



Market

June was another strong month for both Equity and Fixed Income market returns. The MSCI All Country World Index of global equities was up +3.0% in GBP terms, but outcomes for equity markets were very geographically diverse this month. Among the best-performing global equity markets were Emerging Markets with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index up +4.8% for the month. Interestingly, this was driven by emerging market economies excluding China, where the market was down -1.1% in GBP terms.

Another strongly performing market was U.S equities, denoted by the S&P 500 index of the largest U.S stocks rising +4.3% in GBP terms over the month. What is truly remarkable about the persistently strong U.S equity market performance we have witnessed this month (and indeed over the last decade) has been how narrowly it has been focused in a very small number of the largest names in the index. By way of illustration, if we look at the "equal-weighted" S&P 500 index, whereby every stock constitutes an identical proportion of the index, this was up only +0.3% for the month (as opposed to the "market-cap weighted" version quoted above which is heavily biased towards the largest companies).

In recent years, we have witnessed one of the strongest runs of performance for large companies vs smaller companies since records began. While this is very accommodative to "passive" investment strategies which only seek to blindly replicate market-cap weighted indices, we think it is exceptionally important for investors to remain globally diversified in their portfolios and include opportunities across the market cap spectrum as well as healthy allocations to actively-managed, research-driven exposures.

Performance

In June, your Fund returned +1.1%, outperforming its IA sector comparator by 0.1%. Since its launch on 22nd July 2019, your Fund has generated a return of +23.4%.

As per the market commentary above, U.S equities powered the returns of this Fund for the month. This was also helped by exposure to Global equities (of which the U.S is roughly 70%) as well as Emerging Market equities. Given the balanced risk profile of this Fund, its composition is also meaningfully exposed to Fixed Income which currently makes up 24% of the Fund. High-quality global government bond holdings added to returns this month denoted by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index returning +0.9% (hedged to GBP). Our supplementary exposure to long-duration U.S Treasuries also performed strongly as interest rates fell, and this exposure boosted the returns of MAB Balanced. Exposure to Continental European equities and the UK market detracted very slightly.

Tactical asset allocation had a marginally positive impact on Fund performance this month, with our underweight to Continental European equities adding value but being partially offset by our overweight to UK equities while our overweight to Japanese equities was flat.

Top performing active managers for the month included the Sanlam Multi-Strategy Fund which we hold in our Absolute Return asset class, as well as a range of large-cap and growth-biased equity managers such as the Lindsell Train UK, GSAM Japan and BlackRock Continental European Funds. These were offset by more muted performance from our value and small-cap oriented managers.

No changes were made to the Fund's Tactical Asset Allocation. The Fund remains highly diversified across asset classes, regions, and investment styles.

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Fund	Asset Class	Weight
Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond ETF	Fixed Income	14.9%
Invesco S&P 500 ETF	US Equity	6.3%
Lyxor Core UK All Cap ETF	UK Equity	5.9%
Sanlam Multi Strategy	Absolute Return	5.1%
Fulcrum Thematic Equity Market Neutral	Absolute Return	4.4%
Pacific G10 Macro Rates	Absolute Return	4.4%
UBS Bloomberg Commodity CMCI ETF	Property & Real Assets	3.6%
iShares 20+ Year US Treasury ETF	Fixed Income	3.2%
Amundi Prime Japan ETF	Japanese Equity	3.1%
Amundi MSCI World ETF	Global Developed Market Equity	3.0%
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK ETF	Europe ex-UK Equity	2.9%
JPMorgan China Aggregate Bond ETF	Fixed Income	2.9%
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	Global Emerging Market Equity	2.8%
ClearBridge Global Infrastructure Income	Property & Real Assets	2.8%
AQR Managed Futures	Property & Real Assets	2.8%
Lindsell Train UK Equity	UK Equity	2.6%
Neuberger Berman US Small Cap Intrinsic Value	US Equity	2.4%
Brown Advisory Global Leaders	Global Developed Market Equity	2.4%
Pzena Global Value	Global Developed Market Equity	2.3%
Cash	Cash	2.1%
Morgan Stanley Emerging Market Local Income	Fixed Income	2.0%
Polar Capital UK Value Opportunities	UK Equity	1.8%
North of South EM All Cap Equity	Global Emerging Market Equity	1.8%
GSAM Japan Equity Partners	Japanese Equity	1.7%
Nikko Japan Value	Japanese Equity	1.6%
Amundi Russell 1000 Growth ETF	US Equity	1.5%
Baillie Gifford Pacific	Global Emerging Market Equity	1.4%
Skerryvore Global Emerging Markets	Global Emerging Market Equity	1.3%
BlackRock Continental Europe	Europe ex-UK Equity	1.3%
Lansdowne Partners Europe ex-UK	Europe ex-UK Equity	1.3%
Baillie Gifford Global Discovery	Global Developed Market Equity	1.2%
Man GLG High Yield Opportunities	Fixed Income	0.9%
Neuberger Berman Japan Engagement	Japanese Equity	0.8%
SparkChange Physical Carbon EUA ETC	Property & Real Assets	0.8%
Invesco UK Opportunities	UK Equity	0.8%
		100.0%

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