



# EF 8AM Tactical Growth Portfolio

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## 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

Tactical Growth recorded a gain of 2.07% during November, outperforming the UK market against a backdrop of improving investor sentiment over the same period.

For many investors, 2019 will be a year which lacked resolution. The US/China trade conflict, Brexit and a late-cycle slowdown in global economic activity have remained outstanding concerns. Frustratingly, investors have not been able to 'move on' from these issues during the year. In many respects it was simply the turn in monetary policy over the year that both shifted Tactical Growth to a more aggressive risk positioning and rescued market sentiment during Q3.

We note the mega-cap segment of global equity markets continues to deliver double-digit ROE and high single-digit earnings growth. This strong corporate performance has occurred despite the marked slowdown in global trade volumes and is a testament to the resilience of the largest business franchises. Current valuations for this group of equities suggest further outperformance over the medium term and we continue to look to increase exposure to this segment of the market.

However, government bonds remain unappealing at current low yields. Bonds rallied strongly during the first part of 2019 as interest rate expectations fell. At present, government bond yields remain compressed even as the effects of 2019's loosening of monetary policy may bear fruit during H120. We believe government bonds are likely to continue to underperform equities as risk appetite continues to improve.

Q120 is in our view also likely to see the end of the US/China trade 'war' with the signing of a Phase 1 deal. There are also signs that populism as a political movement has peaked and this tentatively represents a receding risk for investors. For example, the UK's Conservative Party has seized the middle ground in UK politics and at this stage appears likely to secure a majority for a centrist agenda, including exiting the EU with a deal on 31 January. New Year resolutions of Brexit and the US/China trade dispute are likely to consolidate the recent gains in markets. Declining political risk should also be expected to lower volatility and as a result encourage corporate investment in the real economy, IPOs and increased merger and acquisition activity.

Tactical Growth stands to deliver significant gains in the event of a reduction of the risk premium in UK equities although we remain with a neutral view on equities globally. The fund is now up 12.04% year-to-date.

Source: All performance figures - Financial Express to 29.11.19

## PERFORMANCE (CLASS A) (Alastair George takes over as Fund manager 30.08.2012)

	6 m	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	YTD
Tactical Growth	7.36%	9.72%	22.43%	36.72%	12.04%
Sector	5.70%	8.77%	20.63%	35.93%	13.46%

Source: Financial Express to 29.11.19. Sector is the IA Flexible Investment GTR in GB.



Source: Financial Express

08/12/2014 - 29/11/2019 Data from FE fundinfo 2019

## KEY FACTS

Fund Manager	Alastair George
IA Sector	Flexible Investment
Sedol Number	B9C65S1 (Class A)
ISIN	GB00B3KQYX95 (Class R)
Fund Size	£16.55m
Launch Date/ Price	02.02.09 at 100p
Vehicle Type	UK OEIC
Unit Type	Income
ISA Eligible?	Yes
Total Expense Ratio	1.67% (Class A)
Initial charge	0% (Class A) up to 5% (Class R)
Price (NAV)	132.75p (Class A) 149.06p (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%# per annum (net of fees).
- 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).

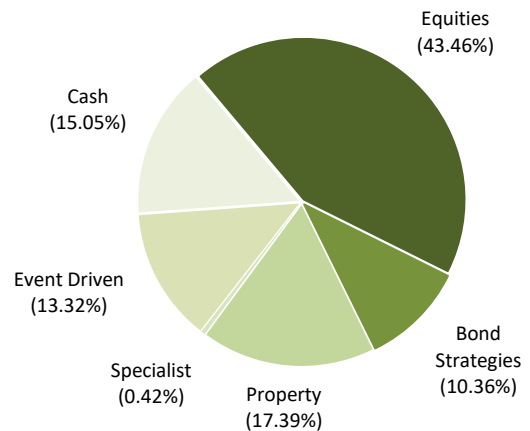
#Target return estimates should not be considered a reliable indicator of future performance.

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Fund Name	Asset Class	%
Cash	Cash	11.58
Pimco Sterling Short Maturity	Cash	3.47
iShares FTSE 250	Equities	3.04
Supermarket Income REIT Plc	Property	2.93
ITV Plc	Equities	2.90
Bayer AG-REG	Equities	2.84
Alphabet Inc	Equities	2.77
Secure Income REIT Plc	Property	2.54
Target Healthcare REIT Ltd	Property	2.48
iShares FTSE Gilts UK 0-5	Bond Strategies	2.42

Source: 8AM GLOBAL LLP to 29.11.19

## ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: 8AM GLOBAL LLP to 29.11.19

## SUITABILITY

An investor who is comfortable with holding a significant proportion of their portfolio in higher risk investments in order to have the opportunity for a greater investment return.

An investor who is prepared to accept investment losses in the short term in order to achieve potentially greater investment returns over the longer-term. The portfolio will be subject to fluctuations in value.

## 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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