# **7IM Real Return Fund**

As at 31 January 2019

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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.

## INVESTMENT PROCESS

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 guarantees; the value of investments may go up and down and you may get back less that you invested originally.

## **FUND PERFORMANCE\***

#### Rolling Performance to 31/01/2019

	Last 6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
C Accumulation	-0.62%	-1.58%	1.31%	19.66%	12.36%	27.20%
IA Targeted Absolute Return	-1.75%	-2.69%	1.17%	3.50%	3.81%	7.83%
Consumer Price Index +2% p.a.	1.47%	3.86%	9.07%	13.37%	15.87%	18.55%

Discrete Performance

	Q4 2017 – Q4 2018	Q4 2016 - Q4 2017	Q4 2015 - Q4 2016	Q4 2014 - Q4 2015	Q4 2013 - Q4 2014
C Accumulation	0.39%	5.46%	13.09%	-0.12%	9.73%
IA Targeted Absolute Return	-2.81%	3.39%	1.06%	2.41%	2.85%
Consumer Price Index +2% p.a.	4.14%	5.00%	3.63%	2.20%	2.51%

Past performance is not a guide to the future.

Source: 7IM, Bloomberg and FE

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

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



## **KEY INFORMATION**

Fund Managers	7IM – Investment Team		
Launch Date	30 January 2012		
Fund Size	£70.2m		
IA Sector	IA Targeted Absolute Return		
Initial Charge	0%		
Yield	1.00%		
XD Dates	1 June, 1 December		
Distribution Dates	31 July, 31 January‡		
Authorised Corporate Director	Seven Investment Management LLP		
Base Currency	Sterling		
Domicile	United Kingdom		
Regulatory Structure	UCITS		
Dealing Settlement	12:00 GMT		
Dealing Frequency	Daily		
C Accumulation			
ISIN	GB00B75MS619		
Sedol	B75MS61		
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 Key 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 10/10/2018.

#### TARGET MARKET

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.

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## 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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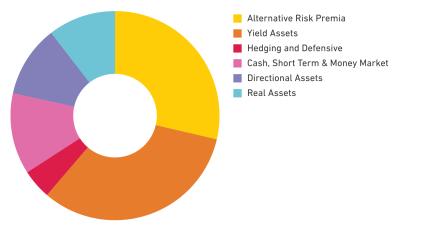
Dynamic Planner



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.

## ASSET ALLOCATION

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



Source: 7IM

## **7IM OUTLOOK**

December saw markets wrangling with a Fed changing course, a US government shutdown, US-China trade wars and the normal festive lull in market liquidity. Blink to the end of January though and market volatility had to a large extent unwound. The portfolio was up +1.3% in Jan, with all of the high level building blocks we allocate to contributing positively.

In December we used the market sell-off as an opportunity to add to European Dividend futures in a 6% weight. These added positively to performance through the period as they moved around 5% higher through the month. Dividend payments tend to be historically stable, but during the December sell-off even close to payment dividend expectations sold off significantly. This position aimed to exploit what we believed to be a mispricing, and has the potential for equitylike returns.

In the Alternative Risk premia bucket, performance was mixed but also slightly positive for the month. The equity volatility carry products rebounded strongly, adding around 0.35% at a portfolio level. The positions in 'trend' positions, which moved to a defensive positioning and contributed positively during the December sell-off struggled, given the sharp nature of the rebound. Although trend positions are structured to benefit from prolonged periods of market strength or weakness, they can struggle when sell-offs (and recoveries) are sharp and short lasting, as experience through several periods in 2018.

The yield assets contributed 0.40% mainly from a rebound in structured credit positions that were particularly hard hit in December. Notably the position we built at the end of last year in European Financial Debtthrough, Bluebay, a preferred fund in the space from, also benefited from the rebound in sentiment.

Given volatile market moves across asset classes and mixed performance through the categories we invest in, it was encouraging to see all core sections contributing positively in January. It was also encouraging to see the changes we made in the portfolio the end of year perform well. These changes were able to take advantage of the normalisation in markets we expected, given the underlying fundamentals.

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## **TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

NN (L) MULTI ASSET FACTOR OPPS	6.7%
TWENTYFOUR AM MONUMENT BOND	6.2%
BLUEBAY FDS MGMT FINANCIAL CAPITAL	5.5%
US TREASURY 0.875% 15/02/47	5.2%
FAIR OAKS DYNAMIC CREDIT	5.2%
NN GLOBAL CONVERTIBLE OPPORTUNITIES	5.0%
F&C GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET NEUTRAL	4.9%
CS RISK PREMIA	4.8%
SOURCE PHYSICAL GOLD	4.6%
AQR MANAGED FUTURES	4.6%
Total	52.7%

Source: 7IM

28 7%

32 7%

4.6%

12.6%

11.1% 10.5%