

**Quarterly update—ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

**Investment objective**

The objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth over a market cycle (5 years). The fund will primarily gain exposure indirectly via eligible collective investment schemes and other collective investment vehicles (for example, investment companies, exchange traded funds) and may also invest directly in eligible assets (excluding property and commodities). Derivatives will be used only for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management.

**Fund manager**



**James Kempster**

James has over 20 years experience building and managing multi-asset investment portfolios. Beginning his career at Canada Life, he has more recently worked with financial advice firms to create managed portfolio solutions for end clients.

**Indicative risk rating**



**Fund managers' commentary**

Our third quarter began in dramatic style with a burst of volatility focusing on two regions but both stemming from concerns about interest rate rises. The first was in Japan where the second interest rate rise in 17 years led to the worst day for their main market since 1987. The other was in the US where speculation that interest rates wouldn't be cut as fast as had been expected spooked markets which had banked on cheaper debt to fund their continued upward momentum.

In many ways, the rest of the quarter was the recovery from this point and all was going well until another set of dual challenges interrupted proceedings. The US election was widely expected to be the closest in living memory and as such it was inevitable that markets would get a little skittish in response. We also saw the initial reaction to the UK budget which sent Gilt yields higher. Although we have a relatively low Gilt allocation relative to our base models, this was still a headwind for returns with prices moving in the opposite direction.

**Performance summary as at 31/10/2024**

|                             | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 1 YEAR | 3 YEARS | 5 YEARS | SINCE INCEPTION |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Discovery Growth Fund C Acc | -0.25%   | 2.28%    | 15.12% | 5.95%   | 26.22%  | 74.89%          |
| IA Flexible Investment      | 0.90%    | 3.42%    | 16.15% | 6.30%   | 29.22%  | 78.91%          |

**Three year performance to 31/10/2024**



31/10/2019 - 31/10/2024 Data from FE fundinfo 2024

**Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.**

IA sector source: FE fundinfo. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested. The since inception date was 05/02/2016.

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### Key facts

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Manager Start Date        | 27/03/2019   |
| Inception Date            | 05/02/2016   |
| Number of holdings        | 25           |
| Ongoing charge figure (C) | 1.27%        |
| Estimated yield (C Acc)   | 1.87%        |
| Fund size                 | £36.66m      |
| ISIN (C Acc)              | GB00BYN66713 |

### Current asset allocation

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Alternatives              | 6.82%  |
| Cash                      | 1.21%  |
| Fixed Interest            | 15.74% |
| UK Equities               | 19.90% |
| International Equities    | 52.37% |
| Property & Infrastructure | 3.96%  |
| Multi-Asset               | 0.00%  |

### Top 10 holdings as at 31/10/2024

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| HSBC American Index             | 8.15% |
| HSBC FTSE 100 Index             | 7.72% |
| Schroder US Smaller Companies   | 5.59% |
| Fundsmith Equity                | 4.93% |
| AI Multi-Strategy Target Return | 4.89% |
| iShares Overseas Corporate Bond | 4.89% |
| Invesco European Equity         | 4.75% |
| M&G Global Dividend             | 4.01% |
| iShares Pacific Ex Japan Equity | 3.97% |
| Royal London Corporate Bond     | 3.97% |

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