

Throgmorton Select Portfolios



Monthly Commentary December 2019

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"Global equities rallied in November, advancing by 2.3% due to a pick-up in economic data & improved sentiment towards a U.S. / China trade deal"



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Market Update & Portfolio Positioning

November Review

Equities performed well in November significantly outperforming bonds. November's rally followed a strong month for equities in October and was propelled by similar drivers: a pick-up in sentiment due to improving global macroeconomic data and increased optimism about the prospects for a U.S. / China trade deal. The market may yet be disappointed by further developments but the parties are expected to agree a "phase one" deal.

Global equities advanced 2.3% by month end, with one of the best performers being the U.S. small company sector, which responded to reduced recession risk. U.S. large company stocks outperformed European and Japanese large companies and Canadian stocks also did well, driven up by higher oil prices.

LGT Vestra Portfolio Positioning

With political uncertainty in the UK ongoing, we decided to make a few minor changes to the portfolios during November to ensure they were not positioned for any specific election outcome. This included taking profits, adding exposure to infrastructure in the lower risk portfolios and increasing exposure to UK medium sized companies in the higher risk portfolios.

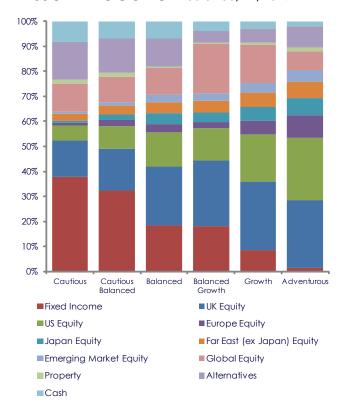
The exposure to the Fundsmith Equity Fund has hurt the portfolios recently, but it has outperformed the MSCI World Index by 50% over the last 5 years.

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Asset Allocation as at 30/11/2019



Cornelian Portfolio Positioning

All portfolios delivered positive returns in November, as a stronger environment in most equity regions was complemented by the outperformance of our direct U.K. equity portfolio and active allocations in Europe, Asia, Emerging Markets and the global technology sector. Fixed income also made a positive contribution to returns, led by strong performance from specialist credit investment trusts providing finance to infrastructure projects and commercial property.

LSE Group plc was bought for the portfolios. The business operates across three divisions; Capital Markets, Information Services and Post Trade Services and owns numerous high-quality assets, including Refinitiv, a global provider of financial markets data, analytics and infrastructure. The combined business should be able to grow sales and significantly expand profit margins.

A shareholding in Future plc was also added to portfolios during the month. The company is a leading platform for specialist consumer and business-to-business magazine content. On-line, their brands have 219 million monthly users. The company is highly cash generative and is currently experiencing strong growth.

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 30/11/2019

	1 Year Return %1	3 Year Return %1	5 Year Return %1	Volatility %2
SP3 Cautious	7.37	14.37	26.33	4.26
SP4 Cautious Balanced	8.15	16.05	30.26	5.19
SP5 Balanced	8.96	18.22	36.17	6.76
SP6 Balanced Growth	9.95	21.83	41.70	7.21
SP7 Growth	10.63	22.10	44.37	8.32
SP8 Adventurous	10.81	20.68	43.87	9.18

Data source FE Analytics 30/11/2019. 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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