

YFS VERMEER PARTNERS GROWTH PORTFOLIO FUND

October 2025

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

Global equity markets show no sign of fatigue and world indices hit new highs during the month with large technology stocks very much leading the way again. But we do find ourselves becoming increasingly concerned about the Mag 7 companies ramping up capital spending on AI – in particular, circular deals that could amplify risks if AI investments fail to deliver their expected returns.

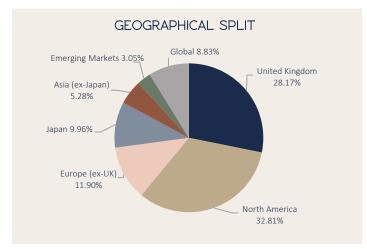
During the month, we sold the holding in **Ashtead Group**. **Ashtead** is a great business that has displayed impressive revenue and profit growth over many years; however, following a strong run in the share price the valuation has expanded, and we felt we should take profits.

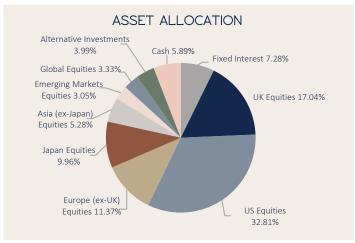
We also sold the holding in **IBM** and initiated a new position in **RELX**. Aside from its historic hardware division, **IBM** has positioned itself as an infrastructure provider for enterprise AI rather than just a pure cloud play. But it trades on a higher valuation now for what are unremarkable growth metrics relative to other technology stocks.

RELX is a UK-listed but global information and analytics / data company. In recent years, it has very successfully pivoted toward digital, analytics, and higher-value services, reducing reliance on legacy or print components. Its content is deeply embedded in workflows and replacing them is both costly and impractical which gives the company a great moat and, importantly, pricing power. However, in recent weeks the market has become concerned that AI, open models and other new start-ups could attempt to displace parts of **RELX**'s analytics or content. Following a c. 15% correction the shares now trade at a more palatable valuation and provide a good entry point for a company whose long-held expertise in data analytics can make it a beneficiary rather than casualty of the long-term structural growth in AI.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Zennor Japan Fund Amazon	2.55%
ASML	2.52%
Unilever	2.43%
Walt Disney	2.32%
Ashoka Whiteoak EM Equity Fund	2.13%
Rio Tinto	2.12%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	2.12%
Total	24.67%





Source: Vermeer Partners as of 30^{th} September 2025

Monthly Performance Data (%)														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	Benchmark
2023										-2.97*	3.06	4.40	4.40	5.42
2024	0.48	0.86	3.49	0.16	-0.46	1.33	0.36	-0.53	-0.36	-2.08	1.25	-0.42	4.05	9.42
2025	4.91	-2.54	-4.15	-3.49	4.12	1.77	2.95	1.34	1.45				6.07	8.48

^{*}Performance figures are calculated from the inception date of the fund, 16th October 2023.

The fund is benchmarked against the IA Flexible Investment Sector. GBP Total Returns, net of fees, as of 30th September 2025. All information is for the A Acc. share class unless otherwise stated.

 $Past\ performance\ is\ not\ necessarily\ indicative\ of\ future\ results.\ Source:\ Financial\ Express$



Cumulative Performance 2025	(%) to	30th	Septer	nber
	1m	3 m	6m	YTD
Fund	1.45	5.84	8.23	6.07
IA Flexible Inv.Sector	2.39	6.39	10.39	8.48
ARC GBP Equity Risk PCI	2.30	6.20	10.68	7.52
	1y	3у	5y	ITD*
Fund	4.72	-	-	15.22
IA Flexible Inv.Sector	10.54	-	-	25.13
ARC GBP Equity Risk PCI	9.29	-	-	25.22

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The ARC Private Client Indices ("PCI") are a set of risk-based indices designed to be used by private clients and their advisers to compare the performance of their portfolio against. The PCI are peer group comparisons with real performance data compiled from over 70 private client investment managers, allowing performance to be assessed against a realistic and sizeable peer group. Given the time constraints involved with retrieving the performance numbers from each investment firm, the last three months of any period will often contain estimated data.

GBP Total Returns, net of fees, as of 30^{th} September 2025. All information is for the A Acc. share class unless otherwise stated.

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Share Class	AMC	OCF*	Sedol	Price
Class 1 Acc.	1.00%	1.38%	ВРК6ТРО	115.22p
Class 1 Inc.	1.00%	1.38%	BPK6875	110.67p
Class 2 Acc.	0.75%	1.13%	BPK6TR2	115.65p
Class 2 Inc.	0.75%	1.13%	BPK6TQ1	115.65p

^{*}Ongoing Charges Figure on 30^{th} June 2025. A full explanation of the Fund's charges can be found in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID)

Portfolio Manager	Simon King & William s: Buckhurst
Inception Date	16th October 2023
Base Currency	GBP
Dealing	Daily
Initial Charge	None
Fund Size	£33.4m
Income Yield	2.30%
No. of Holdings	60

Dividend History		
Ex Date	Payment Date	Dividend per share (p)
02/01/2025	28/02/2025	0.5337p
01/04/2025	30/05/2025	0.8242p
01/07/2025	29/08/2025	0.5642p
01/10/2025	28/11/2025	0.6273p
Historic Annual Divid	2.30%	

All information is for the A Inc. share class unless otherwise stated.



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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 Investment Director & Partner william.buckhurst@vermeerllp.com

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 and 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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