7IM Real Return Fund

As at 31 May 2019



The investment objective of the Real Return fund is to seek growth in real terms over the medium to longer term. The fund will aim to provide a total return, net of fees, that exceeds UK inflation (as measured by Consumer Prices Index-All Items) by 2% on average over a rolling three year horizon.

The Real Return Fund looks to deliver an inflation-beating return, whilst limiting sensitivity to equity price movements.

The investment process focusses on identifying the drivers of risks and returns and is not constrained to investing in traditional asset classes. The manager has freedom to allocate to any asset class, driven by where it perceives attractive risk-return trade-offs over the time horizon of any investment.

WHAT YOU NEED TO CONSIDER

In making your choice of investment you need to consider the level of risk you are prepared to take and how much you need to achieve over what time. In short, how much are you prepared to lose; are you a slow and steady investor or might you be comfortable taking more risk for the possibility of more return?

If you have a long time to grow your investments you might be able to ride out market ups and downs better than someone who needs their money in just 5 years.

Risk is however not the only factor to consider. You should also regularly reassess the suitability of your investments to ensure that they continue to meet your investment goals and suit your time horizon. And of course you must always remember that, there can be no quarantees; the value of investments may go up and down and you may get back less than you invested originally.

FUND PERFORMANCE*

Rolling Performance to 31/05/2019

	Last 6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
C Accumulation	1.24%	-0.15%	0.12%	15.76%	6.35%	22.01%
IA Sector	1.39%	-0.76%	0.11%	4.37%	3.60%	8.14%
Consumer Price	1.84%	4.02%	8.67%	14.05%	16.68%	19.13%

Discrete Performance

	Q1 2018 – Q1 2019	Q1 2017 – Q1 2018	Q1 2016 – Q1 2017	Q1 2015 – Q1 2016	Q1 2014 – Q1 2015
C Accumulation	-0.45%	0.04%	15.74%	-7.09%	15.39%
IA Sector	-0.98%	1.84%	3.18%	-0.40%	3.90%
Consumer Price Index +2% p.a.	3.94%	4.49%	4.34%	2.51%	2.00%

Past performance is not a guide to the future.

Source: 7IM, Bloomberg and FE

On 6 November 2017 the name of the fund changed from the 7IM Unconstrained Fund to the 7IM Real Return Fund.

FUND AVAILABILITY AND RISK MAPPING

The 7IM funds are available via the majority of the major wraps, platforms and life and pension wrappers. Additionally, we have mapped our funds to a range of the most frequently used risk profiling tools. If you would like further information relating to either of these areas, please call us on 020 7760 8777. Our funds are rated by a number of research and rating firms.

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7IM's funds are mapped against a selection of third party risk profiling tools to assist advisers as part of suitability assessments for clients. Such tools are however only one aspect of an adviser's suitability process and other such as the clients' investment term / horizon and knowledge and experience should also be considered. The methodology of third party risk profiling tools is not endorsed by 7IM and individual fund risk profiling scores may not correspond precisely to the risk indicators in the 7IM fund literature.

Fund Managers 7IM – Investment Team Launch Date 30 January 2012

Fund Size £69.9m

IA Sector IA Targeted Absolute Return

Initial Charge 0% Yield 1 00%

XD Dates 1 June, 1 December

Distribution Dates 31 July, 31 January‡

Seven Investment **Authorised Corporate Director**

Management LLP

Base Currency Sterling United Kingdom

UCITS Regulatory Structure 12:00 GMT Dealing Settlement

Dealing Frequency Daily

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OCF (includes AMC)† 0.84% est. (Incl. 0.60% AMC)

Lump Sum Investment From £1000 MiFID II Classification Non-complex

The specific details of the funds including investment policy, charges and the particular risks associated with the funds are explained in the Kev Investor Information Documentation (KIIDs) - a link to these is available via the 7IM website (www.7im.co.uk).

- ‡ Please allow up to 10 working days after the Distribution Date for dividends to be processed and applied to individual client accounts.
- † Ongoing Charges Figure includes 7IM Annual Management Charge. Source: KIIDs 12/02/2019.

7IM Real Return Fund may be suitable for those investors wanting to achieve capital growth over the medium to longer term by investing in a sub-fund that allows investment in a wide range of asset classes, regions, currencies and investment types.

^{*} On 24 March 2016, the Fund changed from Non-UCITS (NURS) retails scheme to UCITS.

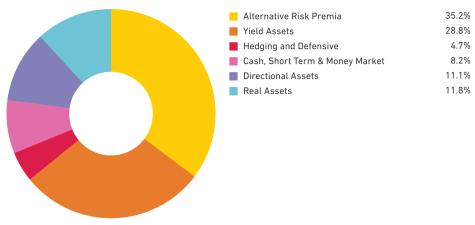
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ASSET ALLOCATION

This shows the current allocations to each asset class for this portfolio. Percentages are subject to rounding.



Source: 7IM

7IM OUTLOOK

May was a difficult period for markets, as news of Trump's extension of trade tariffs, to include Mexico and India, saw market participants question further the impact on global growth. The month saw global equities, proxied by MSCI World (GBP hedged), down by around 6%. Against this backdrop the portfolio displayed its defensive characteristics, finishing the month down just under 0.35%.

Unsurprisingly, the assets which fell the most during the period were within the Directional bucket. This block alone detracted around 0.4%, with the European dividends and convertible bonds positions both down. Although these positions are beta-exposed, we like the holdings for what we feel are asymmetric payoffs to that beta exposure: more defensive characteristics on the downside than pure equity exposure, but with the potential for some upside participation in the case equity markets do rally.

The Yield bucket, despite being slightly exposed to the price movement of a falling equity market, generated a baseline yield that more than compensated for this feature. The bucket as a whole added 0.12% to the headline portfolio during the period, led by a combination of US-focussed structured credit and emerging market debt positions. The BlueBay Financial Capital position, an actively managed holding focussed on European AT1 securities, struggled during the month, after adding significantly to portfolio performance following its addition in December. We used the weakness to add marginally and since the beginning of June we have already seen a strong recovery in the position.

The Alternative Risk Premia basket was down slightly, although as a whole detracted less than 0.1% during the month. Notably positions in trend-exposed holdings, specifically the specialist holding of AQR managed futures, performed very strongly. This strategy aims to take advantage of trends in markets across asset classes by taking long or short positions in assets it recognises as trending positively or negatively over short, medium and longer term horizons. During the period, it was the performance of rate-exposed strategies that contributed most strongly to the gains. These benefitted from the sizeable step down in US 10-year rates, which finished the month at around 2.1%, approximately 0.4% lower than the start of the month and at the lowest level since 2017.

The performance during the month leaves the YTD performance of the strategy at just over 2%.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

NN (L) MULTI ASSET FACTOR OPPS	6.9%
TWENTYFOUR AM MONUMENT BOND	6.2%
BLUEBAY FDS MGMT FINANCIAL CAPITAL	6.0%
FAIR OAKS DYNAMIC CREDIT	5.3%
BARINGS EM DEBT BLENDED TOTAL RETURN	5.3%
NN GLOBAL CONVERTIBLE OPPORTUNITIES	5.3%
US TREASURY 0.875% 15/02/47	5.2%
AQR MANAGED FUTURES	5.1%
MS US EQUITY VOLATILITY CERTIFICATE	4.9%
SOURCE PHYSICAL GOLD	4.7%
Total	54.9%

Source: 7IM