

WS Opie Street Growth Fund

Fund Commentary

Despite escalating conflict in the Middle East and increasingly concerning data on the fragility of the Chinese economy, stockmarkets are a little higher over the past quarter, supported in part by cuts to interest rates in many Western nations. The race for the White House remains in the balance, whilst closer to home, Starmer and Reeves' honeymoon period was cut short, with excitement around Labour's pro-growth 'mandate for change' waning.

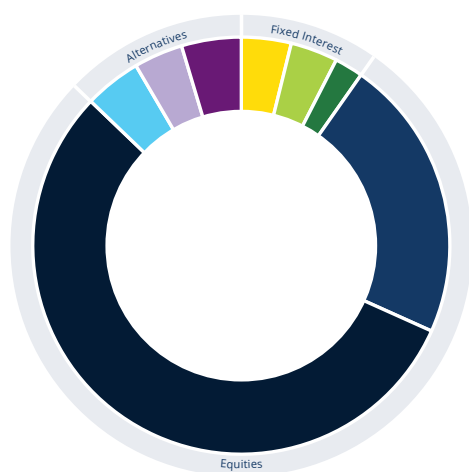
Whilst we typically focus the quarterly narrative on the economic, political and market backdrop, on this occasion we will provide an insight into a new investment made within the fund. Specifically, we are pleased to have initiated a holding in the Latitude Global Fund, managed by Freddie Lait, founder of Latitude Investment Management. We have good access to the investment team at Latitude, enjoying meetings with Freddie during our due diligence process.

The Latitude team's investment philosophy is centred on the notion that company earnings drive portfolio returns over the long term. Alongside this, the team seek to deliver outperformance by compounding capital over time, targeting greater resilience in weaker markets, achieved from employing a robust valuation framework. Their resulting focus is therefore on managing a diversified portfolio of high-quality businesses with the strongest earnings growth, at the lowest price.

The team typically invest in 'large cap' companies in developed markets, with understandable business models, attractively positioned within their respective industries, with clear competitive advantages which should help to ensure durable returns into the future. Whilst seeking to identify businesses with such characteristics is not unusual, it is the team's focus on company valuations (and associated 'margins of safety' for investors) which helps to ensure a differentiated portfolio.

The underlying Latitude portfolio is invested in a concentrated list of approximately 25 to 30 companies, albeit the team ensure balance and diversification across industries. Demonstrating this, key holdings include Alphabet, JP Morgan, Unilever, Vinci (the French infrastructure business) and Visa. At a time when global stockmarkets are relatively highly valued, especially in the US, we take comfort from the team's strong focus on ensuring a balanced portfolio of attractively valued companies, which we believe stands the fund in good stead to perform robustly into the future.

Current Asset Allocation



Fixed Interest	8.6%
Sovereigns	3.8%
Corporate Bonds	3.7%
Cash	1.1%
Equities	77.6%
UK Equities	19.0%
Global Equities	58.6%
Alternatives	13.8%
Real Estate / Assets	4.8%
Private Equity	4.0%
Infrastructure	5.0%

Performance

	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch ³
Growth Fund ¹	1.1%	3.4%	14.0%	-2.9%	24.0%	24.6%
Benchmark ²	1.2%	3.6%	16.0%	20.9%	39.4%	38.9%

¹ R Accumulation Shares (net of fees). ² MSCI PIMFA Private Investor Growth Index (Total Return).

³ Fund launch date 1st August 2019. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: MSCI and Iress.

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Fund Objective & Policy

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide long-term (5 – 10 years) growth through a combination of capital and income, with an emphasis on capital.

The fund adopts a global investment approach, unconstrained by a formal benchmark, with a diversified exposure to a range of asset classes including equities (both UK and global), fixed interest (corporate bonds), alternatives (including infrastructure, real estate and private equity) and cash.

Typically at least 75% of the fund will be exposed to equities.

Investment Approach

The Fund's exposure is primarily achieved by investing in collective investments (including investment trusts, OEICs and ETFs).

The blend of active and passive strategies seeks to maximise returns, whilst minimising costs.

The funds are invested on a long-term basis, with low expected portfolio turnover.

Strategic asset allocation is a core focus given the associated contribution to long term investment returns, whilst helping to mitigate risk. Tactical asset allocation will enable flexibility to adjust to changing market conditions.

Portfolio Positioning

Sovereigns		Jupiter Global Equity Growth Fund	4.6%
iShares Treasury Bond 7-10 Yrs ETF	3.8%	Latitude Global Fund	4.5%
Corporate Bonds		Monks I/T	4.7%
Premier Miton Corporate Bond Fund	3.7%	Nomura Global High Conviction Fund	4.2%
UK Equities		Scottish Mortgage I/T	2.5%
Fidelity Special Values I/T	3.3%	Smithson I/T	3.2%
Finsbury Growth & Income I/T	4.3%	Trojan Global Income Fund	6.4%
Henderson Smaller Companies I/T	2.0%	2X Ideas Global Mid Cap Fund	3.1%
M. Currie UK Rising Dividends Fund	4.6%	Infrastructure	
Throgmorton I/T	3.0%	3i Infrastructure I/T	2.7%
TM Tellworth UK Smaller Co. Fund	1.9%	Cordiant Digital Infrastructure I/T	2.3%
Global Equities		Private Equity	
Blackrock Global Unconstrained Fund	4.4%	Pantheon International I/T	2.3%
Brown Advisory Global Leaders Fund	6.2%	Schiehallion I/T	1.8%
Heriot Global Fund	6.4%	Real Estate / Assets	
iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF	5.2%	JPM Global Core Real Assets I/T	1.9%
JP Morgan Emerging Markets I/T	3.3%	TR Property I/T	2.9%
		Cash	1.1%

Underlying Investment Classes

Investment Trusts	40.0%	ETFs	9.0%
OEICs	49.9%	Cash	1.1%

Fund Managers



Sam Matthews FCSI

Sam is a Chartered Fellow of the CISI and a graduate of Exeter University. Sam joined Barratt & Cooke in 2006 and is an Associate Director.



Edward Sidgwick CFA FCSI

Edward is a CFA Charterholder, a Chartered Fellow of the CISI and a graduate of Durham University. Edward joined Barratt & Cooke in 2011 and is an Associate Director.

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Key Fund Details

Launch Date	1st August 2019
Fund Size	£38.5m
Investment Manager	Barratt & Cooke
Fund Managers	Sam Matthews & Edward Sidgwick
ACD	Waystone Management (UK) Ltd.
Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Ltd
Auditor	Cooper Parry
Regulator	FCA
Structure	UK OEIC UCITS
Comparator Benchmarks	MSCI PIMFA Growth Index
Dealing	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector
	Daily (12 Noon)

Key Share Details

R Income Shares	
Price (30/09/24)	480.49p
Distribution Yield	1.0%
Distribution Dates	31st March, 30th September
ISIN	GB00BJMHLY21
R Accumulation Shares	
Price (30/09/24)	499.00p
ISIN	GB00BJMHLX14
Cost Details (R Share Class)	
Annual Management Fee	0.75%
Underlying Fund Costs	0.77%*
Administration Costs	0.22%*
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.74%*

*Ex-ante figures.

All data as at 30th September 2024.