

WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED - ETHICAL GROWTH

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MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st May 2024

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)	2.0%	1.7%	10.8%	13.0%	10.1%	37.9%	36.4%
MSCI PIMFA Growth	2.0%	4.1%	11.4%	16.5%	21.9%	44.6%	47.1%

DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	31/05/2023	31/05/2022	31/05/2021	31/05/2020	31/05/2019
	31/05/2024	31/05/2023	31/05/2022	31/05/2021	31/05/2020
Wise Ethical Growth Portfolio (P)	13.0%	-1.2%	-1.3%	21.0%	3.5%
MSCI PIMFA Growth	16.5%	0.1%	4.6%	18.4%	0.1%

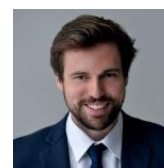
All data used on this factsheet is supplied by Financial Express. Rounding may result in charts and tables not adding up to 100% in displayed data. Performance is based on total returns on a bid-to-bid basis, net of UK dividend tax credits and is calculated referencing a model portfolio. Actual portfolio statistics may differ because of investment performance, cash movements, transaction costs and the timing of sales and purchases within the portfolio. Quoted performance does not include fees levied by Wise Investments Ltd or any fees from custodial services. Service fees will apply. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. This document should not be construed as an investment recommendation.

1 The Historic Yield is the weighted average yield of the model based on the model's current constituents

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.

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	1.8%
Volatility²	10.0%
Benchmark	MSCI PIMFA Growth
Model OCF³	0.5%
Service Charge⁴	1.8%

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MONTHLY COMMENTARY

May was a good month for investors, resuming a steady “bull run” that started in back in October 2023 initially spurred by the hope of upcoming central bank rate cuts and now sustained by a steady stream of news pointing to unexpectedly strong economic growth, particularly in the US.

Global equities rose 2.7%, in sterling, with European equities (excluding the UK market) leading with a 3.5% return. The world’s largest market, the USA, also had a strong month returning 3% and our local UK market also continued its recent rally, returning 2.4%, only slightly lagging the global market. Elsewhere, the Japanese market retreated 0.3% as its currency depreciated just over 1% and EM (emerging markets) also retreated, returning -1.1%.

In Fixed income, yields lowered slightly off the back of slightly lower than expected inflation figures, buoying the bond market. As a result, UK Gilts (government bonds) returned 0.8%, UK corporate bonds returned 0.9% and inflation linked bonds returned, 1.2%. High yield bonds also returned 0.9%.

The property sector had a good month, boosted by lower yields. This inverse relationship with yield moves is driven by two factors. First, lower yields mean lower borrowing costs, and as real estate tends to be bought with a fair amount of debt, lower rates mean lower debt payments and more money for owners. Secondly there is an element of opportunity cost. If you can get say 5% for short term bonds, but then this drops to 4%, you can expect other assets, like real estate, to have their “yields” drop too as the yard stick moves – boosting prices.

In any case, with a slight drop in yields, direct property returned 0.6% and liquid real estate (listed real estate trusts) moved up 3.4%. The amplified move in the liquid real estate index (vs direct) reflects the often-higher debt levels in liquid real estate vehicles, as well as its greater susceptibility to market flows and investor sentiment.

The Ethical Growth model returned 2.02%, marginally behind the 2.03% return for the benchmark (PIMFA Growth). This very slight underperformance was mainly driven by the position in the Fundsmith Sustainable Equity Fund which returned -0.41% vs 2.7% for its MSCI World benchmark. Our holding in Aegon UK equity was a notable outperformer, returning 4.93% pulling back some of the ground lost earlier this year.

We haven’t made any significant changes to the Ethical growth model portfolio this month and we continue favour a strategy of strong core global equity exposure via the low fee passive Vanguard ESG developed world all cap equity index fund as well as the Fundsmith sustainable equity fund. This is more volatile exposure is moderated by high quality and shorter dated bonds in the fixed income portion of the portfolio.

In terms of tactical positions, we have a 5% position in the AB international healthcare fund to take advantage of the attractive valuations in the healthcare sector – a sector that also has enjoyed strong long-term returns due to the high quality nature of many healthcare businesses and the steady secular growth trends they are exposed to (e.g aging populations).

We also maintain a modest 10% position in the Aegon ethical equity fund to capture the discount we see in the UK market as well as a modest 5% position in Schroder Global Cities Real Estate fund as we continue to see value in this down beaten asset class as shown by the depressed prices in commercial properties and large net asset value discounts in listed real estate trusts.

The Ethical Growth model remains behind its benchmark on a 1yr and 3 yr basis, returning 12.96% and 10.11% respectively (vs 16.47% and 21.95% for the benchmark).

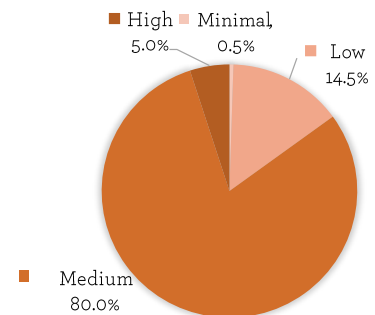
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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HOLDINGS

Name	Weight	OCF
TwentyFour Sustainable Short term bond	14.5%	0.36%
Schroder Global Cities Real Estate	5.0%	0.93%
Aegon Ethical Equity	10.0%	0.77%
Fundsmith Ethical	15.0%	0.96%
Vanguard ESG Developed World Equity Index	50.0%	0.20%
Alliance Bernstein International Healthcare	5.0%	0.96%
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

