

Throgmorton Select Portfolios



Monthly Commentary July 2020

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Market Update & Portfolio Positioning

Q2 Review

It was a historic quarter for financial markets. Coming into the quarter, markets had just begun to rebound after the outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent government mandated lockdowns, which caused the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) to lose 33% of its value in just a month. However, as governments and central banks intervened forcefully with stimulus packages of unprecedented size and scope, and the growth rate of coronavirus cases began to slow, markets were quick to react. To the end of June 2020 the MSCI ACWI was up 19.4%, down only 8.3% from its pre-COVID-19 high, which represented the best monthly performance since 2009.

LGT Vestra Portfolio Positioning

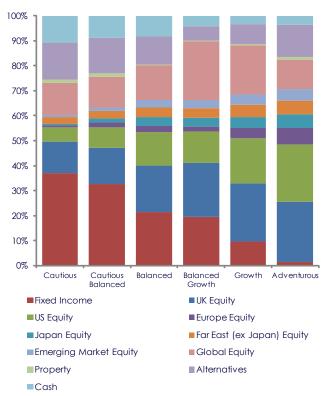
We made changes to our UK and alternatives allocations. In the UK, we sold the Schroders Income Fund and reallocated to the Brown Advisory Global Leaders Fund, which invests in high-quality global companies and complements our existing global funds like Fundsmith Equity. Within alternatives we introduced the BlackRock Event Driven fund and US Treasuries, in place of the Winton Absolute Return Futures and Threadneedle Credit Opportunities Funds. The BlackRock fund has in particular delivered impressive returns and provides diversity to the other assets within the portfolios.

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Asset Allocation as at 30/06/2020



Cornelian Portfolio Positioning

The portfolios delivered another month of positive performance, ending a quarter of strong recovery from the market trough in March. Asian and Emerging Market equities led returns, with the BlackRock Emerging Markets and Schroders Asian Total Return funds outperforming their respective sectors. The Global equity allocation was a notable positive contributor too.

Within fixed income, our relative preference for corporate bonds was beneficial as government bonds under-performed. The specialist corporate bond investment trusts held across the portfolios performed well, and the strategic bond funds continue to navigate the current market conditions favourably.

Private equity investment trust Hipgnosis Songs Fund was a notable positive contributor within the alternatives allocation. This was added to the mid-risk portfolio over the month, having been held in the higher risk portfolios for some time. The company gives exposure to music royalty payments that accrue to song writers across a varied catalogue of music genres and vintages and provides some diversity to other assets held within the portfolios.

All investment involves risk. It is important you understand that past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. The value of investments and any income derived from them may go down as well as up and you might not get back the full amount you invested.

Investment Performance and Volatility as at 30/06/2020

	1 Year Return %1	3 Year Return %1	5 Year Return %1	Volatility %2
SP3 Cautious	1.74	8.28	23.66	5.50
SP4 Cautious Balanced	2.13	8.87	26.63	6.62
SP5 Balanced	1.85	8.83	30.37	8.65
SP6 Balanced Growth	0.81	9.96	33.65	9.49
SP7 Growth	1.35	9.63	35.64	10.79
SP8 Adventurous	2.04	8.43	35.05	11.75

Data source FE Analytics 30/06/2020. Figures are net of underlying fund costs, but gross of all other charges, such as discretionary management fees, platform custody charges, adviser charges & where applicable transaction costs. 1. Performance figures are representative of Cornelian's funds & LGT Vestra's MPS portfolios, which are a reasonable reflection of the performance of LGT Vestra's Volare funds given that the investment process, asset allocation & fund selection is identical to that of the MPS portfolios. 2. Volatility figures calculated on a three year annualised basis.

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