

## GROWTH PORTFOLIO (EP)

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

This portfolio aims to generate long term capital growth and is suitable if you are prepared to accept a higher than average degree of risk in the hope of achieving a higher level of return. You need to accept that this strategy involves a high degree of exposure to equity based investments and that the performance of such investments may be volatile.

### COMMENTARY

- US growth remains firm, but there has been some loss of momentum elsewhere as the extended business cycle matures and policy support fades.
- Geopolitics is becoming a big driver of markets, which is concerning. We remain under the cloud of Trump's tariff tirades which threaten a decade's long process of free trade, globalisation and international cooperation.
- Central bank divergence continues with the US steadily raising rates. The Bank of England managed one rate rise, but that's it for the year. Europe and Japan are still adding support.
- In equity markets, the US led the way with muted returns elsewhere and some positive horror shows in emerging markets. Government bond yields generally rose across the board and commercial property continued its steady year.
- It was a volatile quarter for Sterling; strengthening then weakening back to evens by Quarter end. Gold remains weighed down by a strong \$ whilst oil has been a beneficiary of OPEC production discipline and Trump's forthcoming sanctions on Iranian exports.
- A strong equity market rises and a positive currency tailwind meant Fidelity Index US was strongest for another Quarter. Less helpful was Artemis Strategic Assets, which lost on its currency and equity positioning, leaving it down over 4% on the Quarter.
- We made no changes to fund selection or asset allocation during the Quarter.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Year to Date
Growth Portfolio (excl.property)	0.3	6.4	4.9	37.0	1.7
ARC Sterling Steady Growth	0.8	5.9	4.6	29.1	1.6

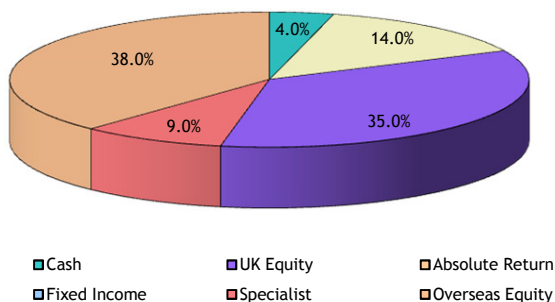
Data provided by Financial Express Analytics. All figures quoted are to 30/09/2018.

Performance numbers are net of 1% HFMC Wealth planning & investment advisory fees; not including custody fees or VAT if applicable.

Funds within portfolios are priced on a bid-to-bid basis, with dividends reinvested.

ARC PCI indices are based on the actual returns generated by participating discretionary investment managers for their UK private clients (ARC = Asset Risk Consultants Private Client Indices)

### CURRENT ASSET ALLOCATION



#### Top 10 Holdings

Jupiter Absolute Return	7%
Invesco Perp Global Targeted Return	7%
Jupiter UK Special Situations	6%
Fidelity Index US	6%
Artemis Strategic Assets	6%
Threadneedle UK Equity Income	6%
Man GLG Undervalued Assets	6%
Lazard UK Omega	6%
Franklin UK Managers Focus	5%
Blackrock Continental European	5%

### MODEL DETAILS

Inception Date	July 2009
Number of holdings	20
Estimated Yield (not guaranteed)	1.7%

Management of individual Portfolios are based on a central model portfolio. The performance summary, asset allocation, fund holdings, charges and yield quoted on this factsheet are based on the central model portfolio. Actual performance and asset allocation will deviate as a result of timing and market drift.

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