



### Portfolio Aim

The Core Portfolios are the 'Engine Room' of our Investment Proposition designed to produce strong and consistent returns via exceptional asset class diversification and the selection of 'best of breed' fund managers.

The portfolio aims to produce capital growth of around 1.5% per annum above inflation (CPI) over the longer term.

### Market Commentary

Global equity markets suffered broad losses in the first quarter of 2018, which also saw the sudden return of volatility. After a strong rally in the first weeks of the new year, US investors led a global retreat on concerns that inflation and interest rates could rise faster than expected. Markets were rocked again in March after President Trump announced new tariffs on metals and Chinese imports, sparking fears of a trade war between the world's two largest economies. UK equities underperformed over the period as sterling appreciation eroded the local currency value of companies' international revenues. Emerging markets were also affected by the wider shift in sentiment, though a weaker US dollar offered some support. Despite the headwinds, the general global macroeconomic backdrop remained favourable amid positive growth and corporate earnings data.

Against this backdrop, the Searchlight Adventurous Core Portfolio delivered negative returns of -4.2% in the three months to 31st March 2018, below the flat 0.0% change in the UK Retail Price Index but outperforming the -6.9% return in the FTSE All Share benchmark. The portfolio also lagged behind the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks index, which returned 0.3% over the last quarter as bond prices rallied amid increased uncertainty.

The portfolio's top-performing fund was L&G UK Property (up 1.0%). All other funds delivered negative returns, though Threadneedle Dynamic Real Return (-1.9%) was supported by holdings in better-performing fixed interest assets. The worst performing funds were Woodford Equity Income (-10.2%) and First State Global Listed Infrastructure (-9.7%), which held mostly UK and North American equities, respectively.

### Portfolio Performance

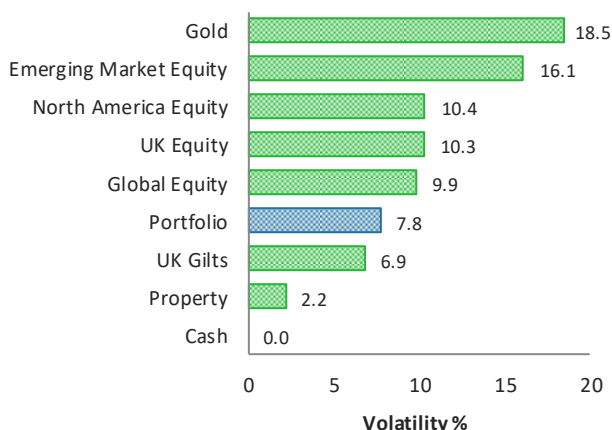
	TOTAL RETURN %					VOLATILITY %
	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	3 YEARS
<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>7.8</b>
CPI +1.5%	0.3	1.4	3.8	7.7	9.9	-



■ A - Searchlight Adventurous Core Portfolio 01/10/2017 TR in GB [87.56%]  
■ B - UK Consumer Price Index +1.5% TR in GB [30.63%]

31/08/2010 - 29/03/2018 Data from FE 2018

### Portfolio Volatility

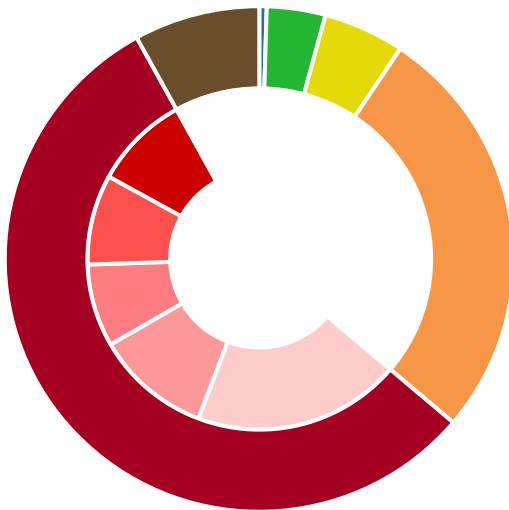


### Top 5 Holdings

FUND	%
Threadneedle Dynamic Real Return	8.0
Woodford Equity Income	8.0
Lindsell Train UK Equity	8.0
Schroder Recovery	8.0
Fidelity Emerging Markets	7.0



## Asset Allocation



ASSET CLASS	%
Cash	0.5
Fixed Interest	3.7
Property	5.2
UK Equities	26.8
Global Equities	55.8
North America	19.6
Europe Ex UK	10.9
Japan	7.8
Asia Pacific	8.5
Emerging Markets	9.0
Absolute Return	8.0

## The Investment Committee

Investing globally is a complex business and we therefore utilise the intellect, resources and expertise of two key external 'strategic partners', Asset Intelligence Research Analysts and Ken Baksh - Investment Specialist, to assist us research and manage our Core Portfolios and Satellite Baskets. We believe that this 'team' approach, formally known as the Investment Committee, ensures our clients are invested in the highest quality funds and appropriately diversified across the asset classes. This provides the best potential for success, in all market conditions, and offers what we consider to be excellent value for money.

## Lifetime Cashflow Planning Service

We are experts at providing straightforward answers to complex questions such as, "can I afford to retire and if so when?" or "can we afford to help our children or grandchildren get on the property ladder?". Advanced modelling software produces a lifetime cashflow analysis which will determine exactly how close – or how far – you are to your ideal financial situation. In addition, we provide a unique, step-by-step guide to plan exactly what you need to do to ensure the brightest of financial futures.

Lifetime Cashflow Planning helps you to gain greater clarity around your financial future in a way that's transparent, actionable and focused on positive outcomes. We help you to identify and visualise the life you intend to lead and to plan and manage your wealth in the best way to realise your goals. Please contact the office on 01923-896189 if you would like to learn more about this highly beneficial and added value service.

## Risk Warnings

**Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The price of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise. The value of this investment is not guaranteed and on encashment you may not get back the full amount invested.**

Please be aware that there may be occasions when an individual fund or funds have a higher risk rating than your overall stated attitude to risk. If this is the case then the overall risk rating applied to all of the combined funds being recommended is still designed to meet the portfolio risk profile and objectives.

Performance data is published on a total return bid to bid basis, net of fund charges, with net income reinvested and is rebased in Pounds Sterling.

Volatility data published is on a 3 year cumulative annualised basis to last quarter end.

The Portfolio Volatility chart shows volatility against various asset classes. Asset class volatility is represented by corresponding indices as such: FTSE Cash on Deposit Index (Cash), FTSE 100 (UK Equity), FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index (UK Gilts), IPD UK All Property (Property), MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Emerging Market Equity), MSCI World Index (Global Equity) and S&P GCSI Gold Spot Index (Gold).

Model portfolio data is to 31 March 2018 unless otherwise stated. Figures may be subject to rounding differences. All portfolio data is provided by FE Analytics unless otherwise stated.

Performance data is indicative only and actual client specific portfolio performance may vary significantly.

The data provided does not take into account a client's date of investment nor any further contributions or withdrawals made. The timing of changes made to portfolios can have a considerable impact on performance and the dates of fund changes for individual portfolios may vary from the model portfolio.

Performance data excludes Searchlight Investments' annual ongoing adviser fee and Elevate's platform charges, please contact us if you require further information on these two specific aspects regarding your portfolio.

Portfolio performance is benchmarked against the Consumer Price Index (CPI) +1.5%. CPI is an index used to measure inflation which is the rate of change in prices for a representative basket of goods and services. CPI data is updated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month end and as such values quoted may be subject to revision.

**As a business we believe in and support medium to long-term investment strategies; it is over these time horizons that performance should be assessed. Our Core Portfolios & Satellite Baskets are constructed and managed on this fundamental philosophy - we are not distracted or swayed by short-term views, fads or fashionable ideas.**