

# WS Verbatim Multi-Index Portfolio 5 Fund

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Asset Management

## Fund Update

All fund data as at 31st Jul 2021 unless otherwise stated.

### Fund Aim

The Fund will use a broadly cautious balanced strategy with the aim of achieving capital growth over the medium to longer term.

### Investment Approach

To deliver the potential for decent capital growth over the medium to long term using a balanced approach by blending a diversified selection of funds, including quality UK and North American equity and bonds. The equity content of this portfolio tends to be higher than a more cautious approach. Investors in this portfolio will accept the potential for small to medium term losses to achieve their long term objectives.

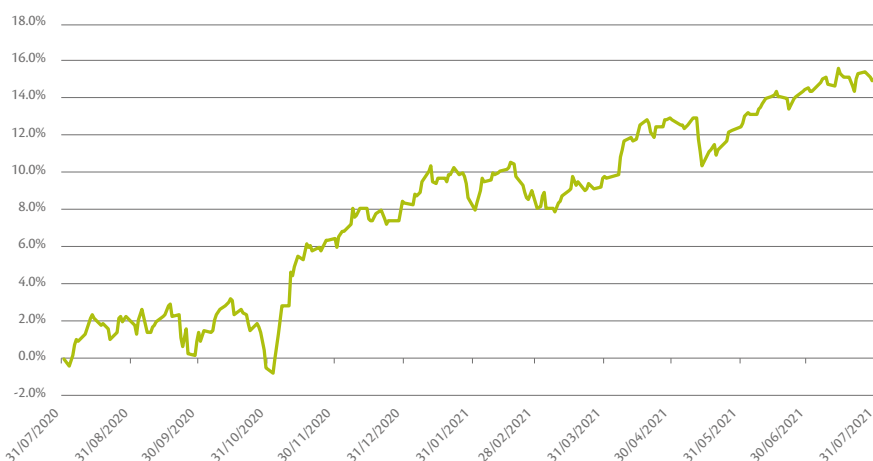
## 5YR CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Performance from 31st Jul 2016 – 31st Jul 2021



## 1YR CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Performance from 31st Jul 2020 – 31st Jul 2021



## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Since trading (02/10/10)	100.8%
5 Year to 31/07/2021	39.0%
1 Year to 31/07/2021	15.2%

## DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

WS Verbatim Multi-Index Portfolio 5 A	Total returns for the periods shown (Sterling)
01/08/2016 - 31/07/2017	10.3%
01/08/2017 - 31/07/2018	5.4%
01/08/2018 - 31/07/2019	5.2%
01/08/2019 - 31/07/2020	-1.4%
01/08/2020 - 31/07/2021	15.2%

## CHARGES

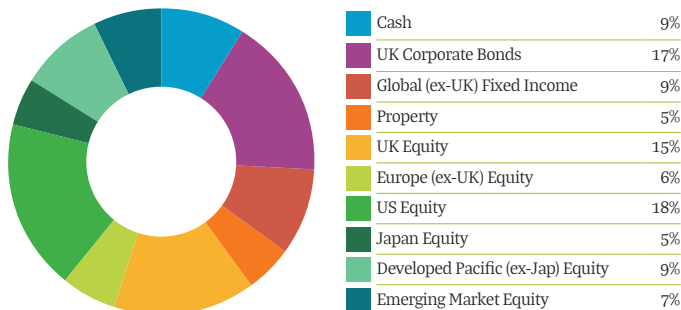
Share Class A (£) (Institutional) Annual charge	0.40%
OCF (Institutional)	0.76%
OCF Date	30/11/20

Source for performance graphs and data is the Authorised Corporate Director. Fund data based on A Accumulation shares, percentage growth total return mid to mid in UK Sterling. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

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## STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION

The Strategic Asset Allocation shown is valid as at 31/07/2021



## KEY INFORMATION

<b>Fund Managers</b>	Ronan Kearney Altium Investment Management
<b>First dealing date</b>	02 October 2010
<b>Fund size (millions)</b>	£64.58m
<b>Comparative sector</b>	IA Unclassified
<b>Number of holdings</b>	16
<b>Ex-dividend date (first business day of the month)</b>	Jun/Dec
<b>Payment date (last calendar day of the month)</b>	July/Jan
<b>Product availability</b>	ISA & OEIC sub-funds
<b>Share type</b>	Accumulation
<b>ISIN number</b>	GB00B4WHDG30
<b>Citicode</b>	LEY1
<b>SEDOL codes</b>	B4WHDG3

## TOP 10 FUND HOLDINGS

FORTEM CAP RE IN TRACK-IGBP	12.43%
ISHARES NORTH AMERICAN EQUITY INDEX FUND	11.23%
Sterling	10.92%
L&G SHRT DT STR CP BD IX-IA	9.47%
ISHARES CORPORATE BOND INDEX FUND LACC	8.59%
IShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Fund (UK)	8.38%
VANGUARD GLOBAL BOND IDX INS GBP H ACC	6.26%
VANGUARD EMERG MKTS STK IDX INS GBP ACC	4.92%
ISHARES CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN EQUITY INDE	4.68%
PIMCO FUNDS: GLOBAL INVESTORS SERIES PLC	3.91%

## 5 LIPPER CONSISTENT RETURN 5 YEAR PERIOD AS AT 31ST JUL 2021

The Lipper rating for Consistent Return identifies a fund that has provided relatively superior consistency and risk-adjusted returns when compared to a group of similar funds.

Source: [www.lipperleaders.com](http://www.lipperleaders.com)

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## Market Commentary

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### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

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The great British summer is known for its somewhat “stop-go” characteristics. In some ways markets have portrayed similar attributes this year. All-time highs punctuated by mini market corrections delivered at high speed and accentuated by all-powerful central bank liquidity.

We have been monitoring inflationary drivers as set out previously. Pressure continues to build with supply-side squeezes now accentuated by Covid factors and by disruptive weather. Commodity prices overall, and notably oil prices have risen sharply too. President Biden’s \$3.5 trillion stimulus package is hiking demand for goods from the public at a time when delivery is difficult. Wage pressure is the next and obvious corollary and is happening in some sectors already. Central banks persist with their statements defending the inflationary spike as what they term as “transitory”. The Congressional Budget Office last week pointed to a reduced output gap which supports an inflationary thesis. We do anticipate inflation being more stubborn to shift based upon a multitude of factors, we also anticipate the headline rate of inflation to persist at a level higher than central banks will be entirely comfortable with, despite the narrative.

The Federal Reserve continues to pour \$120 billion each month into the US economy. Jerome Powell the Fed’ Chairman has commented that tapering-back this huge commitment is likely to begin in the not-too-distant future. We anticipate a build-up in forward guidance and the Jackson Hole central bank conference next month offers an ideal platform.

Corporate earnings have continued to push equity valuations higher and notably Facebook supplemented their record-breaking results announcement with a statement warning that ongoing growth at such levels could not be maintained. It is possible we have reached peak growth with earnings results perhaps at lower levels for some firms during the quarter 3 announcements later this year.

Bond yields fell surprisingly during July with the US 10-year treasury yielding only 1.2%. Technical factors and limited supply have driven this move which is counter intuitive against a backdrop of rising inflation. Chinese authorities announced restrictions impacting her own technology companies. Asian, Chinese and Hong Kong markets were impacted during the month as a result.

We have been mindful of the above stated headwinds and have been building cash in portfolios to act as a cushion against any correction that may come - markets have travelled a long way in a short time. We remain vigilant and are well positioned at this time.



**Ronan Kearney**  
*Investment Manager*

## Altium

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Ronan has been a member of multi-asset investment committees since 2004, providing asset allocation expertise to retail funds with thousands of investors. Ronan founded Indexx Markets (an independent index design firm) in 2011 and sold it in 2015 to AJ Bell Ltd. Ronan is responsible for monitoring the index and its constituent elements. He is a co-founder of Altium Investment Management, a specialist in investment indices and factor investing.

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