Discovery Cautious Fund

Quarterly update - ending 30th September 2023

Investment objective

The objective of the Fund is to provide returns through a combination of capital growth and income over a market cycle (5 years). The fund will primarily gain exposure indirectly via eligible collective investment schemes and other collective investment vehicles (for example, investment companies, exchange traded funds) and may also invest directly in eligible assets (excluding property and commodities). Derivatives will be used only for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management.

Indicative risk rating

Fund managers

Richard Philbin

Richard is Chief Investment Officer of the Hawksmoor Investment Solutions division at Hawksmoor Investment Mangement. He is one of the UK's best known multi-manager investors and previously AA rated by OBSR, Citywire and S&P. Prior to the Hawksmoor and Wellian merger, he was AXA Architas Multi Manager's Chief Investment Officer and before that he was head of Multi Manager at F&C Investments.

James Kempster

James has over 15 years experience building and managing multi-asset investment portfolios. Beginning his career at Canada Life, he has more recently worked with financial advice firms to create managed portfolio solutions for end clients.

Performance summary as at 30/06/2023

	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
Discovery Cautious Fund C Acc	0.6%	-0.3%	3.9%	-7.2%	2.7%	3.5%
IA Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares	-0.1%	-0.5%	4.2%	-6.8%	4.6%	8.6%

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.
IA sector source: FE fundinfo. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested.
The inception date was 27/03/2019.

Fund managers' commentary

2023 has thrown up some unusual investment conditions and the third quarter continued the theme. Three months ago we highlighted the breadth of the market being incredibly narrow with large cap tech stocks being the driving force behind the strong market performance. During the quarter inflation (although falling) remains high, interest rates continued to rise and column inches referencing the word "recession" gathered pace. Although more than 50% of the indices (equity, bond, commodity) that we closely follow registered positive returns in the three months to 30 September, it is interesting to note that returns were more discriminate. For example, shorter-dated gilts (those with 5 years to maturity) delivered a positive return (approaching 3%), whereas gilts with a longer-dated maturity profile (more than 15 years) were near the bottom of the table with losses greater than 5%.

The price of, and inflationary implications of Oil continues to dominate the headlines. In the third quarter, the oil price was up by almost a third and this will have knock-on effects for the global economy. Although trillions of dollars is earmarked to be invested in renewable energy projects for the next couple of decades, there is no escaping the fact that as a world we are still very reliant on oil (and will be for a long time to come). The oil price is pretty much defined by OPEC and their production quotas; if they want a higher price, they drill less. The US Strategic Petroleum Reserve – which usually provides a buffer / cushion to the vagaries of the oil price volatility has also fallen precipitously of late and that too will have an impact on the price. As oil prices rise, the attractiveness of shale and extraction of oil via fracking steps in and this helps create a ceiling price, but it can take some time for the supply to match the demand. Political uncertainty in the Middle East is also causing prices to rise. A high oil price generally leads to a lower GDP, higher inflation and high interest rates. Watch this space.

With uncertainty abound, capital markets decided (in the main) to have a quarter of "risk-off" – with the fixed income indices being among the best performers. The perceived less risky equity investment style of "value" tended to outpace their "growth" counterparts adding more anecdotal evidence of "risk-off".

Looking forward, we expect the year to carry on in the same vein with more volatility and uncertainty. Central Bank action relating to interest rates and management of inflation will be key as we head into the final quarter of the year.

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Key facts

Inception Date	27/03/2019
Number of holdings	28
Ongoing charge figure (C)	0.94%
Yield (C Acc)	2.5%
Fund size	£50.6m
ISIN (C Acc)	GB00BYYB5341

Current asset allocation

Alternatives	7.3%
Cash	0.5%
Fixed Interest	42.8%
UK Equities	20.1%
International Equities	25.1%
Property & Infrastructure	1.5%
Multi-Asset	2.7%

Top 10 holdings as at 29/09/2023

Fidelity Index UK	11.4%
JPM GBP Ultra-Short Income ETF	7.6%
Fidelity Index US	6.9%
Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond	5.8%
Lyxor Core FTSE Acturs UK Gilts	5.0%
Franklin UK Equity Income	4.8%
Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	4.2%
L&G ESG GBP Corporate Bond	4.1%
Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond	4.1%
SEI Liquid Alternative	4.0%

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