

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund is an actively managed, diversified portfolio of predominately global equities, but also some 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) Flexible Investment Sector returned +0.61% over the month.

There were two important stock market events during the last quarter. First, after arguably the most aggressive tightening cycle in a generation, the Federal Reserve cut rates (by 50 basis points) – the first time it has cut rates since the early days of the pandemic in 2020. It could be foolhardy to declare that this marks the end of rate hikes, but it does lead us to look back and reflect on a period where the US policy rate shot up from almost zero to 5.5% and, until the Fed cut rates in September, has remained at a highly restrictive 5.5% for over a year. Second, after years of zero rates, Japan surprised the market by hiking rates by a larger-than-expected 15 basis points.

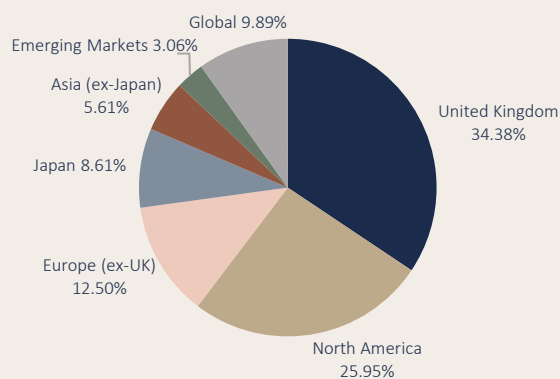
We decided to exit our position in electric cable maker **Volex** at a profit. There are two primary reasons for this: the outlook for earnings growth has worsened slightly with lower activity levels across the global manufacturing sector; in addition, Volex's Executive Chairman Nat Rothschild (who personally owns 25% of the company) has decided to form a joint venture with Lars Windhorst (who was a central character in the H2O funds scandal), and this adds a risk of reputational damage.

We added a new position in **Balfour Beatty** which is a UK based construction contractor delivering critical infrastructure projects to an international client base. It is set to benefit from the need to develop and improve the world's creaking infrastructure assets. It has a low sum of the parts valuation, trades on a low multiple (around 10x forward earnings) and has a dividend yield of around 2.8%.

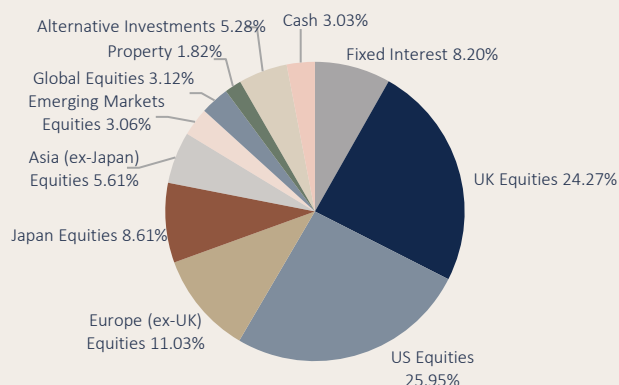
TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Federated Hermes Asia (ex Japan) Fund	2.94%
Shell	2.67%
Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund	2.67%
Rio Tinto	2.62%
ASML	2.48%
Microsoft	2.33%
Zennor Japan Fund	2.13%
Unilever	2.07%
Amazon	2.05%
Ashoka Whiteoak EM Fund	2.02%
Total	23.98%

GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT



ASSET ALLOCATION



Source: Vermeer Partners as at 30th September 2024

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE DATA – CLASS A GBP

Month	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
2023	0.55	1.00	0.15								
2024											2.30%

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GBP Total Returns, net of fees, as at 30th September 2024. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE – CLASS A GBP

	3m	6m	12m	YTD
Class A				2.36
Benchmark				18.47
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SHARE CLASS	AMC	OCF*	Sedol	Price
CLASS A ACC	1.00%	1.40%	BRJ5LG7	110.03p
CLASS A INC	1.00%	1.40%	BRJ5LH8	108.32p
CLASS B ACC	0.75%	1.15%	BRJ5LJ0	110.15p
CLASS B INC	0.75%	1.15%	n/a	n/a

*Ongoing Charges Figure at 30th June 2024. A full explanation of the Fund's charges can be found in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID)

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS Simon King & William Buckhurst

Inception Date	16th October 2023
Base Currency	GBP
Dealing	Daily
Initial Charge	None
AUM	£31.5m
Est. Income Yield	2.46%
No. of Holdings	66

DIVIDEND HISTORY (Class A Inc)

Ex Date	Payment Date	Dividend per share (p)
02/01/2024	29/02/2024	0.1104p
02/04/2024	31/05/2024	0.9261p
01/07/2024	30/08/2024	0.6689p
TBA	TBA	TBA
Estimated Annual Dividend Yield		2.46%

RISK METRICS

Volatility	18
Sharpe Ratio	1.2
Correlation	0.8
Max Drawdown	-15
Best Month	15
Worst Month	-5

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Following a career in stockbroking, Simon joined Gartmore Fund Managers in 1994. In 2000 he became a Senior Investment Manager on Gartmore's UK Equities team. In 2001 he established, a series of funds including the the 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 managed UK unit trusts at Premier Asset Management. Simon joined Vermeer Partners in 2018.



William Buckhurst

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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, co-managed two retail OEICs alongside his portfolio management responsibilities. A founding partner of Vermeer Partners, he manages portfolios for a range of private clients, family trusts, charities and pension funds alongside being Head of Funds Research.

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