

MARKET INSIGHTS

APRIL 2026



The backdrop has begun to shift from March. The conflict with Iran continues to anchor the macro environment, expressing itself most clearly through energy. Oil remains elevated as markets price ongoing disruption risk, reinforcing the inflation impulse that had pushed conditions toward Quad 3. But despite the intensity of the headlines, market behavior has remained broadly measured. The initial shock has transitioned into absorption, and in that process, the structural view established at the beginning of the year has largely held. At the same time, enough previously neutral signals have begun to resolve in favor of Quad 2 risk-on, coinciding with ceasefire headlines that helped ease the earlier Quad 3 risk-off impulse and shift the month-over-month posture.

The same diagnostic still applies as it did at the start of 2026. The dollar has responded as expected, initially rallying on geopolitical stress, but it failed to break beyond the level that has defined its range for the past year. That distinction matters. If that boundary is cleared on a sustained basis, it would reinforce further tightening in global liquidity. Until it does, a weaker dollar remains a tailwind for risk assets.

This is the type of environment that invites action. Markets have been pushed to the edge. Volatility has shifted, headlines remain elevated, and the instinct is to respond. But too much activity for its own sake becomes a risk. Sometimes restraint is not inaction, it is patience while waiting for alignment. It is a useful moment to step back and clarify how that restraint is implemented in practice.

A Note on Multi-Duration Risk Management

In the current environment, this dynamic described above is actively playing out. Short-term signals began to shift earlier in the month, while longer-term structure remained intact. The appropriate response is not to fully reposition, but to allow the process to work across durations.

Different signals are designed to do different things. Some probe for change early, adjusting at the margin as conditions begin to shift. Others require confirmation and anchor positioning until the broader structure follows. That early sensitivity is valuable, but it also introduces exposure to false positives, moments where change appears but does not persist. Waiting for confirmation reduces that risk, but introduces the possibility of false negatives, where a real shift is recognized too late. Neither is sufficient on its own. The edge is in how they interact.

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It is not that any one signal deserves less weight. It is that no single moment should dominate the process. All signals matter, but they must be taken together and allowed to develop over time. Multi-duration risk management is built on that sequencing. As conditions evolve, positioning adjusts incrementally, incorporating new information without overreacting to any single data point or short-term move. This becomes especially important in transition periods, where markets can produce brief signals that resemble regime change, a short-lived rally or a temporary shift in volatility, often accompanied by low conviction score due to a high number of neutral signals, only to reverse and reassert the prior trend. Without a multi-duration framework, these moments can lead to over-adjustment at precisely the wrong time.

At the same time, our framework does retain the ability to fully align. If enough signals change and the broader structure confirms, positioning can shift across all strategies. But that type of alignment is earned through persistence. Total alignment rarely occurs in a single day. It emerges as signals converge over time. That convergence has not yet occurred. Until it does, the process calls for patience, not prediction, and adjustment at the margin, not wholesale change. Wishing you a bright start to the Spring season ahead.

ASSET CLASS SIGNAL STRENGTH:

ASSET CLASS	APRIL 2026	MARCH 2025	1 - 3 MONTH OUTLOOK *
EQUITIES	DEFENSIVE LONG	OFFENSIVE LONG	FAVORABLE
FIXED INCOME	OFFENSIVE LONG	OFFENSIVE LONG	UNFAVORABLE
COMMODITIES	DEFENSIVE LONG	DEFENSIVE LONG	FAVORABLE
US DOLLAR	DEFENSIVE SHORT	OFFENSIVE SHORT	UNFAVORABLE
RFR (3M TBILL)	OFFENSIVE SHORT	OFFENSIVE SHORT	UNFAVORABLE
BITCOIN	DEFENSIVE SHORT	DEFENSIVE SHORT	FAVORABLE

PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT *(current exposure relative to target range)*

MODEL	EQUITIES			FIXED INCOME		
	RANGE	APR 2026	MAR 2026	RANGE	APR 2026	MAR 2026
BOND	--	--	--	-25 to 100%	70%	70%
PEA CORE STOCK	100%	100%	100%	--	--	--
MODERATE ARM	30 to 60%	45%	60%	10 to 40%	35%	35%
DIVIDEND INCOME	30 to 60%	60%	60%	10 to 40%	40%	40%

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MACRO PERSIST	-40 to 40%	30%	30%	-40 to 40%	40%	40%
SYSTEMATIC MACRO	0 to 60%	60%	60%	--	--	--
ALL ASSET	-25 to 100%	50%	60%	-25 to 100%	30%	30%
FOCUS	-100 to 300%	10%	10%	-100 to 300%	30%	30%
Special Situation Equity	0 to 100%	85%	85%	--	--	--

CURRENT MARKET REGIME: *current conviction score 90%*

Quadrant	MARKET REGIME	
	Current % Share	Previous % Share
GOLDBLOCKS / Quad 1	28%	40%
REFLATION / Quad 2	44%	30%
INFLATION / Quad 3	25%	10%
DEFLATION / Quad 4	3%	20%

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