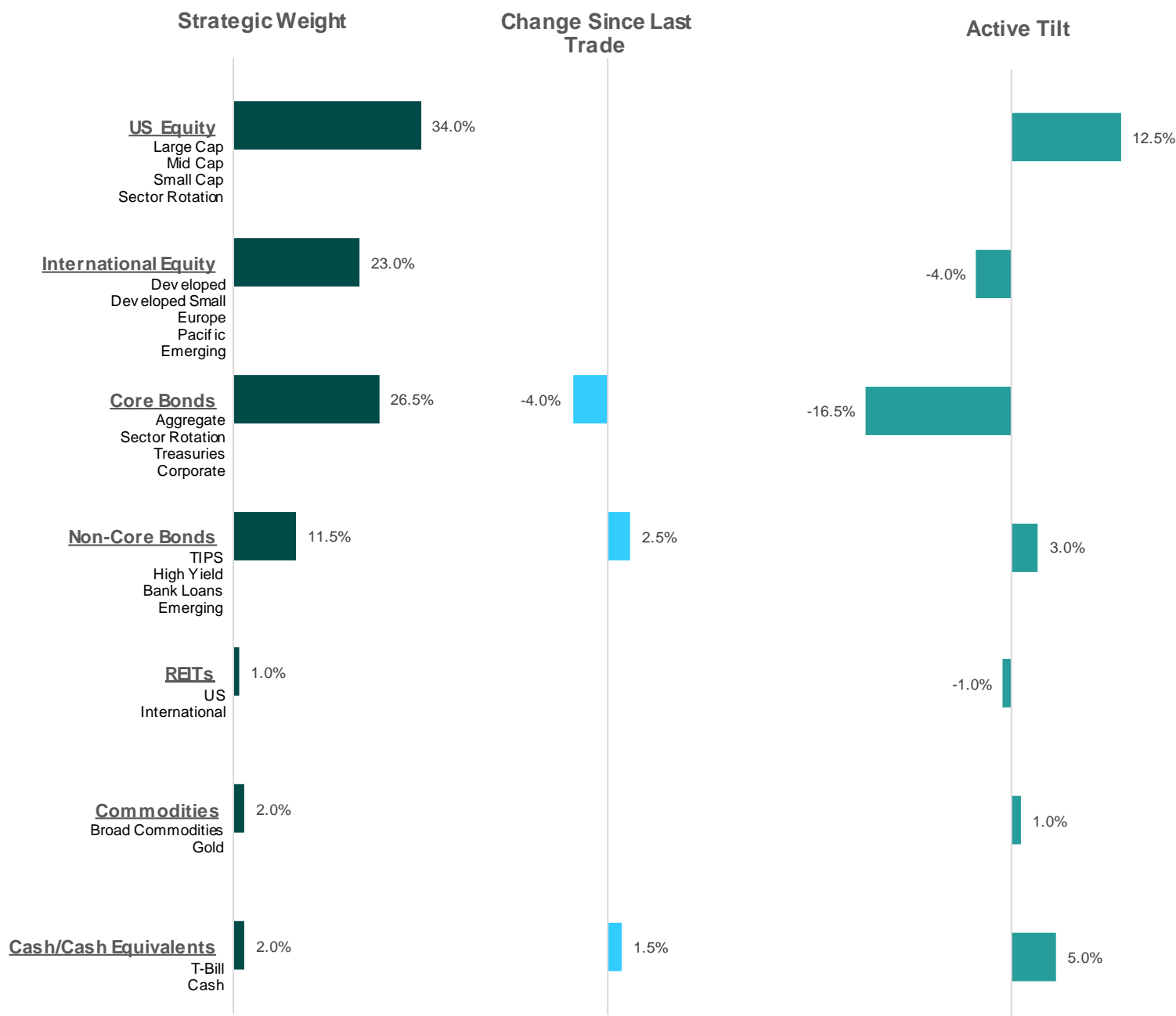
### Portfolio Positioning

Within fixed income, our outlook has deteriorated further with our model anticipating higher interest rates. From a curve perspective, our model is predicting a modest steepening of the yield curve due to lower inflation expectations and mixed leading economic indicators. Despite the forecast for higher interest rates, our model is constructive on high yield bonds given expectations for tighter spreads.

While rates have risen recently, they remain lower than the highs reached last October which suggests better funding conditions. Additionally, positive equity momentum and seasonality buoy our outlook for high yield. Against this backdrop, we increased our exposure to high yield bonds using proceeds from the sale of aggregate bonds and fixed income sector rotation.

Positioning Update

State Street Active Asset Allocation ETF Portfolio – Moderate



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## Current Holdings

Ticker	Fund	Conservative (%) 20/80	Moderate Conservative (%) 40/60	Moderate (%) 60/40	Moderate Growth (%) 75/25	Growth (%) 90/10	Maximum Growth (%) 98/2
	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>54.5%</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	<b>59.5%</b>
<a href="#">SPY</a>	SPDR® S&P 500® ETF Trust	14.3%	20.3%	25.0%	27.8%	29.0%	26.0%
<a href="#">XLSR</a>	SPDR® SSGA US Sector Rotation ETF	3.8%	8.8%	13.5%	16.3%	19.5%	21.0%
<a href="#">SPMD</a>	SPDR® Portfolio S&P 400® Mid Cap ETF	1.0%	1.5%	2.5%	3.8%	4.5%	6.0%
<a href="#">SPSM</a>	SPDR® Portfolio S&P 600® Small Cap ETF	4.0%	4.5%	5.5%	6.8%	7.5%	6.5%
	<b>International Equity</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>26.0%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>35.5%</b>
<a href="#">SPDW</a>	SPDR® Portfolio Developed World ex-US ETF	0.0%	3.0%	8.5%	12.5%	16.0%	16.5%
<a href="#">GWLX</a>	SPDR® S&P® International Small Cap ETF	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%
<a href="#">SPEM</a>	SPDR® Portfolio Emerging Markets ETF	4.0%	6.5%	8.5%	10.5%	12.5%	15.0%
	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>63.0%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<a href="#">SPAB</a>	SPDR® Portfolio Aggregate Bond ETF	10.5%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<a href="#">FISR</a>	SPDR® SSGA Fixed Income Sector Rotation ETF	27.5%	20.3%	9.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<a href="#">TIPX</a>	SPDR® Bloomberg 1-10 Year TIPS ETF	6.0%	4.5%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<a href="#">SRLN</a>	SPDR® Blackstone Senior Loan ETF	2.5%	2.5%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
<a href="#">EBND</a>	SPDR® Bloomberg Emerging Markets Local Bond ETF	4.0%	3.5%	3.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
<a href="#">SPTI</a>	SPDR® Portfolio Intermediate Term Treasury ETF	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<a href="#">EMHC</a>	SPDR® Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Bond ETF	3.0%	2.0%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
<a href="#">JUNK</a>	SPDR® Bloomberg High Yield Bond ETF	8.5%	7.0%	6.5%	4.5%	1.5%	0.0%
	<b>Real Assets</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<a href="#">GLD</a>	SPDR® Gold Shares	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%
<a href="#">RWR</a>	SPDR® Dow Jones® REIT ETF	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
<a href="#">RWX</a>	SPDR® Dow Jones® International Real Estate ETF	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
	<b>Cash/Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<a href="#">BIL</a>	SPDR® Bloomberg 1-3 Month T-Bill ETF	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.5%	1.0%	0.0%
N/A	Cash	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%

Source: State Street Global Advisors as of 2/8/2024. Allocations may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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## Glossary

**Commodities** Basic goods used in commerce that are interchangeable, or “fungible,” with other commodities of the same type. Commodities are most often used as inputs in the production of other goods or services. For example, crude oil is a commodity that is used to make motor fuels, and heating oil and lubricants.

**Emerging Markets** Developing countries where the characteristics of mature economies, such as political stability, market liquidity and accounting transparency, are beginning to manifest. Emerging market investments are generally expected to achieve higher returns than developed markets but are also accompanied by greater risk, decreasing their correlation to investments in developed markets.

**High Yield** A company or bond that is rated ‘BB’ or lower is known as junk grade or high yield, in which case the probability that the company will repay its issued debt is deemed to be speculative.

**Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)** An indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector. The PMI is based on five major indicators: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and the employment environment.

**Real Assets** Physical or tangible assets that have value and often are investable. Real assets include precious metals, commodities, real estate, agricultural land and oil, and

their inclusion in most diversified portfolios is considered appropriate.

**TIPS or Treasury Inflation Protected Securities** Treasury securities that are indexed to inflation in order to protect investors from the negative effects of inflation. TIPS are backed by the US government and are thus considered an extremely low-risk investment. The par value of TIPS rises with inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, while the interest rate remains fixed.

**Developed Markets** Refers to countries or market areas with relatively high levels of economic growth, market liquidity and transparency as well as political stability, rule of law and safety.

**Treasuries** The debt obligations of a national government. Also known as “government securities,” Treasuries are backed by the credit and taxing power of a country, and are thus regarded as having relatively little or no risk of default.

**Small Cap Stocks** Stocks with a relatively small market capitalizations—generally companies with market values of between \$300 million and \$2 billion. Small-cap stocks are more volatile than mid- or large-cap stocks, but tend to deliver higher returns over longer time periods.

**Yield Curve** A graph or line that plots the interest rates or yields of bonds with similar credit quality but different durations, typically from shortest to longest duration. When the yield curve is said to be “flat,” it means the difference in yields between bonds with shorter and longer durations is relatively narrow. When the yield curve is said to be “steep,” it means the difference in

yields between bonds with shorter and longer durations is relatively wide.

**Bond** A debt investment in which an investor loans money to an entity—typically a corporate or governmental entity—that borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a variable or fixed interest rate. Bonds are used by companies, municipalities, states and sovereign governments to raise money and finance a variety of projects and activities. Owners of bonds are debtholders, or creditors, of the issuer.

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