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PORTFOLIO NEWS

March 2025

Summary comment

Our funds posted negative performances for the month: Cobas Selección (-0.8%), Cobas Internacional (-0.9%), Cobas Grandes Compañías (-3.1%), Cobas Iberia (-0.4%), Cobas Global PP (-0.8%), and Cobas Mixto Global PP (-0.8%)

Equity markets retreated in March amid uncertainty regarding the extent of tariffs announced by Donald Trump's administration. This situation has generated volatility and affected market sentiment; as a result, investors are closely monitoring signs of potential impacts on the US economy. European markets outperformed, benefiting from the rotation of investors seeking alternatives to the US. During the month, technology stocks declined sharply due to concerns about excessive valuations and a broader market rotation from growth to value stocks. As a result, the Nasdaq tech index was down -8.1% for the month.

In commodities, copper prices rose significantly amid concerns that Trump might impose tariffs on copper imported into the US.. Gold continued to set record highs and rose above \$3,100 per ounce, driven by fears over the US deficit, rising inflation and geopolitical concerns. Oil performed well despite concerns about weaker demand due to the slowing economy.

Asian markets declined during the month, reflecting pessimism regarding the imminent implementation of automotive tariffs on 2 April and uncertainty surrounding potential retaliatory measures by other countries.

International Portfolio

| Main blocks | 1S24 | 2S24 | Diff |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Energy | 28% | 28% | 0% |
| LNG infrastructures | 8% | 5% | -3% |
| Oil and gas services | 6% | 7% | +1% |
| Oil and gas trans. infra. | 1% | 2% | +1% |
| Oil and gas producers | 13% | 14% | +1% |
| Defensive | 30% | 28% | -2% |
| Residences-Education | 7% | 7% | 0% |
| Pharmacist | 11% | 9% | -2% |
| Aero-Defence | 6% | 6% | 0% |
| Net-Net | 1% | 1% | 0% |
| Defensive Consumption | 5% | 5% | 0% |
| Cyclical | 21% | 22% | +1% |
| Raw materials | 8% | 10% | +2% |
| Rest | 10% | 11% | +1% |
| Liquidity | 3% | 1% | -2% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | |

Iberian Portfolio

| Main blocks | 1S24 | 2S24 | Diff |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Energy | 15% | 18% | +3% |
| Oil services | 14% | 13% | -1% |
| Oil and gas producers | 1% | 5% | +4% |
| Defensive | 33% | 31% | -2% |
| Concessions | 8% | 8% | 0% |
| Defensive consumption | 8% | 6% | -2% |
| Pharmacist | 11% | 13% | +2% |
| Defensive services | 6% | 4% | -2% |
| Cyclical | 17% | 17% | 0% |
| Raw materials | 20% | 20% | 0% |
| Rest | 13% | 13% | 0% |
| Liquidity | 2% | 1% | -1% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | |

Top 10 Cobas Selection

Weights as of 31.12.2024

The Fund diversifies its equity exposure between our International and Iberian portfolios. The average diversification will generally involve an exposure of around 90% to our International portfolio and 10% to the Iberian portfolio.

| Company | Weight |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Atalaya Mining | 4.8% |
| Golar LNG | 4.4% |
| Currys | 4.2% |
| Babcock | 3.9% |
| CK Hutchison | 3.1% |
| Danieli | 2.7% |
| Academedia | 2.7% |
| BW Offshore | 2.7% |
| Técnicas Reunidas | 2.4% |
| Energear | 2.2% |
| Total weight Top 10 | 33.0% |

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International Portfolio

Top 10 International Portfolio

Weights as of 31.12.2024

| Company | Weight |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Golar LNG | 5.0% |
| Currys | 4.8% |
| Babcock | 4.5% |
| Atalaya Mining | 4.5% |
| CK Hutchison | 3.5% |
| Danieli | 3.1% |
| Academedia | 3.1% |
| BW Offshore | 3.1% |
| Energear | 2.5% |
| Bayer | 2.5% |
| Total weight Top 10 | 36.5% |

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Danieli

Portfolio Weight 2.7% C.Selección; 3.1% C.Internacional; 2.5% C.Grandes Compañías

During the first six months of the 2024/2025 financial year, **Danieli** achieved a 2% increase in EBITDA, maintaining solid liquidity and a net profit in line with its forecasts.

Lower profitability was confirmed in the **Steel Making** division due to an unfavourable combination of prices and production costs, particularly because of high energy costs. However, **Plant Making** delivered an excellent performance, offsetting the drop in margins in **Steel Making**. Thanks to its leadership in technology for the production of green steel at competitive costs, **Danieli** maintains its benchmark position in the global market.

Shipment volumes in **Steel Making** remained stable until December 2024, but have grown in the first months of 2025 with improvements in prices and margins, driven by lower energy costs. This has enabled a progressive recovery of margins and a return to profitability is projected in the first half of 2025. Overall, this trend is expected to continue throughout the second half of the financial year, with improved steel production and stable margins in **Plant Making**, strengthening the outlook for the end of the financial year and establishing a solid base for 2025/2026.

Consolidated net income grew 11% year-on-year, supported by financial income from the remuneration of liquidity. Although exchange rate effects were less significant than in previous years, the net financial position remained strong and in line with the previous year-end.



Danieli 1 year performance. **Return:** 1M -1.2% 3M 22.8% YTD 22.8%

Energean

Portfolio Weight 2.2% C.Selección; 2.5% C.Internacional; 1.6% C.Grandes Compañías

Energean announced its decision to terminate the asset sale agreement with **Carlyle** due to lengthy delays in obtaining regulatory approvals in Italy and Egypt. As a result, **Energean** will not proceed with the transaction and will focus its efforts on optimising its existing assets.

In this context, the company has announced that it will update its production projections and financial guidance for 2025, considering its assets in Egypt, Italy and Croatia. It will also provide a revised strategy on future opportunities and a new dividend policy. The company seeks to maintain the growth and profitability of its business despite the cancellation of the Carlyle deal.

Energean presented its 2024 accounts in March, highlighting a 24% increase in production to 153 kboed, with 83% gas. Development of the **Katlan** project in Israel is on schedule, with first gas expected in the first half of 2027.

Group revenues grew 25% to \$1,779bn, while net profit after tax was \$188mn, up 2% from 2023. Despite the impact of impairments in Egypt and Greece, profit from continuing operations grew 14%, and group leverage decreased to 2.5x, reflecting improved financial stability.



Energean. 1 year performance. **Return:** 1 M -13.7% 3 M -16.1% YTD -16.1%

CIR

Portfolio Weight 2.2% C.Selection; **2.5%** C.International

In 2024, **CIR** recorded a significant improvement in its financial results and conducted value-generating asset sales. Consolidated revenues increased by 1.6% compared to 2023, reaching €1,821m. Consolidated EBITDA grew 14% to €272m, driven by improved profitability in both divisions. The consolidated net income was €132m, including extraordinary income, and free cash flow before dividends and share buybacks amounted to €387.

In financial terms, the group's net position improved significantly, from a net debt of €17.8m in 2023 to a positive position of €202.6m at the end of 2024. The debt of the industrial subsidiaries was reduced by €193.5m despite dividend payments. The parent company maintained a positive financial position of €341.3m, despite spending €99.7m on the repurchase of own shares.

During 2024, **CIR** completed the sale of several strategic assets, including a residential complex in Milan for €38m and **Sogefi's** Filtration division for €327.5m. This allowed to reduce the group's debt and to finance the transformation of the automotive business towards electric mobility technologies.

At **KOS**, revenues increased by 6.2%, with an improvement in the occupancy of residences in Italy and Germany. Profitability grew to 8.4% of revenues, with a net result of €20.5m, compared to €11.7m in 2023. **Sogefi**, meanwhile, faced a 1.7% decline in revenues due to the weak automotive market, but improved its operating profitability and generated a net result of €141.3m thanks to the sale of the filtration division.

For 2025, **CIR** plans to initiate a new share buyback programme as of

17 March, reaffirming its strategy of capital optimisation and financial strengthening.



CIR 1 year performance. **Return: 1 M -8.8% 3 M -8.3% YTD -8.3%**

Avio

Portfolio Weight 1.5% C.Selección; **1.8%** C.Internacional

Avio closed 2024 with solid financial results, highlighting an order backlog of €1.724bn, 27% higher than in December 2023. Order intake reached a record €800m, mainly due to new contracts for the completion of Vega E and for defence propulsion. Net revenues reached €441.6bn, up 30.3%, driven by increased activity in the Vega programme and in defence.

Adjusted EBITDA was €31.3m, an increase of 11.6%, while net profit remained at €6.4m. In the space sector, **Avio** achieved important milestones, such as the successful return of the Vega C launcher with the Sentinel-1C satellite and the transfer of responsibility for Vega C commercial operations to **Avio**, leading to the signing of key contracts with ESA and the European Commission for future launches and the development of Vega E.

In defence, **Avio** experienced significant growth, with orders more than doubling to €259m. The company signed significant contracts with Raytheon and the US Army for rocket engine development and prototyping for military applications. In Europe, a €150m agreement with MBDA Italia for the supply of CAMM-ER missile engines was a highlight.

By 2025, **Avio**'s forecasts include an order backlog of between €1.7bn and €1.8bn, net revenues of between €450m and €480m, and reported EBITDA of between €27m and €33m.



Avio. 1-year performance. **Return:** **1 M** 2.0% **3 M** 24.0% **YTD** 24.0%

Iberian Portfolio

Top 10 Iberian Portfolio

Weights as of 31.12.2024

| Company | Weight |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Atalaya Mining | 10.2% |
| Técnicas Reunidas | 10.0% |
| Almirall | 7.2% |
| Grifols | 5.9% |
| Gestamp | 4.7% |
| Repsol | 4.6% |
| Elecnor | 4.6% |
| Semapa | 4.3% |
| Miquel y Costas | 4.1% |
| CAF | 4.0% |
| Total weight Top 10 | 59.6% |

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Atalaya Mining

Portfolio Weight 4.8% C.Selección; 10.2% C.Iberia; 4.5% C.Internacional; 4.0% C.Grandes Compañías

Atalaya Mining reported its fourth quarter and full year 2024 results, highlighting stable financial management despite a slight decline in revenues.

Copper production reached 46.2 kt, with cash costs of €2.69/lb and AISC of €3.01/lb, reflecting good control of operating costs. During the year, the company generated EBITDA of €66.4m and cash flows from operating activities of €53.4m, enabling it to maintain a strong balance sheet in a period of continued investment. In addition, it closed the quarter with a net cash position of €35.1m and unsold copper concentrate valued at €19.7m.

By 2025, **Atalaya Mining** expects production of 48-52 kt of copper, with lower cash costs and new investments in higher-grade deposits such as **San Dionisio** and **Masa Valverde**. In line with its commitment to shareholders, it has proposed a final dividend of \$0.03 per share, bringing the total annual dividend to \$0.07 per share.

CEO Alberto Lavandeira highlighted achievements in 2024, such as record annual ore processed, safety improvements and a reduction in water and electricity consumption. He also highlighted the progress in the permitting process for the **Touro Project**, which received the designation of strategic industrial project by the Xunta de Galicia in June 2024. This project represents a key opportunity for the development of sustainable mining in Europe, in a context of growing global copper demand and deficit.



Atalaya Mining. 1 year performance. **Return:** 1M -9.2% 3M -7.7% YTD -7.7%

Técnicas Reunidas

Portfolio Weight 2.4% C.Selección; 10.0% C.Iberia; 2.6% C.Grandes Compañías

Técnicas Reunidas and the Egyptian firm Orascom Construction have signed an agreement valued at more than \$2.6 billion for the construction of a combined cycle gas-fired power plant in Saudi Arabia.

The two companies will enter into a 50/50 joint venture to execute an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract for the Qurayyah IPP Expansion Project. This power plant, with a capacity of 3 gigawatts (GW), will be located in the country's Eastern Province.

This agreement represents a significant step forward due to the size of the project, which is equivalent to approximately 14% of **Técnicas Reunidas'** order book. As a result, its order book has reached a record €17,500m, after closing 2024 with €12,479m. It also strengthens its position in the Saudi market, consolidating its presence in the region.



Técnicas Reunidas. 1-year performance. Return: 1 M 3.7% 3 M 42.3% YTD 42.3%

Catalana Occidente Group

Portfolio Weight 2.4% C.Selección; 10.0% C.Iberia; 2.6% C.Grandes Compañías

On 27 March, the Serra family, which owns 62% of the shares of the insurance company, announced its decision to begin the process of delisting **Catalana Occidente** from the market. Through their company Inocsa, they have launched a takeover bid for the remaining 37.97%, offering €50/share in cash, with a premium of 18% over the closing price.

The transaction, which values **GCO** at €6 billion, will involve a maximum payout of €2.277 billion if all shareholders accept. Alternatively, an exchange of shares is offered with a limit of 6.66% of the capital. The offer has a minimum acceptance of 75%, which means that, if only 13% of the share capital accepts, the Serra family will reach its delisting target.



GCO. 1-year performance. **Return:** 1M 22.8% 3M 36.6% YTD 36.6%

Vocento

📊 **Portfolio Weight 0.6%** C.Selección; **3.8%** C.Iberia

In March **Vocento** announced the full sale of Habitat.Soft S.L., owner of Pisos.com, Pisocompartido.com and the HabitatSoft software, to the Italian group Immobiliare.it for €22.5m. The amount, paid in full in cash, was received at the time of the transaction.

This divestment is part of the new strategic plan promoted by the new CEO, Manuel Mirat, with the aim of concentrating resources in key areas such as journalism, data analysis, technology and new business development.

During the month, the company also presented its 2024 results, reflecting an EBITDA of €8.9m compared to €34m in 2023 and a profit of €97.3m, impacted by impairments in the valuation of its newspapers, tax credits and fixed assets. To stem the losses, the company has announced the closure of Relevó and the phasing out of Digital Services.

In this context, Mirat has designed an adjustment plan based on four pillars: cost reduction, recovery of the press business, strengthening of the subscription model and digital growth. **Vocento** is seeking to improve its profitability with these measures, as well as to strengthen its advertising share and attract new subscribers.



Vocento. 1 year performance. **Return:** **1 M** -0.3% **3 M** 13.7% **YTD** 13.7%

Large Companies Portfolio

Top 10 Large Cap Portfolio

Weights as of 31.12.2024

| Company | Weight |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| CK Hutchison | 6.5% |
| Grifols | 5.8% |
| Atalaya Mining | 4.0% |
| Israel Chemicals | 3.9% |
| Teva | 3.9% |
| Golar LNG | 3.8% |
| Bayer | 3.8% |
| BW Offshore | 3.6% |
| Renault | 3.6% |
| Fresenius | 3.5% |
| Total weight Top 10 | 42.4% |

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Bayer

Portfolio Weight 2.2% C.Selección; **2.5%** C.Internacional; **3.8%** C.Grandes Compañías

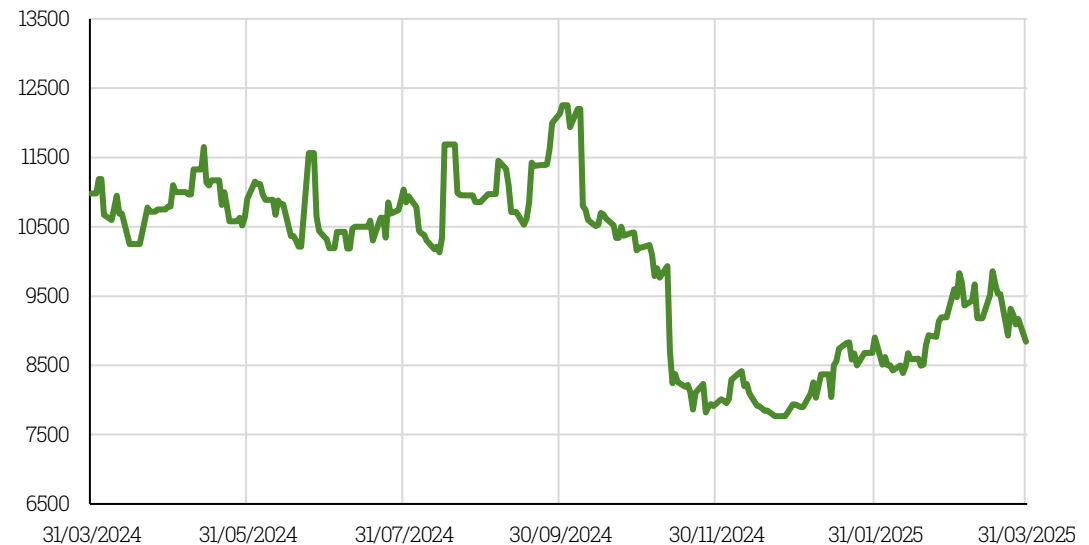
Bayer closed 2024 on target and took decisive action to meet its challenges. The company posted sales of €46.606 billion, with adjusted growth of 0.7% despite negative currency effects. EBITDA before special items fell by 13.5% to €10.123bn, while earnings per share declined by 21% to €5.05.

Bayer reported a loss of €2.552bn, affected by impairments at **Crop Science**, although it managed to increase its free cash flow to €3.107bn and reduce its net financial debt to €32.626bn. CEO Bill Anderson noted that 2025 will be a key year in the company's restructuring, although it will be the most difficult in financial terms, with sales similar to the previous year and a fall in EBITDA and earnings per share.

However, **Bayer** expects its performance to improve from 2026 onwards. To strengthen its profitability, it has launched a comprehensive five-year plan focused on **Crop Science**, which aims to generate more than €1bn a year in additional profits by 2029. The division is targeting above-market growth, with more than €3.5bn in incremental sales from innovation and an improvement in its EBITDA margin to between 20% and 25%. Anderson underlined that the management team is committed to taking the necessary actions to position the company, its customers and shareholders on a sustainable and profitable growth path.

During the month, the company was ordered to pay \$2.1bn over the Roundup herbicide case in Georgia. In response to the verdict, **Bayer** disagreed. The company said the jury's decision contradicts the vast

majority of scientific evidence and the views of regulators and their assessments.



Bayer. 1-year performance. **Return:** **1M** -3.8% **3M** 11.4% **YTD** 11.4%

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