

Chairman's Message | February 28, 2026



Abigail P. Johnson

Dear Shareholder:

Global capital markets gained strongly for the 12 months ending February 28, 2026, supported by resilient corporate fundamentals, a steady macroeconomy and monetary easing by the U.S. Federal Reserve and other key central banks. In the U.S., the S&P 500® index, a widely recognized measure of large-cap equities, increased 16.99%, while the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, representing taxable investment-grade fixed income, rose 6.26%.

During the past year, the broad U.S. bond market weathered pockets of elevated volatility, particularly in its early months. Volatility peaked in early April, after the newly elected administration introduced a broad set of tariffs on U.S. trade partners, triggering a steep bond sell-off. The market began to recover just one week later, however, as investor concerns eased after a 90-day pause on most of the tariffs was announced. By summer, expectations that the Fed would soon resume its interest-rate-easing cycle – paused since January – supported a rally in fixed-income investments. The subsequent implementation of three rate cuts, along with milder-than-expected tariffs, strong corporate earnings and steady monthly economic data, helped buoy credit markets in the second half of 2025. After treading water in January (+0.11%) of the new year, the Aggregate index advanced 1.64% in February, when AI-related disruption fears and geopolitical uncertainty contributed to a "flight to safety" from stocks into fixed income.

For the 12 months, intermediate-term issues with maturities of 5 to 10 years posted the best returns, while lower-quality investment-grade bonds – rated A and BAA, the Bloomberg equivalent to BBB – bettered higher-quality debt. Most credit-sensitive assets, including corporate bonds, agency mortgage-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities, comfortably outpaced U.S. Treasuries.

Against this backdrop, our actively managed, taxable investment-grade strategies performed competitively versus benchmarks and peers on an aggregate, asset-weighted basis. Our core/core-plus strategies modestly outpaced benchmarks and had a weighty influence on overall results. Our limited-term bond funds were a notable bright spot, while credit-focused offerings had a mixed showing and government/mortgage funds lagged. Importantly, aggregate performance for the taxable fixed-income product suite remained compelling over the three-, five- and 10-year periods.

As of February 28, analysis from Fidelity's Asset Allocation Research Team – composed of portfolio managers and other analysts in our Global Asset Allocation division – implies that the global economic cycle remains in a solid, albeit unsynchronized, expansion against a backdrop of policy crosscurrents. The U.S. demonstrates a mix of cycle dynamics, with solid mid-cycle activity amid some areas of continued weakness in housing and labor markets.

It is important to remember that our bond portfolios employ a multi-step investment research process that includes substantial risk oversight. Fidelity has one of the largest, most sophisticated fixed-income organizations in the mutual fund industry. Our research team makes independent credit assessments; we do not rely on the rating agencies to determine credit quality. We will continue to search for value across all sectors of the taxable bond market, combining the strength of our bottom-up security analysis with our top-down portfolio construction and risk-management strategies.

Thank you for your confidence in Fidelity's investment-management capabilities. For more insights on current market developments, please visit us online.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abigail P. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Abigail P. Johnson
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
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