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# Fund Commentary - PIMCO Total Return Bond Fund



- The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a diversified portfolio of fixed income instruments of varying maturities.
- The Fund may invest wholly through financial derivative instruments collateralized debt obligations, credit default swaps and asset-backed securities in order to meet its investment objective and such investment policies or portfolio management techniques may as a result lead to a higher volatility to the net asset value of the Fund. Please refer to the "General Risk Factors" of the respective prospectus for details.
- Financial derivative instruments may be used to reduce risk but may involve risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing in bonds. Therefore the Fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to invest in funds that invest solely in bonds, which are commonly perceived as low-risk products.
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## Investment Objective

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## What happened in the market

Consumption-related data in the US were mostly weak; consumer confidence dropped in July 2010 while Reuters/University of Michigan consumer sentiment index plunged in July 2010. Positive surprises from Eurozone economic data lifted investor growth expectations, though a gap between the German economy and the rest of Europe remains. The appreciation of the JPY has weighed upon Japanese exporters due to their reliance on overseas income; the JPY appreciated 6.65% in July 2010 versus the USD.

## Outlook and strategy

Differentiated growth amongst countries is expected as China, India and Brazil are likely to maintain rapid growth and to broaden their engines for income and employment creation. The US should benefit from its currency reserve status but continues to face structural challenges. Meanwhile, Europe and Japan should grow more slowly and face deflationary pressures. PIMCO will target an

overall overweight to duration with a focus on the US and plans to continue holding high quality emerging market credits with low levels of debt.

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