

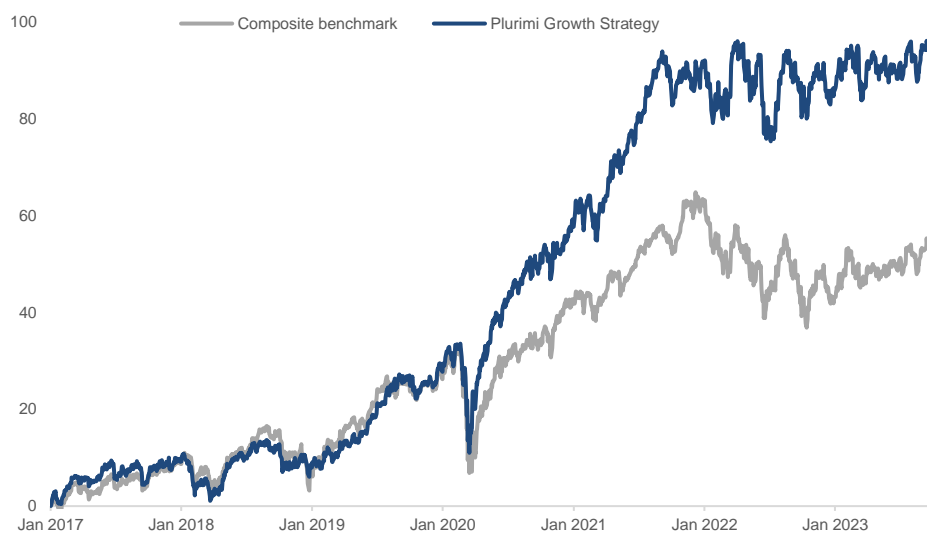
Objectives

The objective of the Plurimi Growth strategy is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investments primarily in global stocks. The strategy is a flexible and seeks to maximise returns vs. a composite 70% MSCI World, 15% FTSE UK Gilts and 15% Markit iBoxx GBP Liquid Corporate Large Cap benchmark by employing active bottom-up stock selection, and tactical allocations across regions, styles and other asset classes.

Risk and return targets

- Typical beta vs. MSCI World: 0.8
- Beta range: 0.5-1.0
- Return target: Composite benchmark +2 % per annum.

Total return (%)



Total return in GBP terms. (Jan 2017 - Sep 2023)
Gross of fees

Source: Bloomberg

Monthly performance (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2023	3.0	-0.9	0.9	-0.5	-1.5	2.0	2.4	-1.0	-0.8				3.6
2022	-3.8	1.3	4.5	-2.1	0.6	-7.4	6.3	1.2	-5.3	3.9	2.2	-3.1	-2.6
2021	-0.6	0.3	3.5	4.8	1.3	4.1	2.5	3.8	-2.7	0.6	-0.5	2.2	20.8
2020	0.9	-3.0	-2.1	6.8	7.1	1.7	1.0	3.3	1.2	-2.3	4.0	3.1	23.5
2019	0.6	0.4	3.6	1.0	0.8	2.8	4.0	2.4	0.3	-2.1	2.1	1.6	18.2
2018	-2.2	-1.7	-2.0	2.4	4.1	0.1	1.6	0.8	0.0	-3.1	0.9	-1.8	-1.0

Total return in GBP terms. (Jan 2017 - Sep 2023)
Gross of fees. Current year and previous five calendar years shown.

Source: Bloomberg

Equity sector exposure (scaled to 100%)

	Strategy	MSCI World	+/-
Communication Services	8.4	7.3	1.0
Consumer Discretionary	14.8	10.9	3.9
Consumer Staples	7.7	7.2	0.5
Energy	8.0	5.2	2.8
Financials	17.0	15.0	2.0
Health Care	15.2	12.8	2.4
Industrials	8.5	10.8	-2.3
Information Technology	17.7	21.7	-4.1
Materials	2.7	4.1	-1.4
Real Estate	0.0	2.3	-2.3
Utilities	0.0	2.6	-2.6

Key points

Stock selection driven by independent research and proprietary selection models.

Top-down regional and style allocations.

More than 50% invested in equities, with flexibility to allocate to cash, commodities, fixed income and structured notes.

Key risks

Capital is at risk. The strategy has a flexible asset allocation policy, which means allocations to risky assets are not fixed and may be increased at the portfolio managers discretion. More than half of the exposure is allocated to equities. The strategy invests globally and takes currency exposure which also can create capital losses. The strategy is diversified but Individual stock and corporate bond risk may be significant.

Relative risk vs composite benchmark

Tracking error (%)	5.7
Beta	0.8

Performance indicators (%)

	Strategy	Benchmark
Annualised return	10.2	6.4
Annualised volatility	9.2	9.9
Sharpe ratio	1.0	0.5
Best month	7.0	8.0
Worst month	-7.4	-7.9
Max drawdown	-16.9	-19.4

Holdings (%)

ALPHABET INC-CL A	3.2
APPLE INC	3.1
ZOETIS INC	3.0
ADOBE INC	3.0
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	3.0
SHELL PLC	3.0
DANONE	2.9
STELLANTIS NV	2.5
ACTIVISION BLIZZARD INC	2.4
HERMES INTERNATIONAL	2.4
EOG RESOURCES INC	2.4
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	2.4
BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTA	2.4
ROCHE HOLDING AG-GENUSSCHEIN	2.3
ASAHI GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	2.2
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	2.2
AON PLC-CLASS A	2.1
VISA INC-CLASS A SHARES	2.0
BIOGEN INC	1.9
DEERE & CO	1.9
AMAZON.COM INC	1.8
ARCELORMITTAL	1.8
HARTFORD FINANCIAL SVCS GRP	1.8
CAPGEMINI SE	1.8
CITIGROUP INC	1.8
MICROSOFT CORP	1.6
MITSUBISHI CORP	1.6
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	1.6
LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP	1.5
PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	1.4
ISHARES GBP CORP BOND 0-5YR	6.7
WT AT1 COCO ETF GBP HEDGED	4.4
ISHARES CORE GBP CORP	4.4
LYXOR US TIPS DR D HDG GBP	4.3
LLOYDS 2 1/2 10/16/24	2.9
UBS 2 1/2 08/08/25	2.7
GS 3 1/2 07/25/29	2.5
TABULA US ENHANCED INF GBPPHA	4.4
BRITISH POUND	0.7

Source: Bloomberg

Commentary

The strategy fell by 0.8% during the month, lagging its composite benchmark which fell by 0.6%.

The strategy's shorter duration stance in fixed income was rewarded when compared to the fall in broader bond markets. We increased the weighting to GBP hedged US inflation-linked bonds, as real yields over inflation rose above 2.0% per annum. We removed positions in Gold during the month. The geopolitical backdrop will probably continue to be supportive for precious metals, but rising real yields and USD strength may be headwinds that are too strong.

During the month we sold ASML. **Applied Materials** was added. Applied Materials sales should be solid in 2024 due to rising demand for Internet of Things (IoT), communication, automotive and power chip (ICAP) customers. Demand from foundry customers such as TSMC might also remain robust due to technology development for the 5- and 3-nanometer processes. Demand from memory-chip customers such as Micron and SK hynix could grow long term due to advanced memory chips for AI servers. Applied Materials' advanced tools may help chip customers improve performance, power, area cost and time to market, leading to robust sales and profit growth in the next four to five years. The stock trades at 17.7x forecast earnings, which is in line with the broader market, but the stock offers higher growth in our opinion.

Shell rose 8% benefitting from higher energy prices. The WTI oil price rose by 10% to \$91/bbl in September after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies curbed crude supplies, Russia banned exports of diesel and official US data confirmed a collapse in crude stockpiles at the vital hub in Cushing, Oklahoma. The company's best-in-class cash generation is translating into a sustained strong buyback pace this year, complemented by a gradual dividend recovery, and driving a 2023 distribution yield of about 12%. **Stellantis** bucked the market sell-off and headwinds from striking UAW members and rose by 7% in September. The company has a long-term strategic plan to double revenue by 2030, partly by taking EV market share, and to generate €20 billion of software revenue. This appears optimistic but an undemanding valuation may indicate this is not priced into the stock. **Activision** rose by 6% on positive indications that the UK regulator may allow the takeover by Microsoft to proceed following concessions made regarding cloud gaming.

Las Vegas Sands fell 13% and **Hermes** fell 8% during the month. Stocks with exposure to the Chinese consumer were significantly down in September. Recruit Holdings fell 10%. The company provides human resource technology, marketing media, and temporary staffing services. The current valuation looks low compared with the stock's historical multiples, based on what may be overly pessimistic views for job seeker numbers.

We expect both equity and bond markets may remain under pressure in the near term, but if central banks give clear indications that their rate hiking cycle has come to an end, this could set a floor for a renewed rally.

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Target return: Composite benchmark +2% p.a.

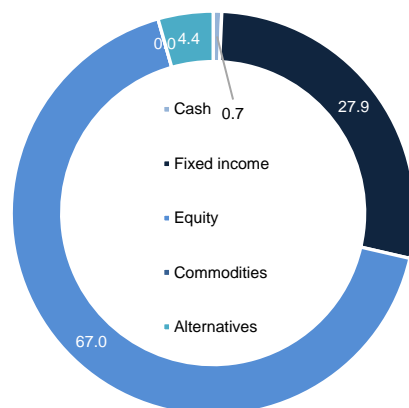
Holdings: 39

Regional equity exposure (scaled to 100%)

	Strategy	MSCI W	Relative
North America	55.7	71.4	-15.8
Europe ex-UK	28.5	14.6	13.9
UK	4.4	4.0	0.4
Japan	9.0	6.2	2.8
Asia & EM	2.4	3.7	-1.3

Asset allocation

(%)



1 month performance contribution (%)

	Attribution		Return
Communication Services	0.1	Top contributors	
Consumer Discretionary	-0.4	SHELL PLC	8.1
Consumer Staples	-0.1	STELLANTIS NV	7.4
Energy	0.3	BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTA	7.4
Financials	0.2	ACTIVISION BLIZZARD INC	5.7
Health Care	-0.2	NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	3.2
Industrials	-0.3	Bottom contributors	
Information Technology	-0.6	RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	-10.3
Materials	0.0	LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP	-13.3
Real Estate	0.0	HERMES INTERNATIONAL	-7.8
Utilities	0.0	APPLE INC	-5.4
		ZOETIS INC	-5.2

Equity characteristics

	Strategy	MSCI World
Dividend Yield	2.4	2.4
Price to Earnings Ratio (P/E)	13.8	18.8
Price to Cash Flow Ratio (P/CF)	13.3	13.5
Price to Book Ratio (P/B)	2.2	2.9
Total Debt to Common Equity	133	145
Current Ratio	1.4	1.2
Est ROE	15.0	37.8
Op. Income Growth	-1.9	-1.3
Sales Growth	14.4	5.9
Est P/E	12.5	16.1
Debt/EBITDA	3.2	3.2
Est EV/EBITDA	13.5	10.9
Profit Margin	10.7	9.6
ROC	5.9	7.2

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