



BLACK SWAN
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

CAUTIOUS PORTFOLIO

Portfolio design & objective

This portfolio aims to achieve returns that are at least as good as those available from a high street deposit account, whilst offering some potential for real returns over the long term.

We expect that a client investing in a cautious portfolio would regard capital preservation as much more important than investment return, but to achieve their longer term objectives would tolerate potential fluctuations in capital values that reflect changing market and economic conditions.

With broad diversification and only a small amount of exposure to riskier assets, the portfolio should exhibit low levels of volatility, positive and negative monthly returns should fall within a narrow range.

Performance Statistics

Cumulative returns	Current	Best	Worst
1 - month	1.0%	6.4%	-3.1%
3 - month	3.4%	7.7%	-2.7%
1 - year	4.0%	17.8%	2.1%
3 - year CAGR*	7.5%		
CAGR* - since inception	8.2%		
Total return	29.2%		
3 - year return	24.1%		
3 - year volatility**	4.2%		
Number of positive months	74.4%		

Discrete performance	Return	Volatility
1 year to Jan-2012	4.0%	0.8%
1 year to Jan-2011	8.3%	1.0%
1 year to Jan-2010	10.2%	1.6%
1 year to Jan-2009	N/A	N/A
1 year to Jan-2008	N/A	N/A

* Compound Annualised Growth Rate

** annual/annualised volatility

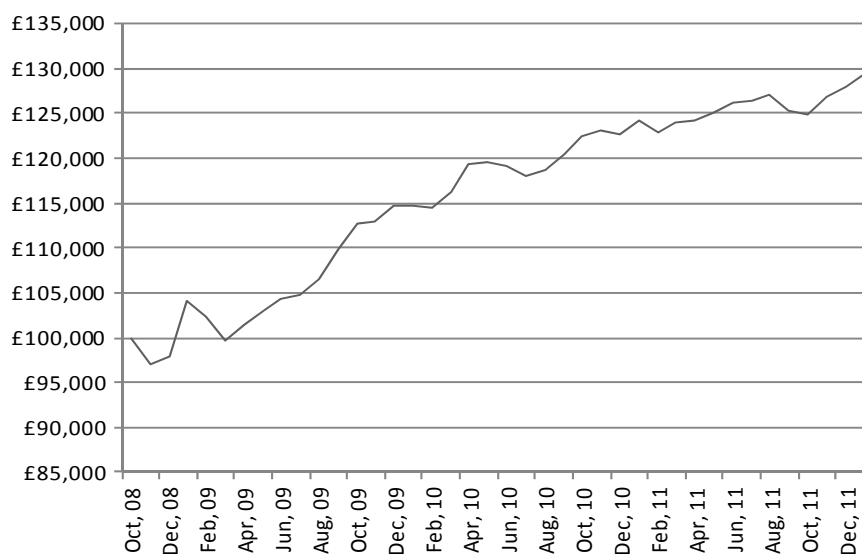
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PERFORMANCE

Black Swan Financial Management publicises example portfolio returns to demonstrate our investment capability and illustrate how we manage investment risk through diversification.

The following chart illustrates how an investment of £100,000 would have grown since October 2008. The returns are inclusive of all annual costs but exclusive of the initial advice fee.

When creating investment portfolios we will consider our clients investment requirements and prevailing market conditions at the time of investment, as a consequence no two portfolios will be the same.



COMENTARY

During December the Adventurous Portfolio rose by 1.1% and the Cautious Portfolio rose by 1.0%. This compares to a rise of 0.8% in the FTSE All Share Index and a 1.7% rise in the FTSE All Stocks Index. Over the year as a whole gilt prices rallied (gaining 15.6%) whilst the FTSE All Share Index fell (losing 3.5%). The result of these price movements can be witnessed in our portfolio returns, with the cautious mandate rising 4% and the adventurous mandate losing 10.9%

In April 2010 we wrote that we were concerned with outlook for gilts as an asset class, we felt that with the exception of index linked stock, the prospect of rising inflation allied with increased supply would lead to troubled times. With hindsight our call was obviously early, but with 10 year gilt yields falling from 3.9% in February to below 2% in December, our concerns are now magnified.

The disappointing performance of the Adventurous mandate is predominantly attributable to one of our more characterfull assets. Caught by the cyclicity of markets and flight to safety, this particular fund lost nearly 30% of its value. Although we have no desire to experience such a loss again, we have maintained our position (this is an exciting asset that offers a truly unique investment approach that will perform well in a rising market) and are seeking a meeting with the manager before deciding our next move.

With no end in sight to the economic mess we find ourselves in, we believe 2012 will be another year of volatility and fully expect asset prices to rise and fall in line with bouts of investor optimism and pessimism. Whilst patience is a prerequisite, long term investors should be rewarded with markets presenting opportunities along the way.

Specific risks that may affect this portfolio

Investments may use derivative contracts to employ Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM) practices, avail the investment manager with investment flexibility and improve prospective returns. Derivative contracts have a cost and can have a positive or negative effect on performance. (EPM restricts the use of derivatives for the reduction of risk, cost or the generation of additional capital or income with no or acceptable low level of risk).

Investments held in overseas companies will fall and rise directly as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

Fixed interest securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation, this may affect the capital value of the portfolio.

Investments in smaller companies may be less liquid than larger companies and may have more volatile share prices.

High cash holdings will affect performance. If cash is held in a rising market, returns would be less than if the portfolio were fully invested.

Investments may include exposure to emerging markets, which tend to be less well regulated and more volatile than established stock markets.

Investments in fixed interest securities with a low credit rating will carry more risk than investment grade fixed interest.

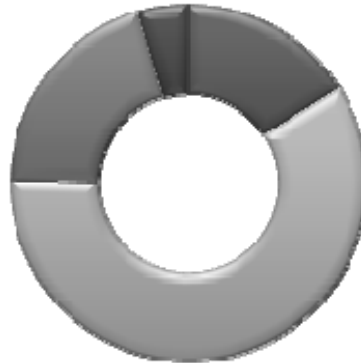
The price at which shares of investment trust companies trade on the stock market is to some extent affected by supply and demand. The price of shares will either be below (trading at a discount) or above (trading at a premium) the underlying asset value for the share – the trust's net asset value. The amount of premium or discount can fluctuate significantly.

Investment trust companies can borrow in order to gear investment return. Gearing can either significantly enhance or reduce returns.

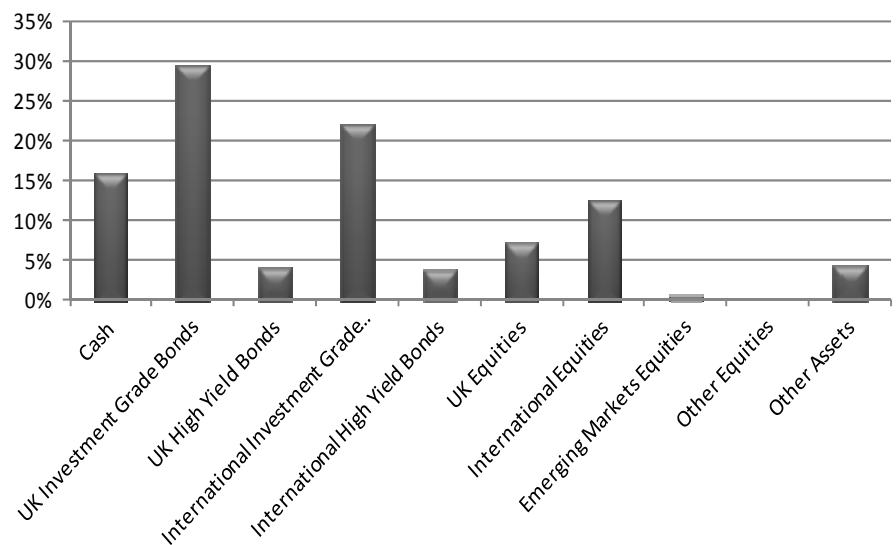
Portfolio Adjustments

None this quarter.

ASSET ALLOCATION



■ Cash 16.1% ■ Fixed Interest 59.3%
■ Equity 20.2% ■ Other 4.4%



Allocating investment capital across different assets is an important aspect of portfolio management, this is because it dictates the level of volatility and the ultimate returns a portfolio can achieve.

The accompanying charts display the asset allocation position of a typical cautious portfolio (as at January 2011). The doughnut chart displays the basic asset split and the bar chart provides more detailed information.

The asset allocation of a portfolio will vary on daily basis in accordance with the investment manager's views and as a result of investment returns.

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