

Portfolio Manager

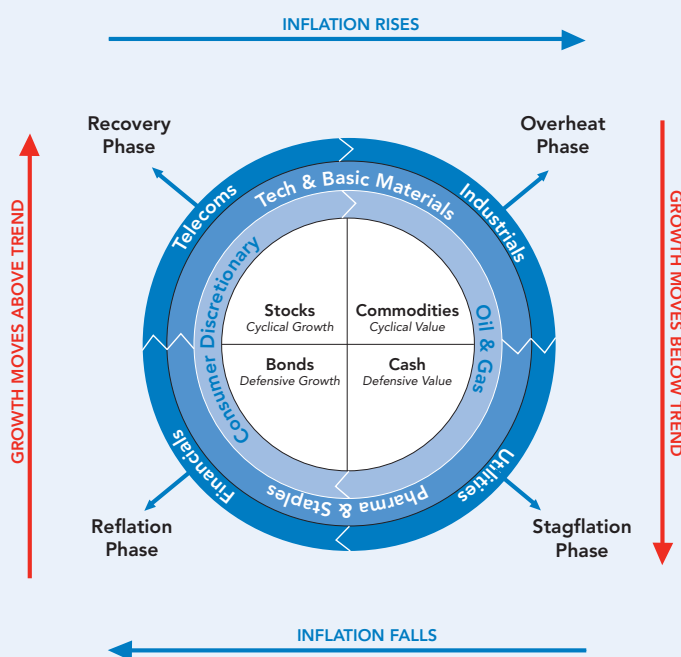
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The "Investment Clock" model

Common sense tells us that the ideal product for most investors would be one that performs strongly in periods of economic strength, but which also has the ability to add value during times of economic uncertainty. We believe that the Multi Asset Strategic Fund is that product: its asset allocation and portfolio composition can be adjusted over time, taking full advantage of the changing economic landscape by positioning the portfolio towards those asset classes and equity sectors most likely to do well in current conditions.

The investment clock is an intuitive way of relating the economic cycle to asset rotation and sector strategy. The model splits the cycle into four phases - reflation, recovery, overheat and stagflation - using economic characteristics, such as the level of growth and inflationary trends, to define each phase.

Overlaid on this are the different asset classes and sectors which can typically be expected to perform best in each of these phases. Our view on which stage the economy is likely to move next will help inform us when considering the fund's asset allocation and sector positioning.



1. Reflation

- GDP growth is weak and inflation falls as a result of declining commodity prices and unused capacity
- Bonds and defensive sectors perform best

2. Recovery

- Economic growth gathers momentum on the easing of central bank monetary policy
- However inflation continues to fall and productivity moves up sharply
- Stocks should deliver their best returns

3. Overheat

- Inflation climbs, productive capacity becomes limited and productivity growth eases off, but GDP remains buoyant
- Yield curves flatten and shift higher; stocks may be more volatile
- Commodities tend to be strongest in this environment

4. Stagflation

- GDP growth falls but inflation continues to rise
- Stocks suffer from an earnings squeeze
- Bonds are held in check by central bank policy
- Cash holdings and defensive stocks do well

