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# **GS Tactical Tilt Overlay Fund**

**Quarterly Commentary** 

June 2025

**Multi-Asset Solutions** 

Q2 2025 was dominated by U.S. trade policy developments and their global economic implications. On April 2nd, 2025, President Trump announced sweeping tariffs which caused a significant shift in risk sentiment and led to aggressive selloffs in equity markets. During the first week of April, global equities fell by 8.3%, while US equities (SPX) saw a 9.6% decline. The tariff increase announcement was the most substantial since the 1930 Smoot-Hawley Act and increased uncertainty in both business and consumer sentiment. The sharp tightening in financial conditions and supply chain disruptions set the stage for a potential economic slowdown. The situation escalated as the US and China engaged in retaliatory tariffs, eventually imposing over 100% tariffs on each other (which was later dialed back substantially in a May 12th announcement). Markets remained volatile but showed resilience when President Trump announced a 90-day pause on country-specific reciprocal tariffs on April 9th (excluding China), with US equities rallying 9.5% that day. The S&P 500 recorded its best daily gain (+9.52%) since October 2008 and its worst daily decline (~5% drop on April 3rd) since March 2020, all within a span of a week. In contrast to the uncertain trade policy environment, the Trump administration swiftly moved forward on fiscal policy. The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," which was signed into law on July 4th could potentially boost 2026 growth but has also raised deficit concerns. Despite the quarter's volatility, financial markets performed strongly overall. While global developed market equities rose 11.6% and emerging markets gained 12.0%, performance varied dramatically by region and sector. US large caps rallied 10.9% as tariff uncertainty subsided, with the technology sector surging 22.9%, significantly outperforming the broader market, while the energy sector declined 8.5% due to lower oil prices. The USD weakened significantly, dropping by 5.8% against a basket of major currencies, while the 10-year Treasury yield overall

The Uranium, S&P 500 Options and Mexico Equities tilts contributed the most while US and European Healthcare Equities tilts detracted the most during the quarter. Uranium and Nuclear Energy investments rebounded in the second quarter, buoyed by US president Donald Trump's May executive orders to expand America's nuclear capacity. US Large Cap Equities rose as tariff uncertainty subsided. Mexico Equities rose as a weaker US dollar provided a tailwind for many EM currencies and asset flows, though political risks and inflation concerns continued to shape outlooks across the region. US and European Healthcare Equities faced headwinds throughout the quarter from both policy concerns with President Trump's intention to potentially lower US drug prices and US trade talks as the July tariff deadline loomed large at the time.

There was one tilt addition during the first week of April. A short S&P 500 put option position was added. Elevated volatility and elevated risk premium for recession risk contributed to the rationale behind adding this position. The position was not meant to call the bottom or blindly scale into the market but rather adhere to the ISG investment philosophy of averaging into exposure if the expected returns become more compelling.

There was one tilt added, and one tilt removed in May. A tilt in a UK Government Bond position was added in the middle of May. For the past 18 months, ISG had generally recommended implementing UK duration views via swaps, due to their expectation that GBP swap spreads would tighten. GBP swap spreads indeed tightened significantly over this period, benefiting prior positions, however ISG now believes the outlook for GBP Swap Spreads is more balanced. UK bonds offered a meaningful yield pick-up relative to both fully collateralized swaps and US government bonds, supporting the bond implementation. Towards the end of the month, the GBP 10yr Receiver Swaptions position was allowed to expire. Despite the expiry of this position, ISG continued to recommend an overweight to high-quality UK fixed income including the new position in UK government bonds, which replaced approximately half of the risk exposure the expiring tilt contributed on average through its life, and a position in GBP 5yr Interest Rate Swaps.

There was one tilt added, and one tilt removed during June. Early in the month, an upside options structure in US healthcare equities was added while during the second half of the month, the US Real Estate Sector Option tilt was allowed to expire. The underperformance of the healthcare sector since the end of Q3 2024 provided an opportunity to increase exposure with an options structure alongside our existing position given ongoing healthcare uncertainty. Continued stabilization in commercial real estate prices had been a tailwind, but higher interest rates than initially anticipated and equity market volatility to the downside due to trade and tariffs during April were a headwind to REIT performance which was in line with the broader equity market during this window. While REIT valuations remained low relative to the broader market and a supportive catalyst to the trade, there were no additional catalysts that could help catalyze an improvement in the sector's relative valuation. Consequently, the options structure was allowed to expire.

As of June 30, 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 Fund

Inception Date	31-Jul-2014
Net <sup>2</sup> Q2 2025	1.81%
Net <sup>2</sup> Performance Since Inception (Annualized)	3.19%

Quarter-to-Date Contribution to Net Return (%) as of 6/30/2025

	Goldman Sachs Tactical
Tilt	Tilt Overlay Fund <sup>1</sup>
MLPs	-0.02
Trend-Based Rotation Tilt	0.02
Long Uranium	0.41
Long Mexico Equities (FX Hedged)	0.14
Long South Africa Equities	0.07
Long US Healthcare Equities	-0.23
Ensemble Timing System Tilt (S&P 500)	0.02
Long European Healthcare Equities	-0.22
COB 5yr Interest Rate Swaps	0.00
German Bond Future Options	-0.02
US Real Estate Sector Options	-0.06
TOPIX Options	0.11
S&P 500 Options	0.18
S&P 400 Mid-Cap Options	0.05
Long Indian Equities	0.10
Long Turkish Lira vs Short US Dollar	0.09
GBP 10yr Receiver Swaptions	-0.01
GBP Interest Rate Swaps	0.12
Long 5yr UK Government Bonds	0.05
US Healthcare Equities Options	0.00
Investment Grade Fixed Income	0.25
Cash/Other <sup>3</sup>	0.75

Standardized Total Returns (as of June 30, 2025): 1 Year: 5.64%, 5 Year: 4.55%, 10 Year: 2.84%, Since Inception (ann.): 3.19% (I-Shares): Expense Ratios (Gross/Net): 0.88%/0.78%. Institutional share class. 2Net Returns as of 31-Mar-2025. Includes 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 guarantee 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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