WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED - ETHICAL GROWTH

Formerly WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED ETHICAL Pershing



MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st December 2023

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The Wise Ethical Growth Model Portfolio is designed for clients who are looking for a total return in line with the MSCI PIMFA Growth index over a 5 to 10-year period. We aim to achieve this by exclusively investing in a focussed list of ethical and sustainability-oriented funds (unit trusts, investment trusts and OEICs). These funds will have specific objectives of providing capital to businesses whose operations and activities either meet specific ethical standards or are engaged in improving the long-term sustainability of the earth's resources. The portfolio will have diversification across geography, asset class and investment style. The funds invest in real assets, such as company shares (listed both in the UK and overseas), property, fixed interest and cash. The Portfolio invests 60-100% in 'medium' risk assets, such as shares and property and can include up to 20% in 'high' risk assets such as shares in specific countries and industries. The Portfolio can also invest up to 40% in 'lower' or 'minimal' risk assets such as higher quality company debt and cash. We therefore consider the portfolio to be suitable for those willing to adopt a medium risk profile.

PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (using month-end data)



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr	Launch
Wise Ethical Growth Portfolio (P)	4.9%	7.7%	6.1%	10.7%	10.4%	45.1%	29.1%
MSCI PIMFA Growth	3.9%	5.2%	6.6%	11.4%	21.3%	46.6%	37.1%

DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2018
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Wise Ethical Growth Portfolio (P)	10.7%	-12.1%	13.4%	8.0%	21.7%
MSCI PIMFA Growth	11.4%	-6.1%	15.9%	2.2%	18.2%

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



WILLIAM GEFFEN Head of Investment Management

William joined Wise Investment in November

2023 and has 4 years' experience in managing equity funds. His main responsibility is the selection of suitable investments for portfolios and ensuring our investment service meets your requirements.

William successfully passed all three level of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams gaining the qualification in 2021.

Key Portfolio Details

Launch Date 26th June 2018

Holdings 7

Historic Yield¹ 2.0%

Volatility² 9.8%

Benchmark MSCI PIMFA Growth

Model OCF³ 0.5%

Service Charge⁴ 1.8%

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- 1 The Historic Yield is the weighted average yield of the model based on the model's current constituent:
- 2 Volatility is the annualised monthly volatility of the model portfolio to the most recent month end over a 3 year period or since launch if this period is less than 3 years
- 3. The Model OCF calculates the annual charges levied by the underlying fund holdings according to the model portfolio weights
- 4 The Service Fee incorporates the model OCF, the standard non-tiered annual fees levied by Wise Investments Limited and custodian fees, of which this is the highest possible fee. Further details of these charges are disclosed to clients investing in the model portfolios.





MONTHLY COMMENTARY

December was another strong month for investors with decent gains across the investment universe as markets continued to react positively to signs of upcoming rate cuts from central banks hinting at repositioning monetary policy to counter economic slowdown.

Global equities returned 4.14% (in sterling). On a geographical basis, the gains were driven fairly evenly with the US returning 3.94%, Europe returning 4.41%, Japan returning 3.64% and the UK returning 4.44%. Asia ex-Japan lagged slightly with just 2.8%. Emerging markets also narrowly lagged global equities, returning 3.19% - another area of potential future value for more adventurous portfolios.

In fixed income, a drop in yields as the market begins to anticipate even more rate cuts provided a solid upward thrust to bond portfolios which matched or even led equities with corporate bonds returning 4.63%, gilts returning 5.72% and inflation-linked gilts returning an impressive 7.48%. The less-duration sensitive high yield bonds lagged returning just 2.89%.

Real estate, being a highly leveraged asset class whose returns are reliant on cheap borrowing rates, also had another good month off the back of lower bond yields. Similar to November, while the IA UK direct property sector only saw a 0.1% gain, the UK IMI Liquid Real Estate index saw a substantial 7.06% gain with listed vehicles seeing an influx of liquidity continuing to close NAV (net asset value) discounts.

We have undergone various changes to model portfolios recently with the change in the Head of IM role in November, with a new focus on addressing markets on a more global basis, rather than the disproportionate focus on the UK within our PIMFA benchmarks. Additionally, we are now utilising more low fee passive index funds in order to better capture global equity exposure while also reducing underlying fees paid by clients. Both these changes, we hope will help boost long term returns and client outcomes.

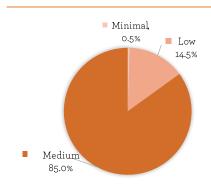
The Ethical Growth model returned 4.9% ahead of 3.9% for the benchmark (PIMFA Growth). This return was anchored by a solid return from underlying bond funds and propelled by exposure to global equities that are more tilted to the growth and quality factors associated with ethical funds. The models small exposure to property in the Schroder Global Cities Real Estate fund also contributed with a return of over 9%.

We have reduced the duration and credit risk in the bond portion of portfolio favouring higher quality and shorter dated securities. We have also moved exposure from multi-asset and some of the active UK and global equity funds into Vanguard ESG all word global equity index fund, leading to an overall reduction in underlying fees.

HOLDINGS

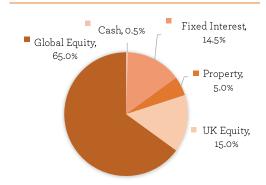
Name		OCF
TwentyFour Sustainable Short term bond	14.5%	0.36%
Aegon Ethical Equity	15.0%	0.77%
Fundsmith Ethical	15.0%	0.96%
Vanguard ESG Developed World Equity Index	50.0%	0.20%
Schroder Global Cities Real Estate	5.0%	0.93%
Cash	0.5%	0.00%

RISK ALLOCATION



For Asset Risk Category definitions see the Wise Investment Risk Appendix, supplied to investors in the model portfolios.

ASSET ALLOCATION



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Portfolio returns from the Wise Investment Model Portfolio Service will be subject to investment market fluctuations and there is no guarantee that the portfolio objectives, including any income targets, will be achieved. Where income is received as dividends, these will be automatically reinvested in the Model Portfolio, which may result in the Model Portfolio returns being higher than what a client portfolio can actually achieve. The performance will be reduced by the withdrawal of income and the impact of the ongoing charges and portfolio transaction costs. The charges can vary. Prices of funds and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Consequently, an investment into this portfolio should be considered for a 5 to 10 year period. The funds may invest in higher-yielding or non-investment grade bonds. The funds may hold investments denominated in currencies other than sterling. Changes in exchange rates will cause the value of these investments and the income from them to rise or fall. The funds can use derivatives for investment purposes. These instruments can be more volatile than investment in equities or bonds. Every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of the data used in this document, but no warranties are given. Wise Investment has expressed its own views and these may change. The data contained in this document has been sourced by Wise Investment and should be independently verified before further publication or use. Wise Investment is a trading brand of Wise Investments Ltd. Wise Investments Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Ref no. 230553.

