# BMO Managed Portfolio Trust PLC Growth Portfolio

### December 2021

Manager Commentary
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Over November, Covid-19 was, once again, front and centre in determining the direction of financial markets. In the first half of the month, the dominant influence was whether, and by how much, the Federal Reserve (Fed) would reduce its monthly bond purchases and raise interest rates in response to inflation, which was fast becoming more than "transitory". The Fed did, in fact, announce a reduction in its monthly bond purchases. The bank also signalled that it intended to steadily reduce monetary support over coming months. However, it was the discovery of the "Omicron" Covid-19 variant in South Africa, which will almost certainly spread globally, that unnerved markets later in the month. Bond yields fell sharply as markets began to anticipate a return to the type of equity markets which were experienced in 2020. Technology stocks rallied and the US equity market, which has a significant exposure to technology, markedly outperformed. European and UK equity markets, which have a much lower exposure, lagged.

Against this background, the FTSE All Share Index fell by 2.2% in total return terms. Meanwhile, the FTSE Closed End Investment Company Sector declined by only 0.3% (also in total return terms); with over half of the assets in the sector invested overseas, a 3.5% fall in the value of sterling relative to the US dollar helped the sector to relatively outperform.

The net asset value of the growth portfolio rose by 0.3% (in total return terms). Leading performers were, once again, technology related investment companies. Allianz Technology Trust gained 8.8%, while private equity trust HG Capital rose by 8.0%.

# Key facts as at 30.11.2021

**Trust aims:** The objective for the Growth Portfolio is to provide growth shareholders with capital growth from a diversified portfolio of investment companies. The Growth Portfolio invests in a diversified portfolio of at least 25 investment companies that have underlying investment exposures across a range of geographic regions and sectors and the focus of which is to maximise total returns, principally through capital growth.

Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index Fund type: Investment Trust Launch date: April 2008

Total assets – portfolio: £110.5 million Total assets – company: £184.9 million

**Share price:** 294.00p **NAV:** 289.81p

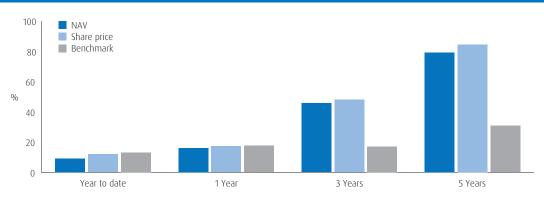
Discount/Premium(-/+): 1.45% Net gearing/Net cash\*: 0.0%/5.3% Management fee rate\*\*: 0.65% Ongoing charges \*\*: 1.03%

**Year end:** 31 May **Sector:** Flexible Investment

**Currency:** Sterling

 $\textbf{Website:} \ bmomanaged portfolio.com$ 

# Fund performance as at 30.11.2021



Cumulative performance (%) as at 30.11.2021					
	1 Month	Year to date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
NAV	0.33	9.10	15.95	45.55	79.17
Share price	1.73	11.79	17.13	47.74	84.33
Benchmark	-2.24	13.04	17.40	16.92	30.61

Discrete performance (%) as at 30.11.2021					
	2021/2020	2020/2019	2019/2018	2018/2017	2017/2016
NAV	15.95	16.46	7.79	0.83	22.08
Share price	17.13	17.84	7.04	-0.50	25.39
Benchmark	17.40	-10.29	11.01	-1.46	13.35

## **Key risks**

Stock market movements may cause the value of investments and the income from them to fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Changes in rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of investments. If markets fall, gearing can magnify the negative impact on performance.

### Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

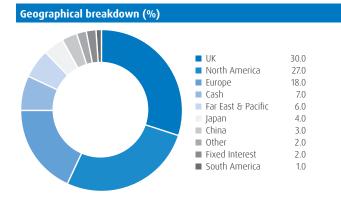
Source: Lipper and BMO. Basis: Percentage growth, total return, bid to bid price with net income reinvested in sterling. The discrete performance table refers to 12 month periods, ending at the date shown.

Lines may be recorded

<sup>\*\*</sup>Ongoing charges is calculated excluding performance fee and excluding charges of the Company's underlying investments. Please refer to the latest annual report.

Trust codes	
Stock Exchange code	Sedol
BMPG	B2PP252

Top 10 holdings (%)				
	% of net assets	Sector		
Allianz Technology Trust	5.1	Tech Media & Telecomm		
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	4.7	Global		
Monks Investment Trust	4.4	Global		
HgCapital Trust	3.8	Private Equity		
Chrysalis Investments	3.0	Private Equity		
Herald Investment Trust	3.0	Small Media, Comms & IT Cos		
Impax Environmental Markets	3.0	Environmental		
Fidelity Special Values	2.9	UK All Companies		
Polar Capital Technology Trust	2.9	Tech Media & Telecomm		
Mid Wynd International Investment Trust	2.9	Global		



Glossary	
Bid price	Investment trust shares are sold via the stock exchange at the bid price. This price is determined by supply and demand.
Dividend	Income paid to shareholders by the company they invest in.
Net asset value	A key measure of the value of a company or trust – the total value of assets less liabilities, divided by the number of shares.

The geographical breakdown of the Portfolio's investments is on a 'look-through' basis. Source: BMO and AIC.







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All data as at 30.11.2021 unless otherwise stated.

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