

AXA Framlington American Growth Fund Z GBP



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Fund Manager

Joined February 1997

Stephen joined AXA Investment Managers in 1997 as a fund manager on the US Desk, responsible for the US Growth funds. He is lead manager for the AXA Framlington American Growth Fund.

Previously, he worked at Olliff & Partners as a trainee in the equity research department, where he covered the UK paper and packaging sector. In 1992 he joined the US Desk at Capel Cure Myers as an assistant fund manager before being promoted in 1995 to fund manager.

Stephen graduated from the University of Exeter in 1990 with an honours degree in Economics.

Objective

The aim of this Fund is to provide long-term capital growth.

Fund manager's commentary

Main changes to the portfolio during January

We initiated a new position in Tenable, a leading provider of vulnerability assessment and management tools to corporate IT departments.

Factors affecting performance during January

The Fund outperformed its comparative benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index, over the month. This was largely driven by our underweight position in the producer durable sector. This area of the market was weak towards month-end as fears surrounding the potential impact of coronavirus on the US economy increased. The same issue also caused weakness in the shares of our energy related names, with our overweight position in the group detracting from relative performance.

Current market influences and outlook

Following a strong start to the New Year, the US equity market corrected as January ended as fears surrounding the potential for coronavirus to negatively impact the economy rose. While it is impossible to assess the eventual impact of the virus upon the global economy, we believe it will be transient. Growth may slow, but the outlook for the US economy remains robust. Consumer and business confidence levels remain high, unemployment is low, wages are rising. Most importantly, forward-looking credit indicators continue to demonstrate credit availability is high, suggesting an end to the current economic expansion is not imminent.

We also believe that a recent shift in the language emanating from the US Federal Reserve (Fed) is highly significant. Following the latest interest rate cut at the end of October 2019, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell stated interest rates are not going to be increased again until inflation overshoots the longstanding 2% target by a substantial margin. Given that inflation has struggled to reach this level during the 11 years of the current economic expansion, we believe that the likelihood of interest rate increases by the Fed has been pushed out by a number of years. Stable interest rates and an ongoing economic expansion should be positive for equity markets, and we expect the current slow, steady economic expansion to continue for several years. Growth stocks remain well positioned in such an environment.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the full amount originally invested. **Before investing you should read the fund's Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for full product details including investment risks and contact a financial adviser where unsure.**

Top 10 fund holdings

	Weight
MICROSOFT CORP	7.18%
APPLE INC	6.21%
AMAZON.COM INC	5.19%
ALPHABET INC	5.08%
FACEBOOK INC	3.47%
VISA INC	2.73%
SALESFORCE.COM INC	2.12%
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	1.61%
DANAHER CORP	1.57%
AUTODESK INC	1.56%
Total*	36.72%
Total number of holdings	69
Turnover (1 rolling year)	25.46

* Total may not equal sum of top ten holdings weightings (above) due to rounding.

Stocks shown for information purposes only. They should not be considered as advice or a recommendation.

Turnover : (abs(purchase) + abs(sale) - abs(subscription - redemption)) / (2* average AUM)

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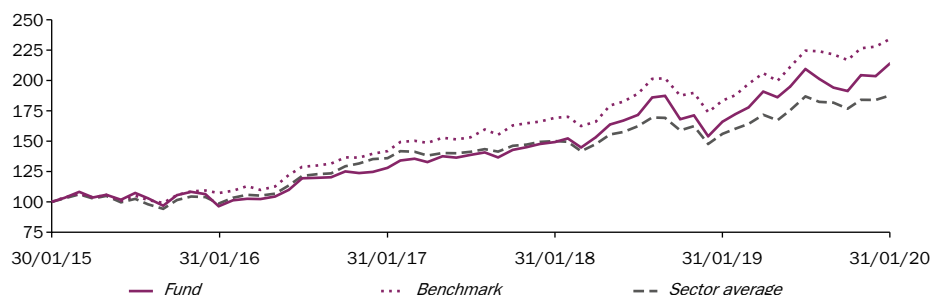
Discrete performance over 12 month periods to latest quarter end (%)

	31/12/14 - 31/12/15	31/12/15 - 31/12/16	31/12/16 - 31/12/17	31/12/17 - 31/12/18	31/12/18 - 31/12/19
AXA Framlington American Growth Fund Z GBP	9.7	17.2	18.4	4.3	32.2
Benchmark**	11.8	27.7	18.9	4.6	31.1

Cumulative performance

	Fund (%)	Benchmark** (%)	Sector median*** (%)	Ranking	Quartile
6 M.	2.2	4.3	0.2	24/148	1
Year to date	5.1	2.7	1.9	10/149	1
1 Y.	28.9	27.7	20.7	10/146	1
3 Y.	67.1	65.1	38.1	10/135	1
5 Y.	114.0	134.1	88.5	18/123	1

Cumulative performance over five years



Source: AXA Investment Managers and Morningstar. Figures are quoted on single price basis, net of Z share class fees and expenses with net income reinvested, in GBP. Performance takes into account ongoing charges but not any initial charge that may be payable. Between 8/9/2014 and 6/10/2014, AXA Framlington Authorised Unit Trusts moved to a single pricing basis (Net Asset Value - NAV), prior to this, they were on a dual pricing basis (bid to bid). To ensure consistent performance figures between bid and NAV prices an adjustment factor has been applied. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

**Benchmark is the Russell 1000 Growth. Prior to 01/07/2008 the benchmark of the fund was S&P 500 Total Return Gross. The benchmark index is shown for comparison purposes only. The fund manager has full discretion to select investments for the fund in line with the fund's investment policy and in doing so may take into consideration the benchmark index.

***The fund's peer group sector is the IA North America sector.

In order that investors can monitor the progress of their investment, the returns on the Fund are compared with those of a Composite Index/Benchmark/Sector which we believe best matches the long term objectives of the Fund. This information has been included for comparative purposes only. The objective and policy of the Fund may not precisely match this comparison.

The breakdowns provided look through to the underlying investments (including cash) of any in-house collective investment schemes held by the fund. Breakdowns may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Market Cap Allocation

	%
Large cap (> US\$15bn)	78.68
Medium cap (US\$1bn - US\$15bn)	16.38
Small cap (< US\$1bn)	0.57
Cash	4.37

Sector Allocation

	%
Technology	38.72
Health Care	19.83
Consumer Discretionary	18.29
Financial Services	7.32
Producer Durables	4.63
Materials & Processing	2.75
Energy	2.55
Consumer Staples	1.55
Cash	4.37

Sources: AXA Investment Managers UK Limited and Morningstar. Unless otherwise stated all data shown is at 31/01/2020.

Fund facts

Fund type	Unit Trust
Fund size	£625.5m
Underlying Yield*	0.00%
Launch date	23/12/92
IA Sector	North America
Currencies available	GBP
Dealing day	09:00 to 17:30 business hours
Valuation point	12:00 London time

* As at 31/01/2020. * Gross of tax, net of expenses. All information in this factsheet relates to unit class Z only. The underlying yield reflects the annualised income net of expenses of the fund as a percentage of the mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown. It is based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

Investment information

Initial charge	Nil%
Ongoing charges	0.82%
Min initial investment	£100,000
Min subsequent investment	£5,000
ISA status	Eligible

Fund codes

Sedol	accumulation income	B5LXGG0 B4152K5
ISIN	accumulation income	GB00B5LXGG05 GB00B4152K59
MEX	accumulation income	FRAGA FRAG
Valoren	accumulation income	24504 24501
Bloomberg	accumulation income	FRAAMGA LN FRAAMGI LN

Income payments

Accounting Final Ref Dates	28 Feb
Interim	31 Aug