



# ACUMEN EQUITY

REVOLUTIONARY THINKING

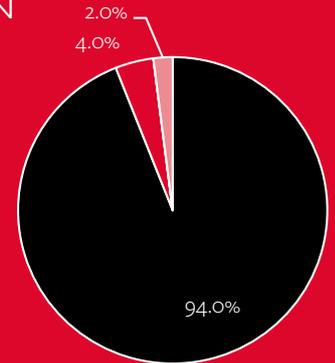
## MANAGER COMMENTARY

The ACUMEN Equity Portfolio (GBP) returned 2.50% in July. The Market Composite Benchmark and the IA Global sector returned 3.04% and 2.48% respectively. The portfolio has a rolling 1-year return of 8.73%.

The US economy surged ahead in the second quarter, growing 4.1% on an annualised basis. Corporate profit growth rose over 20% and the proportion of companies beating forecast estimates is on track for a post-crisis record. This spectacular performance, which appears to be gaining momentum, sent US equities higher. Yet despite gains of 3.6% in July, the S&P 500 remains below its January peak, suggesting that investors are seeking perfection. This was certainly the case for a number of technology stocks such as Facebook, which missed its growth target and suffered the largest one-day market value loss in US stock market history. The transition, from quantitative easing to tightening, remains on track. Fed Chair Jay Powell confirmed that the US central bank will continue to raise interest rates "for now" and ECB President Mario Draghi reiterated his plan to halt bond purchases in December. Although the BoJ kept monetary policy loose, they made a number of adjustments and long-dated bond yields rose significantly. Global government bond yields continue to rise with the 10-year US treasury approaching the 3% level. Geopolitical risks remain elevated. The EU rejected Theresa May's Chequers customs plan, maintaining pressure on sterling, which fell -0.63% to 1.31 versus the US dollar. Meanwhile, Donald Trump called the European Union a "foe" and threatened additional tariffs on all \$500 billion of Chinese imports to the US. This uncertainty, and slowing economic growth, saw China introduce fresh stimulus which weakened the currency against the US dollar. In the Middle East, Iran threatened to blockade the Strait of Hormuz, a key strategic route for oil, yet oil prices fell as OPEC and Russia sought to increase production. The S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Index fell -3.53% but is up 6.47% year to date. During the month, we reduced exposure to emerging markets. The region remains attractive over the long-term, but heightened volatility and growing market risk justifies a more cautious approach heading into the summer.

## ASSET ALLOCATION

- Developed Market Equities
- Emerging Market Equities
- Cash

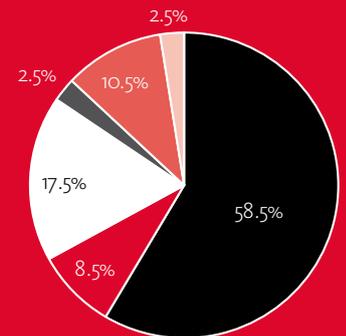


## MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION



## REGION ALLOCATION

- North America
- United Kingdom
- Europe ex UK
- Asia ex Japan
- Japan
- Rest of World



## MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION



## TOP 5 ETF HOLDINGS

- iShares Edge MSCI Europe Multifactor
- iShares Edge MSCI USA Multifactor
- iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor
- iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility
- MS SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW

The top 5 ETF holdings comprise 53.5% of the portfolio

## INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment policy of the ACUMEN Equity Portfolio is to gain exposure through investment in a diversified portfolio comprised of index tracking regulated collective investment schemes (ETFs) and cash. The portfolio aims to have a minimum equity exposure of 80%.

**JULY 2018 Return**

	GBP	EUR	USD
Monthly	2.50%	2.38%	2.64%
Year to Date	1.70%	1.12%	2.74%
Rolling 1-Year Return	8.73%	N/A	N/A

## ACUMEN FEATURES

- IA Sector - Global
- Target volatility - 11.6% to 13.5%
- Daily liquidity
- Daily pricing
- Settlement T+4
- Minimum investment of £1,000
- NISA Compliant
- No initial fees
- No exit fees
- No performance fees
- No bid/offer spread
- No CGT tax event on trades
- No Stamp Duty on holdings within portfolio

## ABOUT TAVISTOCK WEALTH

Tavistock Wealth manages over £1bn of assets on behalf of all clients. We aim to provide private clients with access to institutional quality portfolio management at a retail price. Our model portfolios provide individual investors with the benefit of collective buying power to ensure that the charges they incur for model portfolio management, platform fees and dealing are amongst the lowest in the industry. Tavistock Wealth is a subsidiary of Tavistock Investments Plc, the UK wide financial services group. Currently, Tavistock has over 200 financial advisers helping 50,000+ private clients look after more than £3.5bn of investments.

## ACUMEN PORTFOLIOS

The ACUMEN Portfolios are low cost sub-funds of the ACUMEN OEIC and are comprised of index tracking ETFs. The portfolios provide multi-asset, global coverage with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. The portfolios are regulated to the "gold" standard of European regulation - UCITS compliant. The ACUMEN Portfolios are constructed and optimised by Tavistock primarily using



## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The fund management industry has experienced significant change in the last quarter of a century. Product innovation has enabled investors to benefit from wider exposure to global financial markets with far greater efficiency and at a lower cost. Index-tracking investments such as Exchange Traded Funds have grown increasingly important and form the building blocks for all of the portfolios managed by Tavistock Wealth. We believe an actively managed, globally allocated, multi-asset portfolio, comprised of low-cost ETFs with diversified holdings in equity, bond, commodity and property markets is statistically more likely to outperform a traditional active manager almost all of the time.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the ACUMEN Equity Portfolio is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is typically comprised of higher risk investments such as equities.

## THIRD-PARTY RISK RATING

The ACUMEN Equity Portfolio has been independently risk profiled by Dynamic Planner:



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## PORTFOLIO FACTSHEET



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## BENCHMARKS

The Market Composite Benchmark (GBP Hedged) is the iShares MSCI World ETF. The peer group benchmark is the Investment Association's Global sector. Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## SHARE CLASS

Class X Shares  
Annual Management Charge - 0.75%  
Ongoing Charges Figure - 1.21%  
Transaction Cost - 0.02%  
On-Going Charges - 1.23%  
Sedol Code - GBP: (BZ3T3H6) EUR: (BZ3T3J8) USD: (BZ3T3K9)  
ISIN Code - GBP: (GBooBZ3T3H63) EUR: (GBooBZ3T3J87) USD: (GBooBZ3T3K92)

## INVESTMENT TEAM

Christopher Peel is the Chief Investment Officer of Tavistock Wealth and carries direct responsibility for all discretionary investments at the firm. Together with John Leiper, Head of Portfolio Management, and the portfolio management team, they co-manage the risk progressive range of ACUMEN Portfolios (UCITS funds) and the Tavistock PROFILES (model portfolios).

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Competent Authority - Financial Conduct Authority  
Investment Manager - Tavistock Wealth Limited  
Authorised Corporate Director - Investment Fund Services Limited  
Depository - National Westminster Bank plc  
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The Portfolio is available on the following platforms:

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