

### Portfolio commenced 8 June 2009

### **OBJECTIVE:**

To substantially outperform cash whilst aiming to reduce downside risk. Please note that whilst we aim to achieve positive returns over three year rolling periods, there is no guarantee that such a return will be achieved over this or any other period.

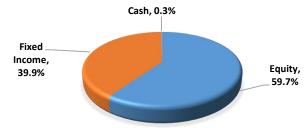
### STRATEGY

Actively managed and may be all equity, all bonds or all cash. It normally invests in a wide range of ETFs to gain significant diversification and exceptional liquidity at very low cost.

Top Holdings as at 31st December 2018	%
Vanguard FTSE 100 ETF	11.5
iShares Core MSCI EM IMI ETF USD Acc	8.7
iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI ETF USD Acc	8.4
SPDR® FTSE UK All Share ETF Acc	7.2
UBS ETF BlombgBarcl USD EM Sovn GBPH A	6.1
UBS ETF BlombgBarcl US LqCrp1-5Yr GBPH A	6.0
UBS ETF BlombgBarcl US Liq Corp GBPH A	6.0
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF GBP Dist	5.9
UBS ETF JPM USD EM Dvrs Bd1-5H GBP	5.5
iShares MSCI EMU ETF GBP H Dist	4.8

### **Underlying Holdings Key Statistics** (Source: Bloomberg)

### **OVERALL ASSET ALLOCATION**



### **Bonds Component**

No. Holdings	Yield to Maturity	Maturity (Yrs from Today)	Modified Duration	S&P Rating
677 Govt. Bonds 2,374 Corp. Bonds	4.8 %	8.2 Yrs	5.3	BBB+

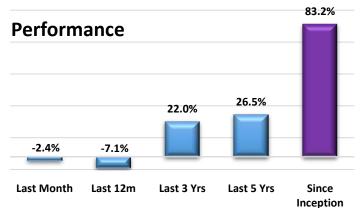
### **Equities Component**

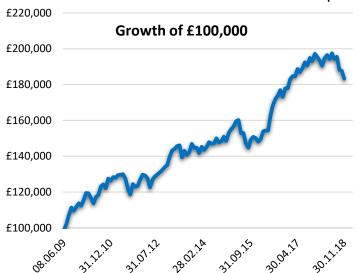
No. Holdings	Dividend Yield	Price to Book Ratio	P/E Ratio *	LTG EPS**
4,882 Equities	4.3%	1.2x	10.4x	8.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Price/projected earnings for a stock is the ratio of the company's most recent month-end share price to the company's estimated earnings per share (EPS) for the current fiscal year.

# SCM Absolute Return Portfolio (GBP)

# As at 31st of December 2018





### **Rolling Returns**

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 31.12.18 | 31.12.17 | 31.12.16 | 31.12.15 | 31.12.14 | 31.12.13 | 31.12.12 | 31.12.11 |
| -7.1%    | 10.8%    | 18.5%    | 1.1%     | 2.6%     | 7.3%     | 9.4%     | -3.2%    |

Source: SCM Private LLP

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of the investment and the income deriving from it can go down as well as up and can't be guaranteed. You may get back less than you invested.

## **Fees & Charges**



0.48%

0.25%

0.15%

0.12%

### **ANNUAL MANAGEMENT CHARGE: 0.4% +VAT**

Underlying ETF costs (KIID Ongoing Charge)
Est. Dealing Costs (transaction costs of
buying & selling ETFs of 0.09% pa +
underlying transaction costs within ETFs of
0.06% pa)
Custody & Administration fee
TOTAL COST OF INVESTING

1.00%

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Online Wealth Manager of the Year • Global Business Insight Awards
Business Women of the Year - Gina Miller • CEO Today
Excellence Award - Gina Miller • Wintrade

WINNERS 2018

### WINNERS 2017

50 Most Influential • PAM Awards
Investment Manager of The Year • Acquisition International

### WINNERS 2016

UK Long-Term Return Fund of the Year • ACQ5
Transparency Champions • Transparency Taskforce
Fund Manager of The Year • Acquisition International
Inspirational Women Innovators - Gina Miller • Brummel
UK Leading Fund Management Firm of the Year • ACQ5
UK Game Changers of the Year (FM) - Alan & Gina Miller • ACQ5

### WINNERS 2015

Best Long-Term Returns • Wealth & Money Management
UK Game Changers of the Year (FM) - Alan & Gina Miller • ACQ5
Most Innovative Fund Management Firm UK • Wealth & Money Management

### WINNERS 2014

City Champions - Alan & Gina Miller for Moral Leadership • Spears

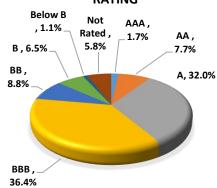
<sup>\*\*</sup> The estimated earnings growth over the next 5 years.

# Small, EQUITIES BY SIZE 5.5% Mid, 21.4% Large, 73.1%

### **Equities by Region**

United Kingdom	43.4%
Japan	14.5%
Europe dev	14.0%
Asia dev	9.2%
Asia emrg	7.0%
Europe emrg	7.0%
North America	3.9%
Latin America	1.9%
Africa / Middle East	1.3%
Australasia	0.0%

# FIXED INCOME BY CREDIT RATING



### Last 3 years annualised volatility

SCM Absolute Reserve	6.5%
UK Corp Bonds (iBoxx Large Cap TRI	
Index)	6.7%
UK Gilts (Bloomberg UK Govt All>1 Yr)	7.0%
UK Equities (MSCI UK)	9.8%
US Equities (MSCI USA)	10.7%
UK Index-Linked Gilts (Barclays UK Infl.	
Linked)	11.1%
Europe Excluding UK (MSCI Eur. Ex UK)	9.8%
Asia Pacific Excl. Japan (MSCI Asia Ex	
Jap)	14.1%
Em Markets (MSCI EM)	14.1%
Japan (MSCI Japan)	15.3%

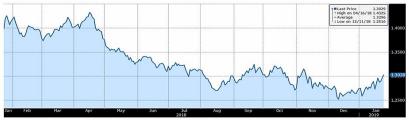
### **Asset Allocation Changes and Market Commentary**

December witnessed some dramatic falls in equity markets across the world, because of escalating fears on the US/China trade talks and recent poor economic stats. The movements were unprecedented – for example the December fall of 9.2% in the US S&P 500 Index, was the worst since 1950. The UK FTSE All-Share Index, fall of 3.9% was the third worst since the Index started in 1962. As our research below shows, markets tend to be strong rather than weak in December:



Source: Bloomberg

During December, we made several changes to reflect our view that £ Sterling was materially under-priced, particularly against the US\$. The £ pound fell to \$1.25 in mid-December from the \$1.43 level, it reached in April 2018:



Source: Bloomberg

We took advantage of this weakness to switch a US\$ based Emerging Market Corporate Bond ETF (3.9% of the portfolio) and a US\$ based Emerging Government Bond ETF (1.6% of the portfolio) into a shorter maturity, GBP hedged, Emerging Government Bond ETF. The new ETF invests in a diverse range of Emerging Market Government Bonds, that currently yield 6.2% pa, before costs, with an average maturity of 3.3 years.

As the table below indicates, based on Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), the  $\pounds$  is c. 15% undervalued against the US\$. Purchasing power parity (PPP) compares different countries' currencies through a "basket of goods" approach.

% Undervaluation	on £ vs US\$
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Based on PPP (Consumer)	3.7
Based on PPP (Producer)	19.7
Based on PPP (Big Mac)	27.3
Based on PPP (OECD)	10.5
Average of above	15.3

Source: Bloomberg

Our strategy remains to look through short term noise and volatility of markets, focus on the fundamentals and endeavour to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. *Alan Miller - Chief Investment Officer, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019* 

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