

July 2017

Portfolio manager's commentary

After a slow start to the quarter sentiment picked up as we entered the final third and despite a fall off towards the end prompted by falls in oil prices, the portfolio finished up over 2% and ahead of its benchmark.

Although a large number of articles were written to discuss the effect of oil prices and central bank decisions, the broad economic outlook remains largely unchanged and we are still in a situation where markets are high and yields are low. We continue to be focused on maintaining the diversification of the portfolio to strike a balance between risk and returns.

Based on our house view for the coming months we have reduced our US allocation (to bring the overall weighting closer to neutral) and reduced our natural resources holding. With one eye on the situation with sterling we have increased our UK holdings while we wait for greater clarity on Brexit.

Indicative risk rating



Portfolio mandate

Indicative risk rating	Asset classes	Asset allocation				Benchmark
		Cash	Fixed interest	Equities	Other	
7-8	Minimum	0	0	0	0	Flexible Managed Retail
	Maximum	20	30	100	20	
	Normal alloc.	0	15	80	5	

5 year fund performance versus benchmark



A - ***IMS Growth (July 2010) 01/04/2017 TR in GB [76.10%]
 B - UT Flexible Investment Retail TR in GB [55.19%]

03/07/2012 - 03/07/2017 Data from FE 2017



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Portfolio Manager

Portfolio objective

To provide a long-term capital return in excess of the Flexible Managed Sector.

Investment approach

The objective is achieved by using a diverse investment approach across a variety of geographical regions and industrial sectors exchanging a higher level of risk with the potential for a greater rate of return. The performance of all funds in the portfolio is constantly monitored and formally reviewed on a quarterly basis by an investment committee.

Holdings

Emerging Markets / China / Asia	16%
Fidelity - Emerging Markets	
First State - Greater China Growth	
Invesco Perpetual - Asian	
European Equities	13%
Jupiter - European	
Invesco Perpetual - European Equity	
Global Fixed Interest	7%
M&G - Global Macro Bond	
M&G - Emerging Markets Bond	
Global Growth	13%
Fundsmith - Equity	
Threadneedle - Global Equity Income	
Japan	4%
Man GLG - Japan Core Alpha	
Specialist	8%
AXA Framlington - Global Technology	
JPM - Natural Resources	
UK Equities	22%
AXA Framlington - UK Smaller Companies	
Invesco Perpetual - High Income	
Rathbone - Income	
Threadneedle - UK Equity Income	
UK Fixed Interest	6%
Fidelity - Extra Income	
US Equities	9%
Fidelity - American Special Situations	
Schroder - US Smaller Companies	
Property	2%
Threadneedle - UK Property	

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Asset allocation



Regional breakdown



Important notes

Returns shown include most ongoing charges - further details on request. All data are to 30.06.2017.

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Key facts

Ongoing charge figure (OCF)	1.30%
ISA qualification	Yes
Twelve month historical yield	1.58%
Volatility*	12.24 (Benchmark 6.57)
Sharpe ratio**	1.48 (Benchmark 1.87)

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*Volatility measures how much an investment deviates from its average over a period.

**The Sharpe Ratio measures the trade-off between risk and return.

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