



# FP 8AM Tactical Growth Portfolio

31 January 2018

## INVESTMENT AIMS

The objective of the Fund is to provide long term capital appreciation. It aims to achieve this by targeting returns from a wide variety of asset classes without inducing excessive volatility.

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

The first few weeks of trading in 2018 may have highlighted the competing themes for the remainder of the year. Strong economic sentiment and earnings upgrades resulting from US tax reform initially pushed equity markets higher. However, the same factors are now pushing the entire yield curve upwards, creating competing demands for investors' capital and creating a headwind for equity markets.

The modest declines in equity markets may be the largest of the last nine months but that is only an illustration of just how far equity market volatility has fallen. We have previously highlighted the anomalously low level of global bond yields so the recent increases have been no surprise to us. Tactical Growth has no direct government bond exposure.

While Tactical Growth remains cautiously positioned in terms of equities, primarily on valuation concerns, rising bond yields were in our view a known risk for 2018 and remain unlikely to create a major sell-off in equity markets by themselves. Economic momentum, for now, remains robust even as we watch carefully for the lagged impact of 2017's US monetary tightening. Evidence of a slowdown in growth would be a cause for increased caution, but there are few indications to date.

It also makes us uncomfortable to see equity market sentiment in the US at record positive levels. We believe at currently high valuations for developed market equities, we should tread cautiously in what remains a top-of-cycle environment, avoiding sectors which have historically performed poorly if the cycle turns.

For Tactical Growth, we have therefore in January reduced equity exposure to cyclical sectors and allowed cash balances to build, which has placed the fund in a good position during the recent sell-off. We continue to focus on company-specific or event-driven situations at the present time.

Tactical Growth returned 0.12% during January compared to a decline of 1.96% for the FTSE 100 over the same period.

Source: All performance figures - Financial Express to 31.01.18

## PERFORMANCE (CLASS A)

	1 m	3 m	6 m	1 yr	YTD	Since Launch
Tactical Growth	0.12%	0.65%	2.68%	7.62%	0.12%	46.97%

Source: Financial Express to 31.01.18



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Source: Financial Express

08/12/2014 - 31/01/2018 Data from FE 2018

## KEY FACTS

Fund Manager	Alastair George
IA Sector	Unclassified
Sedol Number	B9C65S1 (Class A)
ISIN	GB00B3KQYX95 (Class R)
Fund Size	£7.69m
Launch Date/ Price	02.02.09 at 100p
Vehicle Type	UK OEIC
Unit Type	Income
ISA Eligible?	Yes
Total Expense Ratio	1.93% (Class A)
Initial charge	0% (Class A) up to 5% (Class R)
Price (NAV)	123.89p (Class A) 139.44p (Class R)
Dealing Day and Time	Daily at 12 noon
Year End	30th June
Income Allocation	31st Aug, 28th Feb
Minimum Investment	£1,000 (Class A)
Base Currency	Sterling
Pricing Basis	Forward/Single Price

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## WHY INVEST?

- Target return 7%<sup>#</sup> per annum (net of fees).
- Target volatility: 50% of the volatility of the FTSE 100 over any 12 month time period.
- Provides exposure to traditional value-based equity investment.
- Provides diversified exposure to a variety of hedge and absolute return strategies but crucially at a fraction of the cost.
- Unconstrained asset allocation allows increased flexibility (subject to Fund's investment powers).

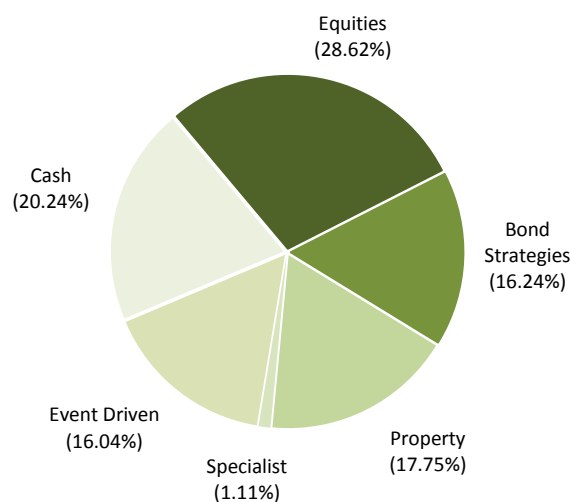
<sup>#</sup>Target return estimates should not be considered a reliable indicator of future performance.

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Fund Name	Asset Class	%
Cash	Cash	17.46
Sky Plc	Event Driven	4.11
Alcentra Euro Floating Rate Income Fund	Bond Strategies	3.80
Syncona Ltd	Equities	3.80
CQS New City High Yield Fund Ltd	Bond Strategies	3.59
Picton Property Income Ltd	Property	3.46
NB Global Floating Rate in £	Bond Strategies	3.43
Sequoia Economic Infra Income Fund	Bond Strategies	3.42
Millenium & Copthorne Hotel Plc	Property	3.13
British Land Co Plc	Property	3.04

Source: 8AM GLOBAL LLP to 31.01.18

## ASSET ALLOCATION



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## AVAILABILITY

The portfolio is available direct and via:

Aegon (International)	AJ Bell/SIPP Centre	Ascentric/Funds Direct
Aviva/Norwich Union	Axa Elevate	AXA IOM
Axa/Winterthur	Canada Life International	James Hay
L&G Intl	SEI	Merchant Investors
Novia	Nucleus	Prudential
RMB	Royal Skandia	Scottish Widows Intl
Skandia (SIS & SLAC)	Standard Life	Transact

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