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Goldman Sachs Tactical Tilt Overlay Fund

Quarterly Commentary

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Multi-Asset Solutions

The first quarter of 2025 saw US markets grappling with the new Trump administration's immediate policy focus on tariffs, sparking concerns about economic growth. Additionally, government spending cuts via the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) further weakened the growth outlook as the fiscal impulse was no longer expected to be as positive as in recent years. US inflation data surprised slightly to the upside and given a background of weaker activity data but stable labor market and somewhat higher inflation, the US Federal Reserve held policy rates steady but downgraded growth forecasts and upgraded inflation expectations. US equities (S&P 500) suffered a 4.3% decline, leading a broader 1.8% drop in global developed market equities (MSCI World, NTR, USD). Small-cap stocks (Russell 2000) also underperformed, falling 9.5%. Euro Area equities (EURO STOXX 50, NTR, EUR) and emerging market equities (MSCI EM, NTR, USD) rallied 7.5% and 2.9%, respectively. The divergence in performance was largely a reflection of weaker activity data in the US and better data in the Euro Area and China, in addition to expectations of tariff impacts. Within emerging markets, Chinese equities (MSCI China, NTR, HKD) delivered a strong return of +15% during the quarter on the back of better data and continued policy support from Chinese policymakers. However, this outperformance by Chinese equities came after significant underperformance in the prior quarter. Europe had a significant fiscal shift towards higher defense spending, spurred by the German election results. In the bond market, the US 10-year Treasury yield decreased over the quarter whereas most other major developed market bond yields were up through the quarter, reflecting increased market expectations of rate cuts in the US later this year.

During the first quarter, the Long US Healthcare Equity and EU Aerospace and Defense Section Option tilts were the largest tilt contributors while the Long Uranium and Long European Healthcare Equity tilts were the largest tilt detractors. While the US Healthcare sector significantly underperformed in Q4, there was a turnaround in Q1 2025 with a 6.5% return as investors preferred the defensive sector due to fears around growth slowdown. European defense stocks also rallied during the quarter as fears of US relinquishing its commitment to NATO took hold in Europe. Germany took the lead in ramping up military spending, as Chancellor-in-waiting Friedrich Merz pledged to amend the German constitution to exempt defense spending from the country's strict fiscal constraints. While we continue to maintain the Uranium view given the asymmetric risk/reward, uranium is a volatile commodity. In the first quarter of 2025, this volatility negatively impacted the portfolio, as our access vehicle, the Sprott Closed-end Uranium Trust, experienced a price decline of more than 16%. Even though the European Healthcare position detracted since inception, ISG (Investment Strategy Group) sees significant scope for upside surprises, including in the upcoming reporting season. Favorable seasonality is also a short-term positive for the sector. More broadly, the sector's defensive characteristics were increasingly attractive as geopolitical tensions rose.

There were two tilts added in January. A Long European Healthcare Equities tilt was added during the second half of the month. At the time the tilt was added, the sector was expected to benefit from the fourth quarter reporting season. Favorable seasonality could also be a short-term positive for the sector. More broadly, the sector's defensive characteristics were increasingly seen as helpful as geopolitical tensions were on the rise. The other tilt addition was a new S&P 500 Tactical Strategy which is named Ensemble Timing System. It employs a "weight of the evidence" approach, leveraging 66 distinct signals that capture momentum, contrarian dislocations, and seasonal patterns in the S&P 500. Through this systematic approach, ETS seeks to capitalize on behavioral biases and structural market anomalies that have been integral to ISG's past tactical S&P 500 views.

There were three tilts added, and one removed in February. First, a Colombian 5yr Interest Rate Swap tilt was added. The position would gain value as Colombian rates decrease. At the time of tilt inception, the current level of real interest rates (adjusted for inflation) in Colombia was among the highest seen in the past decade. ISG expected Colombian rates to move lower as the central bank delivers materially more cuts than what was priced by the market. The EU Aerospace and Defense Sector tilt was removed in mid-February. With 98% of the structure's max return having been realized and five weeks remained until expiry, prudent risk management necessitated locking in the position's profits. Next, a position that benefits from lower 10yr German Government Bond yields was added. At the time, ISG expected the ECB to deliver another 1.0% of cuts in 2025 and for policy rates to settle around 1.75% over the medium-term. In contrast, short-term interest rate markets were pricing only 0.8% of cuts this year and a full hike by year-end 2027 to a 2.25% terminal rate. Finally, a tilt that could benefit from additional gains in the US real estate equity sector was added. Although commercial real estate (CRE) prices still stood below their pre-and post-pandemic peaks at the time of tilt inception, they had firmed more recently, rising between 1-17% across real estate categories over the last year. ISG's central case expectation for 10Y Treasury yields to decline modestly this year should be supportive of CRE prices.

There were numerous tilt additions and removals in March. The EUR Rates tilt was removed first. The European Term Premium seemed likely to rise further. ISG believed the European rates market was already pricing a fiscal loosening of around 1% of German GDP, which they had felt could be disappointing. However, the announcement suggested the fiscal loosening was likely to be materially higher than both ISG's and the market's expectations. Added early in March was a short TOPIX Put Option tilt. Fundamentals for Japanese equities looked healthy and the stocks lackluster recent performance already embedded a risk premium for tariffs and yen appreciation risks. However, given elevated geopolitical risk and implied volatility, ISG recommended an allocation to a short put option, which can profit even if the index does not rise. Next, the Long US Dollar vs. Swiss Franc Option position was removed. The removal was primarily motivated by the ISG investment philosophy, which favors scaling into and out of positions as their risk and reward balance shifts. A short S&P 500 Put Option was added next as well a short S&P 400 Put Option. The breakeven level for these option structures represented an index level where we would be comfortable tactically overweighting US equities and midcap stocks. Since that level may never be reached, the sale of these put options could provide an attractive way to generate returns in the interim. After these options positions, the Long US Dollar vs. Short Indian Rupee tilt was removed. Despite more aggressive tariffs from the US, Asian currencies remained stable. In turn, ISG saw limited scope for Asian FX—including USD/INR—to depreciate meaningfully thus the position was removed. Finally, there were two more tilts added towards the end of March. A Long Indian Equities tilt and a Long Turkish Lira vs. Short US Dollar tilt. ISG believed Indian equities had scope to rally in the coming months following the significant underperformance over the last 6 months, supported by resilient earnings growth, an expected resumption of foreign inflows and continued purchases from the sticky domestic investor base. As far as the Long Lira position, after inflation peaked at 75% last summer, it steadily declined, currently standing at 39% and projected to fall below 30% this year. While continued progress on inflation will likely prompt additional rate cuts from the central bank, we expect any such easing to be gradual—consistent with their approach to date—and therefore unlikely to quickly diminish the high-interest rate differential that benefits holders of the lira.

As of March 31, 2025. Source: MSCI, Bloomberg, Multi-Asset Solutions (MAS), Goldman Sachs Asset Management, and the Investment Strategy Group (ISG) within the Asset and Wealth Management Division (AWM). ISG is responsible for the generation of investment ideas and MAS is responsible for the evaluation, selection, sizing, structuring and implementation of those ideas. MAS has ongoing portfolio management responsibilities and applies independent investment analysis and implementation discretion for all tilts. The economic and market forecasts presented herein are for informational purposes as of the date of this presentation. There can be no assurance that the forecasts will be achieved. The portfolio risk management process includes an effort to monitor and manage risk but does not imply low risk. Please see additional disclosures at the end of this presentation.

Performance Review

Goldman Sachs Tactical Tilt Overlay Fund¹

Inception Date	31-Jul-2014
Net ² Q1 2025	1.54%
Net ² Performance Since Inception (Annualized)	3.09%

Quarter-to-Date Contribution to Net Return (%) as of 3/31/2025

	Goldman Sachs Tactical	
Tilt	Tilt Overlay Fund ¹	
MLPs	0.07	
Trend-Based Rotation Tilt	-0.01	
GBP 10yr Interest Rate Swaps	-0.06	
Long Uranium	-0.22	
EU Aerospace and Defense Sector Options	0.12	
Long Mexico Equities (FX Hedged)	0.06	
USDCHF Options	-0.03	
Long South Africa Equities	0.09	
Long US Healthcare Equities	0.21	
GBP 10yr Receiver Swaptions	0.00	
INRUSD	-0.01	
EUR 10yr Interest Rate Swaps	-0.08	
Ensemble Timing System Tilt (S&P 500)	-0.07	
Long European Healthcare Equities	-0.10	
COB 5yr Interest Rate Swaps	0.00	
German Bond Future Options	-0.03	
US Real Estate Sector Options	-0.01	
TOPIX Options	-0.03	
S&P 500 Options	0.01	
S&P 400 Mid-Cap Options	0.02	
Long Indian Equities	-0.03	
Long Turkish Lira vs Short US Dollar	0.00	
Investment Grade Fixed Income	0.70	
Cash/Other ³	0.95	

Standardized Total Returns (as of March 31, 2025): 1 Year: 3.77%, 5 Year: 6.15%, 10 Year: 2.70%, Since Inception (ann.): 3.09% (I-Shares); Expense Ratios (Gross/Net): 0.88%/0.78%. Institutional share class. 2Net Returns as of 31-Mar-2025. 3Includes impact of cash management activity, fund fees, pricing differences between Goldman Sachs Asset Management and fund administrator, and impact of tax liability. Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited, and may not be representative of current or future investments. Fund holdings and allocations may not include the Fund's entire investment portfolio, which may change at any time. Fund holdings should not be relied on in making investment decisions and should not be construed as research or investment advice regarding particular securities. Current and future holdings are subject to risk. The portfolio risk management process includes an effort to monitor and manage risk, but does not imply low risk. The returns represent past performance. Past performance does not quarantee future results. The Fund's investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted above. Please visit our Web site at: am.gs.com to obtain the most recent month-end returns. Standardized Total Returns are average annual total returns or cumulative total returns (only if the performance period is one year or less) as of the most recent calendar quarter-end. They assume reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value. Because Institutional (and Service) Shares do not involve a sales charge, such a charge is not applied to their Standardized Total Returns. The expense ratios of the Fund, both current (net of any fee waivers or expense limitations) and before waivers (gross of any fee waivers or expense limitations) are as set forth above. Pursuant to a contractual arrangement, the Fund's waivers and/or expense limitations will remain in place through at least December 29, 2025, and prior to such date the Investment Adviser may not terminate the arrangements without the approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for the most recent expenses.

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Glossary

Bullish: characterized by rising share prices.

Call Option: A contract which bestows upon the owner the right, but not the obligation, to buy an underlying security. The contract is only valid for a specified quantity of this security, at a specified price, and within a specified timeframe.

Correlation: is a statistic that measures the degree to which two securities move in relation to each other.

Risk Reversal: is a multi-leg options strategy that uses both a call and a put, sometimes referred to as a collar.

GSCI: Goldman Sachs Commodity Index

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC): refers to a group of 13 of the world's major oil-exporting nations. OPEC was founded in 1960 to coordinate the petroleum policies of its members and to provide member states with technical and economic aid.

Out-of-the-money: is also known as OTM, meaning an option has no intrinsic value, only extrinsic value.

Put Option: A contract which bestows upon the owner the right, but not the obligation, to sell an underlying security. The contract is only valid for a specified quantity of this security, at a specified price, and within a specified timeframe.

Put Sale: the sale of put options allows market players to gain bullish exposure with the added benefit of potentially owning the underlying security at both a future date and a price below the current market price.

Put Spread: A put spread is an option spread strategy that is created when equal number of put options are bought and sold simultaneously. Unlike the put buying strategy in which the profit potential is unlimited, the maximum profit generated by put spreads are limited but they are also, however, relatively cheaper to employ.

Spread: the yield spread or credit spread is the difference between the quoted rates of return on two different investments, usually of different credit qualities but similar maturities. It is often an indication of the risk premium for one investment product over another.

Swap: An agreement which binds two parties to exchange cash flows over a determined time period, with at least one party's flows typically subject to a variable rate

Swaption: An option which bestows upon the owner the right, but not the obligation, to engage in a swap transaction.

Trough: a trough is a low turning point or a local minimum of a business cycle.

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