

3I Atlas Global Market Outlook - 2026 Edition

Insights for the Year Ahead: Key Trends and Opportunities

Dear Valued Clients and Partners,

As we move into 2026, we are presented with a dynamic and rapidly evolving global investment landscape. Despite potential risks, such as geopolitical tensions, inflation concerns, and economic uncertainties, there are significant opportunities driven by key sectors such as artificial intelligence (AI), global fiscal policies, and emerging markets. At 3I Atlas Global, we are committed to navigating these trends to deliver long-term, sustainable returns for our investors.

Here's a comprehensive outlook for 2026, reflecting insights from the latest market research:

1. AI and Technological Transformation: A Growth Catalyst

Artificial intelligence continues to be the cornerstone of growth across multiple sectors. With ongoing advancements in AI infrastructure, the tech, healthcare, and energy sectors are expected to outperform. The widespread adoption of AI is expected to drive productivity, while also creating new investment avenues.

Key Actionable Insights:

- U.S. Technology and Chinese Tech Equities offer substantial growth potential.
- Healthcare and Energy sectors are poised to benefit from AI-driven efficiencies.
- AI-centric U.S. equities remain strong, particularly in software and semiconductor industries.

2. Equities: U.S. and Asia Ex-Japan Lead the Charge

Global equities are on track for a strong performance, especially in the U.S. and Asia (ex-Japan). The expected soft landing of the U.S. economy, aided by Fed rate cuts, sets a positive tone for the year ahead. In Asia, China's commitment to stimulating domestic consumption and advancing high-tech growth will likely continue driving its equity market, making it an

attractive area for investment.

Key Actionable Insights:

- Remain Overweight U.S. Equities—strong earnings and economic growth support the outlook.
- Asia ex-Japan offers high earnings growth potential, supported by policy easing.
- China's technology and consumption sectors present strong opportunities, alongside emerging market local currency bonds.

3. Gold: A Safe Haven Amidst Uncertainty

Gold remains a crucial diversifier in times of geopolitical instability and inflationary pressures. Despite recent pullbacks, gold's long-term prospects remain strong. Central banks' ongoing demand for gold, coupled with geopolitical risks and the potential for Fed rate cuts, supports our Overweight stance on gold.

Key Actionable Insights:

- Use recent pullbacks in gold prices as an opportunity to add to positions.
- Target gold price levels at USD 4,300 over the next three months, with a 12-month price target of USD 4,500.
- Gold miners present an attractive opportunity due to high profit margins and strong cash flows.

4. Bonds: Cautious Optimism with an Emphasis on Emerging Markets

The bond market is showing mixed signals, with Developed Market corporate bonds at elevated valuations. However, there are attractive opportunities in Emerging Market (EM) local currency bonds, driven by dovish monetary policies and favorable inflation conditions. We remain selective, with a preference for short-duration high-yield bonds and U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS).

Key Actionable Insights:

- Underweight developed market bonds, particularly investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds.
- Emerging Market bonds are poised to benefit from weak USD and favorable policy outlook.
- Asia IG bonds remain a favored opportunistic trade given strong fundamentals.

For personalized advice and more insights, reach out to our team at 3I Atlas Global today.

We're here to help you optimize your portfolio for 2026 and beyond.