

BBGI PRIVATE BANKING STRATEGIES & INDICES USD

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October 2025

Annualized performance
of **+5.47%** to **+6.93%**

Markets hesitant but resilient overall

POSITIVE PERFORMANCE FOR THE THREE BBGI PRIVATE BANKING USD INDICES IN OCTOBER

BBGI Private Banking Index « Low Risk »	+0.75%	(YTD +10.43%)
BBGI Private Banking Index « Medium Risk »	+0.78%	(YTD +11.92%)
BBGI Private Banking Index « Dynamic Risk »	+0.81%	(YTD +13.42%)

Comments (performances in USD)

The BBGI Private Banking indices were positive in October. The low-risk approach gained +0.75%, the moderate-risk strategy gained +0.78%, and the dynamic-risk index posted the best performance of the month (+0.78%). Since January, cumulative results have also been positive (+10.43%, +11.92%, and +13.42%, respectively). Bond markets showed contrasting trends this month. The domestic segment rose +0.62%, while the international segment fell -0.27%. Nevertheless, the trend for both sectors remains positive for the year, with international performance at +7.14% and domestic performance at +5.99%. On the equity markets, October ended on a positive note once again. The domestic segment posted the best performance of the month at +2.35%, followed by the international segment at +2.02%. These two segments have continued to dominate the market since the beginning of the year (+17.34% and +28.57%, respectively). In October, real estate fell below neutral with a performance of -1.50%. Despite this monthly decline, the annual performance remains solid at +9.59%. Commodities continued their positive momentum in October (+1.35%), while maintaining an annual increase of +7.52%. Private equity posted the worst performance for the month and the year, falling -4.42% and -1.97% respectively. Alternative management contracted -0.66% for the month, but remains up +4.94% since the start of the year.

Financial market developments (performances in local currencies)

Investor enthusiasm remained fairly positive in October in the United States, despite another government shutdown with potentially serious effects on growth and consumption. Given the current context, with little prospect of a quick resolution between Democrats and Republicans, this could become the longest shutdown ever and have drastic effects on the economy. The enthusiasm for technology and artificial intelligence continued to support sentiment, enabling US indices to post further gains. However, central banks were relatively inactive and tended to dampen expectations of further rapid rate cuts. In the United States, the job market deteriorated further, suggesting an economic slowdown. On the political front, tensions between the US and China have reignited, while the US administration announced new sanctions against Russia. Against this backdrop, investors still seem unwilling to take into account the increasingly negative factors. FOMO therefore appears to be the main driver of the current trend, supported by small investors. While Q3 results showed good resilience in corporate profits, it remains to be seen whether the trend can remain positive in the context of the expected slowdown, with US valuations at an all-time high of almost 25x expected earnings. October will undoubtedly be a month of transition, as suggested by the hesitation and low volatility observed across all asset classes. Swiss bonds (+0.5%) and international bonds (-0.2%) remained stable, while Swiss equities (+1.3%) and international equities (+2%) rose slightly and securitized real estate and commodities (+1.3%) also remained flat. Private equity is once again down, falling 2.4% and 11.9% since the start of the year, bucking the trend of other asset classes. On the foreign exchange markets, the six-month stabilization of the dollar should be followed by a recovery in the greenback at the end of the year. In the equity markets, we recommend a more defensive strategy overall, particularly in the United States and Switzerland, as long as the 39% tariffs remain in place and the franc does not weaken.

PERFORMANCE OF ASSET CLASSES (USD)

OCTOBER

+ 2.35%	US equities
+ 2.02%	International equities
+ 1.35%	Commodities
+ 0.62%	US bonds
- 0.27%	International bonds
- 0.66%	Hedge funds
- 1.50%	International real estate
- 4.42%	Private equity

YTD

+ 28.57%	International equities
+ 17.34%	US equities
+ 9.59%	International real estate
+ 7.52%	Commodities
+ 7.14%	International bonds
+ 5.99%	US bonds
+ 4.94%	Hedge funds
- 1.97%	Private equity

COMMENTS BY ASSET CLASS

Bonds

The downward trend in long-term rates remains valid, although there were no major movements in October. The ten-year Treasury yield slipped below 4% and is likely to ease further, unless core inflation ultimately rises above 3%. The Fed's renewed cautious stance is slowing the downward trend pending statistics pointing to a slowdown and leaving a real rate differential of around 100 basis points. In the eurozone, ten-year yields (2.6%) have stabilized at a level close to core inflation (2.4%), with a theoretical real yield of just 0.2%. The global bond index fell slightly (-0.25%) and we believe it should continue to make gains over the coming months. We believe that the likelihood of further rate cuts is greater in the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom than in the eurozone, and we favor diversification in these regions. However, caution should be exercised with regard to high yield, where yields are likely to rise in the event of a recession. We recommend taking profits in this segment.

Equities

Scores are high across all equity markets. Risk ratios point to significant market fragility amid declining momentum, which could quickly reverse investor sentiment. The economic situation is less uncertain in Europe, and more attractive valuations could be a factor supporting the decoupling of trends. Europe would be preferable despite a similar score in a "normal" context, but in the event of rapid and significant profit-taking in the United States, the probability of high correlation remains significant. After significant gains since the April low, the markets seem to have priced in the positive news. We suggest increased vigilance and a more cautious policy of equity exposure.

Commodities

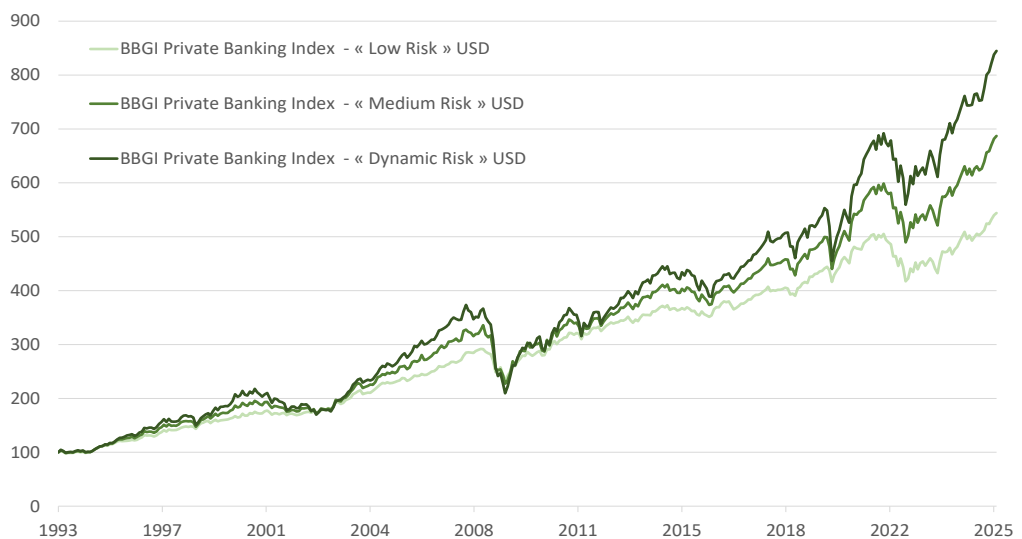
Commodities performed unevenly in October. Gold had a volatile month, reaching a record high of USD 4,294/oz before ending at USD 4,012/oz (+5%), showing an annual increase of nearly 54%. Supported by increased volatility, geopolitical tensions, and purchases by central banks, gold consolidated slightly at the end of the month, weighed down by a stronger dollar and profit-taking. Despite this technical pause, the underlying trend remains solid and favorable. Oil remains stable at around USD 64/bbl, in a market marked by a sharp increase in global supply and slowing demand. Production by OPEC+ and major non-member producers brought supply to 108 mb/d, while global stocks reached a four-year high, limiting any price recovery. Industrial metals have changed little, held back by weakness in manufacturing, and agricultural commodities have remained on a downward trend, with the exception of sugar, which continues to be supported by Asian demand.

BBGI Group Private Banking Indices - Historical Performances in USD									
	Last three months			YTD	Full Year				Annualized Performances
	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	Current Year	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2024 to date
BBGI Group PBI "Low risk" (65% fxd income)	1.60%	1.49%	0.75%	10.43%	1.99%	4.36%	2.98%		4.23%
BBGI Group PBI "Medium risk" (48% fxd income)	1.78%	1.70%	0.78%	11.92%	1.50%	5.37%	3.84%		6.88%
BBGI Group PBI "Dynamic risk" (25% fxd income)	1.95%	1.92%	0.81%	13.42%	1.00%	6.38%	4.70%		9.58%
Sub-Indices									
US Bonds	1.06%	0.85%	0.62%	5.99%	2.90%	0.83%	1.52%		0.65%
International Bonds	1.36%	0.61%	-0.27%	7.14%	2.57%	4.58%	0.16%		-2.87%
US Equities	1.93%	3.64%	2.35%	17.34%	-4.60%	11.25%	8.03%		24.58%
International Equities	3.47%	3.60%	2.02%	28.57%	5.23%	12.03%	6.89%		5.53%
Private equity	0.22%	-2.99%	-4.42%	-1.97%	-5.95%	8.27%	0.72%		24.22%
Hedge Funds	1.12%	1.46%	-0.66%	4.94%	0.52%	1.84%	3.18%		5.27%
International Real Estate	4.42%	1.04%	-1.50%	9.59%	1.85%	4.72%	4.31%		2.00%
Commodities	-0.20%	0.65%	1.35%	7.52%	4.89%	-2.81%	4.07%		9.25%
Forex									
USD/EUR	-2.31%	-0.41%	1.70%	-10.26%	2.05%	-8.23%	0.46%		6.62%

The BBGI Group Private Banking indices can be obtained free of charge from the BBGI Group Analysis & Research Department (reception@bbgi.ch). They provide the first objective benchmarks for the performance of the wealth management industry.

Sources : Bloomberg, BBGI Group SA

Performance of the various BBGI Private Banking USD strategies (1993-2025)



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The diversified systematic strategies of the BBGI Private Banking Indices have produced returns of +5.47% to +6.93% annualized since 1993 to date.

The composition of our indices is available on request.