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Fund Objective

The Newscap Global Multi-Asset Conservative Fund is a cautious portfolio which aims to provide investors with more stable returns than portfolios with a greater focus on growth. Investment exposure will typically include a mix of the following asset classes: cash, near cash, fixed income instruments, UK equities, international equities, property and commodities. Given its low to moderate risk positioning, the fund will typically have a greater bias towards cash instruments, fixed income and assets that show a lower correlation to the overall portfolio, than higher risk funds with a greater focus on equities. Within its equity holdings, the bias will typically be to larger cap developed equities. The fund holds both collective investment instruments and individual direct investments in equities and bonds.

Manager's Commentary

Over the course of the month, global equity markets retrenched sharply with the MSCI World equity index down 7.4% driven by continued concerns over global trade wars, Brexit and the Italian budget. Against this backdrop the Newscap Global Multi-Asset Conservative Fund fell 2.91%.

Macro commentary

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) opened the month with a downgrade to world economic growth by 0.2% to 3.7% (2018), citing Brexit and global trade wars.

In the UK, the British Chamber of Commerce noted in its latest survey that firms in the service sector (76% of GDP) attempting to hire new staff has fallen to its lowest level in 25 years. Uncertainty over Brexit has also seen the number of manufacturing firms reporting a rise in orders and exports falling to its lowest level in 2 years. Manufacturing data also disappointed coming in at -0.2% MoM in August against a consensus of +0.1%. On a slightly more positive note, the economy grew by 0.7% in the 3 months to August according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), albeit flat in August against estimates of +0.1%. Whilst a recovery in construction aided the 3-month figure, following the early year cold spot, the service sector (80% of the economy) showed a flat performance.

On a more positive note, the October Budget statement heralded an end to austerity with planned increases in the higher tax threshold and a raising of the tax-free allowance being brought forward by a year to April 2019. This was accompanied by a raising of the growth forecast to 1.6% in 2019 from a previous forecast of 1.3%. However, it was Brexit that continued to dominate the headlines as negotiations of the way forward for the Irish border continued to falter.

Over in Europe, the other main news centred around the Italian budget proposals with Italy continuing to shoot for a budget deficit of 2.4% next year much against the EU's wishes. Meanwhile, EU Growth forecasts were revised down by the IMF by 0.2% to 2.0% for this year. 2019 remains unchanged. Subsequently, EU growth for Q3 was confirmed at 0.2%, accompanied by a reduction in the EC economic sentiment index which fell to 109.8 in October from 110.9 in September.

Performance



Returns (%)

	Class A Acc GBP	Class B Acc GBP	Class E Acc GBP	Class B Inc GBP
1 Month	-2.91%	-2.88%	-2.85%	-2.86%
6 Month	-3.21%	-3.20%	-3.01%	-
YTD	-5.20%	-5.22%	-4.92%	-
S/l	-3.74%	-3.75%	-3.70%	-3.70%
1 Year	-4.65%	-4.66%	-4.37%	-
3 Year	-	-	-	-

Share Class A Acc GBP ; Fund data as at 31 October 2018; since 28/11/2016.
Data prior to 28/11/2016 unavailable;
Source: Newscap Capital Group

Rolling Annual Returns - year end 31/10

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class A	-4.65%	-	-	-	-

Share Class A Acc GBP; Fund data as at 31 October 2018;
Daily data used for calculations; Figures are net of fees;
Source: Newscap Capital Group

Calendar Year Performance

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class A	0.75%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Share Class A Acc GBP; Fund data as at 31 October 2018;
Daily data used for calculations; Figures are net of fees;
Source: Newscap Capital Group

Top 10 Holdings

Holding	Size
iShares GBP Ultra Short Bond ETF	9.01%
Cash	8.58%
BNY Mellon Global Short Dated Bond ETF	7.61%
Liontrust Special Situations Fund	7.13%
L&G Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond Fund	6.48%
L&G Managed Monthly Income Fund	6.45%
LT Miton Cautious Fund	5.68%
Royal London Sterling Extra Yiled Bond Fund	5.30%
Man GLG UK Income Fund	5.29%
Newscap Diversified Growth Fund	4.84%
Total	66.39%

The US economy grew by 3.5% in Q3 in line with expectations albeit below the 4.2% seen in Q2. This was expected as the benefits of the 2017 tax cuts start to ebb on a relative basis. Nonetheless, this is the 6th consecutive quarter now that the US has seen growth above 2%. Furthermore, the personal consumption expenditure price index pared back to 1.6% from 2.0% in the prior quarter; this is a key index that is monitored by the Fed when making its rate hike decisions and may help to reduce fears of an overheating economy.

As mentioned above, the IMF expects the ongoing trade wars between the US and China to impact global growth this year and next, with the US also facing the fallout of this year's tax windfalls. In an attempt to offset some of the damage from the US imposed tariffs, China cut its Reserve Requirement Ratio by 1%, which will in turn inject some \$109bn in to the banking system. This marks the 4th cut to the RRR this year. China insists it remains open to a constructive solution including reforms around intellectual property rights and significantly opening up its financial services sector. China growth fell back to 6.5% in Q3 from 6.7% in the prior quarter. Nonetheless, the Central Bank maintains that fundamentals are solid despite the ongoing trade war.

Against this generally troublesome backdrop, however, the IMF raised its forecasts for Japan growth by 0.1% to 1.1% due to an uptick in growth and domestic demand in Q2. Furthermore, the mood of Japanese manufacturers remains relatively undamaged by the escalating global trade war as evidenced by the Tanken sentiment index which rose slightly in October from September. Retail sales also continued to rise in September albeit at a slower pace versus the prior month. The softer growth will likely add to wider concerns about the Japanese central bank's ability to hit its elusive annual inflation target of 2 percent.

Market and Fund Commentary

Global equity markets retreated in October with the MSCI World Index down 7.4% in local currency and with US large tech being hit particularly hard. Commodities, as a basket were also down some 3% in this risk off environment. Global government bonds picked up some of the slack ahead modestly on the month with UK Index linked Gilts performing particularly well. Corporate debt was broadly flat with investment grade slightly higher and high yield slightly lower.

During the month, the best performing IA (Investment Association) sectors were Index Linked Gilts, UK Gilts and Sterling Corporate Bonds. By way of contrast, the worst performing IA sectors were China, UK Smaller Companies and Asia exc Japan.

Against this backdrop, and in terms portfolio performance, the greatest contributions were derived from Man GLG UK Income Fund, Smithsons Investment Trust and Pennpetro Securities. Meanwhile, the main detractors to performance were iShares Automation & Robotics ETF, Liontrust Special Situations Fund and iShares FTSE 100 ETF.

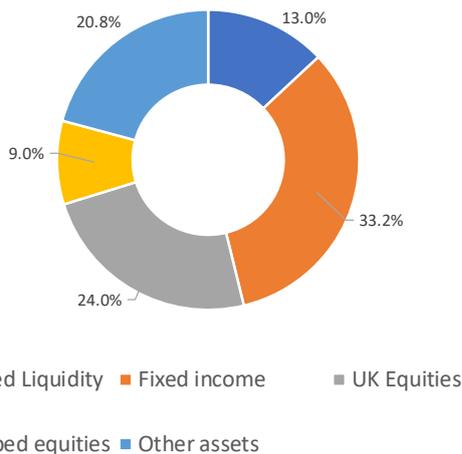
Over the month we added a number of new positions including the newly launched Smithson Investment Trust which we bought in to at the Initial Public Offering (IPO), Imperial Brands and Micro Focus. Focusing on the Smithson Trust, the fund which invests in the global small and mid-cap equity space was oversubscribed some 4 x the initial target. It is arguable that the recent volatility of the last month will have presented the fund managers with some more advantageous entry points in to their chosen investments. Furthermore, with small and mid-cap equity research coverage under evermore pressure from regulations, the high calibre investment team at Fundsmith stands well placed to take advantage of reduced market information in this space. Since its IPO in mid-October, the fund is already up some 7.5%.

In summary, we are currently Overweight UK equities, Neutral European, US, Japanese and Asian equities and Underweight Emerging Market equities versus our strategic benchmarks. On the fixed income side, we remain Underweight with a focus on shorter duration bonds.

Share Class Information

Share Class	Bloomberg Ticker	NAV	Inception Date
A Acc GBP	NF5ACGA ID Equity	96.26	28/11/2016
B Acc GBP	NF5ACGB ID Equity	96.25	28/11/2016
E Acc GBP	NF5ACEA ID Equity	96.30	03/08/2017
B Inc GBP	NGMABIG ID Equity	96.30	24/08/2018

Asset Allocation



Fund Details

Domicile	Dublin, Ireland	
Legal Structure	ICVC	
Investment Manager	Newscape Capital Group Ltd	
Fund Launch Date (Share Class A Acc)	29-Nov-16	
Currency	GBP	
Liquidity	Daily	
Administrator	CACEIS Ireland Limited	
Depository	CACEIS Bank Luxembourg Dublin Branch	
Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers (Ireland)	
Legal Counsel	A&L Goodbody Solicitors	
Codes	Bloomberg ticker	ISIN
Class A Acc GBP	NF5ACGA ID	IE00BYX95H33
Class B Acc GBP	NF5ACGB ID	IE00BYX95K61
Class E Acc GBP	NF5ACEA ID	IE00BD5G3W67
Class B Inc GBP	NGMABIG ID	IE00BYW6VK05

Fees and Charges

Fee Type	A Acc GBP	B Acc GBP	E Acc GBP	B Inc GBP
Management Fee	0.50%	0.50%	0.35%**	0.50%
OCF*	2.22%	2.20%	2.05%	2.20%
Initial Charge	Up to 5%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Introducing Brokers Fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.00%	0.25%
CDSC***	0.00%	Up to 5%	Up to 5%	Up to 5%
Minimum Initial Investment	£500,000.00	£500,000.00	£500,000.00	£500,000.00

*Ongoing Charges Figure as of 31/12/2017

** as of December 2017

***Contingent Deferred Sales Charge

(OCF is the basis upon which all share class figures have been calculated)

For full details on the charges and fees please refer to the fund supplement and KIID.

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