

# International Model Portfolio Service

September 2023

# Monthly investment update

In August, increased market volatility stemmed from concerns about the Chinese property market, weak Chinese economic data, and rising sovereign bond yields. As a result, global stocks, were down for the month, with developed markets performing better than emerging markets. Fixed income investments did not provide a safe haven due to rising sovereign yields.

In the US, despite a credit rating downgrade by Fitch, economic data pointed to a strong labour market and robust retail sales. Inflation concerns persisted, prompting the Federal Reserve to maintain a data-dependent approach and consider potential rate hikes. The UK saw a Bank of England rate hike and outperformed economic expectations in Q2. Inflation eased, but strong labour market data suggested more rate hikes may be on the horizon. The People's Bank of China reduced interest rates, but credit demand remained weak. Japan's economy expanded and inflation in the region showed signs of improvement.

Given these developments, diversification with a focus on quality remains prudent for investors.



# **Portfolio information**

Launch date	1 November 2022
Min cash holding	2%

# **Custody and fees**

Annual management charge	0.25%
Ongoing Charge Figure	0.71%

There will be an additional 0.25%pa charge (no VAT) if LGT Wealth Management are asked to act as custodian and a third party platform is not used.

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#### Asset allocation



# Top 10 holdings

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Fidelity Global Dividend	7.6%
Evenlode Global Dividend	6.9%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	6.6%
Lazard Global Equity Franchise	6.0%
Brown Advisory Global Leaders	5.8%
Blackrock European Flex	5.1%
Fundsmith Equity	4.1%
iShares UK Gilts ETF	4.0%
Schroder Asian Total Return	4.0%
Trojan	3.8%
Total	53.9%
Total number of holdings	28

# **Strategy description**

The primary objective of this portfolio is to achieve above average capital growth. The portfolio is diversified across a range of asset classes, with a medium-to-high allocation to funds investing in equities (expected to be no greater than 85%) and other risk assets.

# Performance and volatility

Performance is not available until the portfolio has been running for at least 12 months.

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