



# FP 8AM Multi-Strategy Portfolio II Fund (Retail) 31 May 2018

	Volatility Range <sup>1</sup>	Typical Investor Profile	Peer Group (for illustrative comparison only) <sup>2</sup>	Dynamic Planner Rating
Multi-Strategy Portfolio II	5.0 – 9.5	Cautious	Mixed Investment 20 – 60% Shares	4

## INVESTMENT AIMS

The objective of the fund is to achieve long term Capital Growth (within defined volatility targets).

- ### WHY INVEST?
- Provides a total portfolio management solution.
  - A highly experienced management team headed by Richard Philbin.
  - A risk controlled portfolio, managed within defined volatility bands.
  - Widely diversified portfolio with a broad range of asset classes.
  - Selecting only consistently consistent funds and managers.

### PERFORMANCE (CLASS R)

	1m	3 m	6 m	1 yr	3 yr	YTD	Since Launch
Multi-Strategy Portfolio II	0.95%	1.13%	-0.19%	2.39%	14.23%	-0.26%	32.20%

Source: All performance data - Financial Express

### FUND COMMENTARY

The Fund remains broadly diversified and suitable for investors willing to accept a balance of risks to capital market instruments. As at the end of May, the Fund was exposed to fixed income assets of 22.67%, "other" funds made up another 24.09%, cash / equivalents account for 12.18% and equity funds 38.89%. The remaining 2.17% is invested in infrastructure / property funds. Over the month, allocations to equity funds rose from 37.42% and "other" from 23.53%. This was funded by reducing the allocation to fixed income funds which represented 23.07% and cash (which was 13.78%).

No new assets were added during the month; no existing assets entirely removed. The portfolio invests in 18 different instruments. The largest allocation to a single fund is 10.02%.

Strong performance from a number of holdings during the month helped the Fund in May, with notable numbers achieved from Fundsmith Equity, Tetragon Financial, Odey Absolute Return and CC Japan Income & Growth.

Source: All performance data - Financial Express. All portfolio data 8AM Global LLP

### KEY FACTS

Fund Manager	Richard Philbin
Fund Size	£17.13m
Launch Date/ Price	01.08.07/ 100p
Vehicle Type	UK OEIC
Initial charge	up to 5%
Price (NAV)	125.94p
Dealing Day & Time	Daily at 12 noon
Income Allocation	31st Aug, 28th Feb
Min Investment	£1,000
Base Currency	Sterling
Pricing Basis	Forward/Single Price
ISIN:	GB00B1Z8MN25 (Class R)

Richard Philbin took over as investment manager of Multi Strategy Portfolio II on the 1st September 2012.



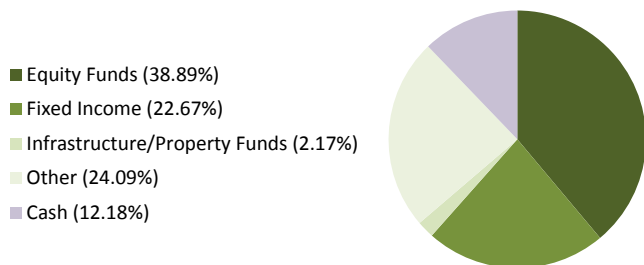
He has managed portfolios for private clients as well as retail and institutional Fund of Funds portfolios for both F&C Investments and AXA, through their Architas brand, helping them to be some of the largest multi managers in the UK. He has been involved in managing multi asset funds since 1994.



<sup>1</sup>Ranges are measured using the Standard Deviation of the Fund's annualised returns over 1 year periods. <sup>2</sup>The IA's Mixed Investment sectors have strict guidelines as to how funds within those sectors should be managed. It is your Managers belief that an unconstrained approach may produce superior results, so he does not wish to be bound by those guidelines. We believe that the IA's managed sectors are a useful tool for comparing the performance of your fund to those with similar investment objectives, or its "peers".



## ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: 8AM Global LLP

## MULTI-STRATEGY PORTFOLIO II

Top Ten Holdings	Asset Class	%
CF Miton UK Multi Cap Inc	Equity Funds	10.02
Fundsmith Equity	Equity Funds	9.76
CC Japan Income and Growth Founder	Equity Funds	7.71
Pimco Sterling Short Maturity	Cash	7.58
FP Crux European Special Situations	Equity Funds	6.74
Old Mutual Global Equity Abs Return	Other	6.37
Jupiter Strategic Bond Fund	Fixed Income	6.14
CF Odey Absolute Return	Other	5.96
Invesco Perpetual Global Financial Capital	Fixed Income	5.95
Schroder Asian Income Maximise	Equity Funds	4.66

Source: 8AM Global LLP

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Apart from a few standout issues (Brazil down over 13.50%, South Africa off over 3.50%, Singapore down over 2.25% and the broad emerging markets index slightly negative) then May was another relatively good month if you were invested in capital markets of the world. At the other end of the scale, oil continued its recent patch of strength – Brent Crude up a touch over 8.25% for instance. The US performed very well (S&P up 6.00% and the Russell 2000 Growth and Value Indices registered gains of 10.03% and 9.53% respectively). Sterling performed very poorly over the month, falling c3.50% against the US Dollar. Currency volatility is certainly a major consideration to take into account when looking at investment returns – as per the commentary last month. It is certainly not unfeasible for an overseas investment to be higher at month end, but when you translate the return back to Sterling then the actual value be less. Managing currency risk is something that is increasingly becoming important.

At the end of April, Gross Domestic Product in the UK for the first quarter of the year fell to 0.10% from 0.40% in the previous quarter - a number not seen since 2012 suggesting the economy is slowing, yet stock markets shrugged off the news and powered ahead in May. They powered ahead because the odds of the Bank of England raising interest rates fell (to pretty much zero) - ultimately meaning another month or two of lower finance rates for heavily indebted companies. Combined with rising oil prices acting as a tax, the Governor of the Bank – Mark Carney – felt it prudent to keep rates unchanged.

Italy is under the spotlight at the moment – the country is struggling to form a government that will be approved by the coalition and this is putting a huge amount of pressure on the bond market, as well as the wider European Union. The capital markets do not like the uncertainty and have punished the bond markets extensively. Watch this space...

Overseas, it seems President Trump continues to upset the political cognoscenti. Keeping up with his comings and goings and Tweets is pretty much a full-time Job. He obviously likes to keep both friends and enemies on their toes (although what constitutes a friend or an enemy isn't exactly known either). Original tariffs between the US and China extended to Mexico the EU and Canada. There is a school of thought suggesting this is just business horseplay – seeing how far things can be pushed and how many buttons can be pressed before things get really serious and not politically motivated at all. One thing is for sure, he really is an enigma, but does the world need these curve balls at this stage of the economic cycle?

Source: All performance data Financial Express

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