TM Fulcrum Diversified Growth Fund



30 November 2023

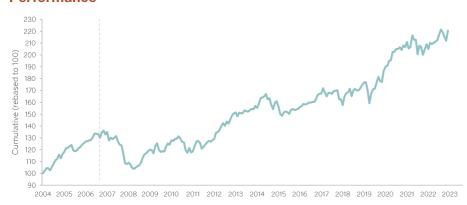
C GBP Share Class (GB00B622XS49)

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Investment Objective

The TM Fulcrum Diversified Growth Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth, by targeting an annual net return of inflation (measured against RPI) of +4-5% with lower volatility than equity markets over a rolling five year period.

Performance



The track record shown represents the net total return from two different time periods, denoted by dotted line: 1) From 01/01/05 to 07/07/06 the performance represents the Fulcrum Diversified Growth strategy. Source: Fulcrum Asset Management LLP. 2) From 07/07/06, performance is that of TM Fulcrum Diversified Growth Fund Class C GBP. Source: NAVs provided by official third party administrator. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and future returns are not guaranteed. This fund cannot be purchased by US investors.

Returns (Periods over 1 year are annualised)

	November	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Total Returns (%)	4.0	0.5	5.6	5.7	6.3	4.3

Calendar Year Returns

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total Returns (%)	7.5	-2.8	10.9	7.5	12.3	-5.8

Portfolio Review

November saw a powerful rally across global equity and fixed income markets as real interest rates declined sharply. The cause of this was the market's expectation of much looser monetary policy over the next several years, with expectations for the Federal Funds Rate at the end of 2024 falling from 4.7% to 4.2%.

These moves were supported by further declines in US inflation, as well as commentary from a member of the Federal Reserve, Waller, in support of "lowering the policy rate" if inflation fell further. There was also evidence of a broad cooling in US economic growth, which bolstered perceptions that the Fed could eventually shift to a more accommodative policy stance.

In the Euro Area, activity remained weak, with economic data releases consistent with either stagnation or a mild recession. On the inflation side however, data continued to improve, with the Consumer Price Index rising just 2.4% (year-on-year) in the first reading for November. The UK also recorded inflation declines, though underlying price pressures remained more stubborn than elsewhere, and the Governor of the Bank of England (BoE) pointedly pushed back against the prospect of rate cuts.

In Asia, Japan saw further strength in inflation, though the Bank of Japan (BoJ) kept policy on hold. In China, growth in the manufacturing and property sectors continued to disappoint, and the government announced moderate but continuous stimulus measures in response. Oil prices recorded sharp declines, as there was a decline in the perceived level of geopolitical risk and concerns grew around the prospect of oversupply.

Against this backdrop, global equities were up +9.3% and fixed income saw its sharpest rally in almost 40 years, with global bonds returning +5.0% over the month. The US dollar declined by -3.0% and there was a jump in precious metal prices as real interest rates fell. In aggregate, commodities declined -3.6%, led primarily by a -5.9% fall in energy prices.

The fund posted a positive performance of +4.0% in November, bringing year-to-date returns to +7.5%. Gains were led by Dynamic Asset Allocation (DAA), offsetting losses from Discretionary Macro (DM) while Diversifying Strategies (DS) were flat.

Within Dynamic Asset Allocation, gains were led by a long exposure to equities, and to a lesser extent fixed income, with a negative contribution to returns coming from commodity positions.

Performance of the various strategies within the Discretionary Macro sleeve was mixed.

Currencies posted gains helped by our positions in high-carry Latin American currencies, which benefitted from a stable economic backdrop, although a short euro stance was unhelpful. Our long New Zealand rates positioning saw positive returns as markets started to price rate cuts in the region. In Commodities, market concern around OPEC disagreements and higher US oil inventories caused negative performance in our long oil position. This was largely countered by positive returns from being long precious metals, which were boosted by falling US real yields.

The contribution from Thematic Equities was slightly down on the month. Gains from our views on Chinese technology and US homebuilder stocks were among the themes that performed well, while short positions in clean energy and steel companies were among those that were unhelpful.

Dynamic Convexity had a negative month, with rising equity markets, low volatility and declining oil prices causing losses in our hybrid options holdings. Volatility strategies on the other hand benefited from the drop in volatility via VIX-put and volatility-carry strategies and gains were also made in European dividends. Macro Models were slightly lower on the month.

Diversifying Strategies was overall flat in terms of performance contributions over the month.

Key Facts

Legal Structure	UK OEIC (NURS)
Domicile	United Kingdom
Fund Launch	07/07/2006
Fund AUM	£10m
Strategy AUM	£99m
Company AUM	£6.4bn

Share Class

Share Class	C GBP
ISIN	GB00B622XS49
AMC	0.75%
Ongoing Charge	1.03%
Currency Classes	GBP, USD, EUR, CHF, AUD

Fund Facts

Authorised	TUTMAN LLP
Corporate Director	
Transfer Agent	FNZ TA Services Limited
Administrator	J.P. Morgan Europe Limited
Custodian	J.P. Morgan Bank N.A
	(London Branch)
Depository	NatWest Trustee and
	Depositary Services
	Limited
Auditor	Deloitte LLP
Pricing	Daily
Dealing Frequency	Daily, 12:00 GMT
Report Date -	31 March
Annual	
Report Date -	30 September
Interim	





Positioning and Outlook

Dynamic Asset Allocation

For DAA, the allocation to equities has increased as equity market volatility has declined, but remains relatively low compared to the historic range. The fixed income allocation also remains subdued, with high interest rate volatility and a heavily inverted yield curve weighing on the appeal of the asset class. The commodity allocation increased slightly in November.

Discretionary Macro

In Fixed Income, we maintain a long duration stance with a bias towards curve steepening. This is concentrated at the short end of the US yield curve, with the combination of cooling economic growth, declining inflation and supportive comments from policymakers raising the prospect of rate cuts in 2024. In contrast, we have cut our long positioning in UK rates: although growth remains weak and inflation remains well above target, BoE officials have recently pushed back strongly against the idea of imminent rate cuts.

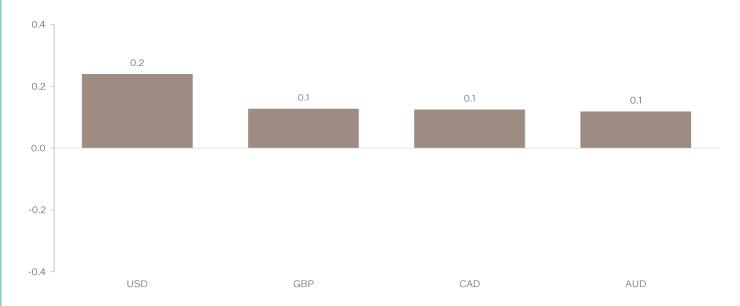
Within Currencies, we continue to hold the Japanese yen. This is informed by continued momentum in Japanese inflation and growth data, notwithstanding a weaker-than-expected Q3 GDP number. Moreover, with the yen remaining historically undervalued relative to the US dollar, and the BoJ retaining significant capacity for intervention, we see a convex expected return profile for the currency.

In our Commodities strategy, we have cut our exposure to long-dated oil, with OPEC disagreements and strong US production generating more substantial downside price risk. In our view, precious metals are more attractive, able to provide a hedge against further geopolitical risk whilst also benefiting from a weak dollar and falling real yields environment.

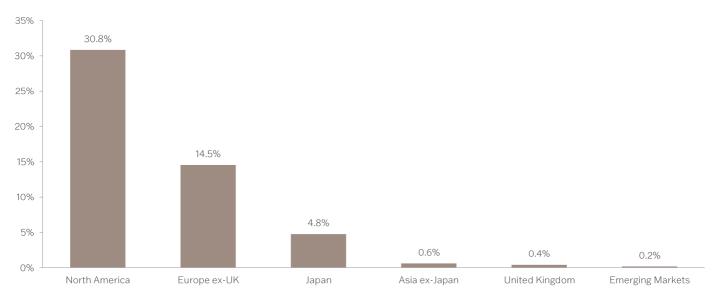
Within Thematic Equities, we maintain our long exposure to small-cap technology companies at distressed prices, continuing to focus on companies displaying resilient earnings growth with strong balance sheets and no funding requirements. We remain poised to benefit from the widespread adoption of the new anti-obesity treatment in the US which we expect to have far-reaching implications for consumers and businesses.

Overall, the portfolio remains at close to average exposure in equities and long duration and continues to focus on investment ideas that are less directional in nature.

Net Duration Exposure (years): 0.6



Net Equity Exposure by Region: 51.3%



Rolling 12 Month Net Performance

	November 2023	November 2022	November 2021	November 2020	November 2019
Total Returns (%)	5.6	1.1	10.8	6.6	7.5

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Risk Summary

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