

YFS Vermeer Partners Portfolio Fund

April 2024

Investment Objective

The objective of the YFS Vermeer Partners Portfolio Fund is to provide capital growth as well as generating an income for investors with a 5-year time horizon (net of fees).

Investment Policy

The fund is an actively managed, diversified portfolio of global equities, fixed interest and alternative investments (such as property and infrastructure) through both direct securities and collective funds. The portfolio will tend to hold between 60 and 80 investments at any one time.

Monthly Commentary

The Investment Association (IA) Mixed Investment 40-85% Sector returned +2.78% over the month.

US CPI unexpectedly rose to a 3.2% annual pace in February. Stubbornly high inflation appears to be standing in the way of the Federal Reserve's willingness to cut rates and it was no surprise that the cut in March – that was all but guaranteed a few months ago – did not occur. Although tentative signs that US employment data may be slowing keeps alive hopes of a rate cut in June.

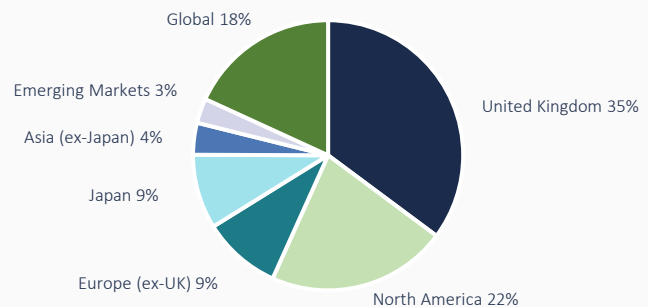
In response to concerns that we have had over recent performance, we decided to consolidate the two holdings in the **Matthews Asia** and **Bin Yuan China** funds into the **Federated Hermes Asia (ex Japan) Fund**. We continue to believe that a modest exposure to Asia and Emerging Markets (including China) will benefit the portfolio but have taken the view that the team at Federated Hermes will produce stronger risk-adjusted returns going forward.

The **Federated Hermes Asia (ex-Japan) Fund** is a £2.5bn UCITS fund investing in Asia (ex-Japan) equities. The team, led by Jonathan Pines, run around £3.5bn in total. Pines has been at Hermes since 2009. The fund employs a rigid contrarian style, investing in companies and regions that are out of favour. Accordingly, the fund has an overweight position in China.

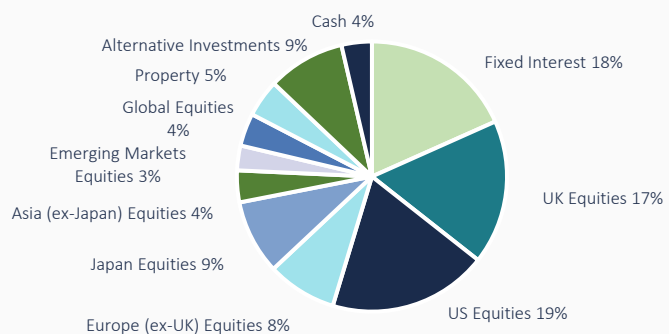
Top 10 Holdings

BBGI Global Infrastructure	3.06%
Shell	2.49%
UK Gilt Index-Linked 0.175% 2029	2.48%
UK Gilt 4.25% 2027	2.46%
CG Real Return Fund	2.45%
Federated Hermes Asia (ex Japan) Fund	2.39%
IFSL Church House Investment Grade Bond Fund	2.37%
Newmont Corporation	2.11%
Rio Tinto	2.06%
Jupiter Japan Income Fund	2.01%
Total	23.88%

Geographical Split



Asset Allocation



Source: Vermeer Partners as at 31st March 2024

Monthly Performance Data – Class A GBP

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Cumulative Performance – Class A GBP

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Portfolio Managers	Simon King & William Buckhurst
Inception Date	16th October 2023
Base Currency	GBP
Dealing	Daily
Initial Charge	None
AUM	£25.9m
Est. Income Yield	2.94%
No. of Holdings	69

Share Class	AMC	OCF*	Sedol	Price
Class A Acc	1.00%	1.48%	BRTZL34	108.50p
Class A Inc	1.00%	1.48%	BRTZL45	108.40p
Class B Acc	0.75%	1.23%	BRJ5LJO	104.66p
Class B Inc	0.75%	1.23%	n/a	n/a

*Ongoing Charges Figure at 16th October 2023
Full explanation of the Fund's charges can be found in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID)

Risk Metrics

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GBP Total Returns, net of fees, as at 31st March 2024. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.

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Simon has over 30 years of experience as a research analyst and investment manager. Following a career in stockbroking, Simon joined Gartmore Fund Managers in 1994, initially working on the UK Smaller Companies team. In 2000 he became a Senior Investment Manager on Gartmore's UK Equities team. In 2001 he established, managed and co-managed a series of funds including the Gartmore UK Focus Fund, the Alphagen Avior Hedge Fund and the Alphagen Octanis Hedge Fund, before becoming head of UK Equities. From 2009 to 2012, Simon worked at Premier Asset Management where he managed UK unit trusts. Simon joined Vermeer Partners in 2018 as CIO.



William Buckhurst

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William has over 20 years of experience as an investment manager. William began his career in 2002 at UBS Wealth Management before joining Cheviot Asset Management in 2006. He was made up to partner in 2010. Whilst at Quilter Cheviot he co-managed two retail OEICs alongside his portfolio management responsibilities. A founding partner of Vermeer Partners, he manages portfolios for a wide range of private clients, family trusts, charities and pension funds alongside being Head of Fund Research.

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Risk Warnings

Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. Investments can go down as well as up and therefore the return on investment will necessarily be variable. Income may fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and taxation arrangements. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of the product. Opinions expressed whether specifically or in general or both on the performance of individual securities and in a wider economic context represent our view at the time of preparation. They are subject to change and should not be interpreted as investment advice.

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