

# US CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO (\$)

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

This Portfolio aims to generate capital growth combined with a steady income over the longer term but with a significantly lower risk/return profile than that of an equity based investment. The portfolio will invest across a range of asset classes with Equity exposure capped at 50%.

## 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.
- The US\$ strengthened v/s yen but was little changed by Quarter end to the other major currencies. 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.
- Rising equity markets saw strong performance from both Veritas & Fidelity Global Equity Income funds. It was a tough start in portfolios for Jupiter Absolute Return which was down c2%; its long positions in value stocks and short position in the US tech glamour stocks, finding itself misplaced on both counts.
- We diluted the holdings in the absolute return and global equity funds early in the Quarter to increase diversification and broaden manager style. We brought in Jupiter Global Absolute Return and Jupiter Global Value.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Year to Date
US Conservative Portfolio (\$)	1.2	1.8	1.4	-	0.3
ARC PCI US Cautious Asset	0.7	0.3	0.5	8.8	-0.8

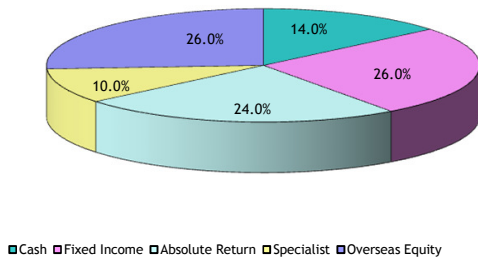
Data provided by Financial Express Analytics. All figures quoted are to 30/09/2018.

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

Cash	14%
Schroder Strategic Credit	10%
Troy Trojan	10%
BNY Mellon Global Equity Higher Income	10%
Veritas Global Equity Income	10%
Jupiter Dynamic Bond	8%
JPM Global Strategic Bond	8%
BNY Mellon Global Real Return	8%
Invesco Global Targeted Returns	8%
Henderson UK Absolute Return	8%

## MODEL DETAILS

Inception Date	October 2016
Number of holdings	11
Estimated Yield (not guaranteed)	1.3%

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. The US Portfolio was launched on 01 October 2016.

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