Allianz Best Styles Global Equity

Monthly commentary

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What Happened in July

July was another turbulent month for global equities, with the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) closing July in the red. Global markets rose early on as last month's US-Iran interim peace deal continued to hold and tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz largely normalised. However, market jitters resumed after tensions in the Gulf re-escalated. Hopes for a lasting settlement effectively unravelled amid reports that Tehran had launched a series of attacks on vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz. Meanwhile, the US hit military targets in Iran and US President Donald Trump declared the ceasefire "over". The conflict subsequently spread to the wider region after Tehran launched missile and drone strikes against US military targets in neighbouring Gulf states, with Tehran and Iran-backed Yemeni Houthis blockading critical shipping lanes. Markets were also buffeted after US President Trump renewed his criticism of defence spending by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies at the NATO Summit in Ankara and reignited his calls for the US to take control of Greenland. Renewed artificial intelligence (AI) jitters and a fresh wave of US tariffs were further headwinds.

Portfolio Review

In July, the Fund returned positively (in EUR, gross of fees), leading its benchmark, the MSCI World Index.

July was a diverse return environment for global investment styles. Our Value and Quality investment styles recovered and added strongly to relative performance. On the flipside, as often observed following a series of particularly strong performances, our trend-following investment styles – Revisions, Momentum, and Growth – contributed negatively, with Momentum being the weakest.

Outlook and Strategy

The global economy has remained remarkably resilient in the face of geopolitical uncertainty, higher energy prices and persistent inflationary pressures. In particular, investments in AI and digital infrastructure continue to provide additional growth momentum in the US. An increasing number of companies in sectors such as semiconductors, data centres, energy and industrials are benefitting from these trends.

We remain positive on equities and continue to favour the US and emerging markets. At the same time, alongside large technology companies, investors may increasingly focus on businesses with attractive valuations, strong balance sheets and stable earnings. We also see additional opportunities in digitalisation, AI infrastructure, and rising investment in energy supply, defence and infrastructure. Asia also offers attractive prospects, with China standing out due to the rapid adoption of AI technologies across its economy. In this environment, active management is likely to remain crucial for identifying the beneficiaries of these developments at an early stage.

Source: Bloomberg, Allianz Global Investors, as of 31 July 2026 unless otherwise stated.

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