

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 - Apr 2024)

The returns are gross and do not reflect the deduction of investment management fees, which will reduce return.

Source: Bloomberg

Monthly performance (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2024	0.9	4.1	3.3	-2.9									5.3
2023	3.0	-0.9	0.9	-0.5	-1.5	2.0	2.4	-1.0	-0.8	-0.4	3.1	2.5	9.0
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

Total return for current and previous five calendar years in GBP terms. (Jan 2019 - Apr 2024)

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Source: Bloomberg

Equity sector exposure (scaled to 100%)

	Strategy	MSCI World	+/-
Communication Services	10.6	7.5	3.0
Consumer Discretionary	15.1	10.6	4.5
Consumer Staples	4.3	6.7	-2.3
Energy	7.4	4.7	2.8
Financials	15.9	15.4	0.5
Health Care	12.1	12.0	0.1
Industrials	16.8	11.3	5.5
Information Technology	17.7	23.2	-5.5
Materials	0.0	3.9	-3.9
Real Estate	0.0	2.2	-2.2
Utilities	0.0	2.5	-2.5

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 (%)	5.5
Beta	0.8

Performance indicators (%)

	Strategy	Benchmark
Annualised return	10.9	7.4
Annualised volatility	9.1	10.0
Sharpe ratio	1.0	0.6
Best month	7.0	8.0
Worst month	-7.4	-7.9
Max drawdown	-16.9	-19.4

Holdings (%)

ALPHABET INC-CL A	3.5
NVIDIA CORP	3.1
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	3.1
DANONE	3.0
HERMES INTERNATIONAL	2.9
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	2.9
BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTA	2.8
EOG RESOURCES INC	2.7
STELLANTIS NV	2.6
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	2.6
BAE SYSTEMS PLC	2.5
ZOETIS INC	2.5
RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC	2.5
ADOBE INC	2.4
TENARIS SA	2.4
CITIGROUP INC	2.4
META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	2.3
AMAZON.COM INC	2.3
HARTFORD FINANCIAL SVCS GRP	2.2
VISA INC-CLASS A SHARES	2.1
GSK PLC	1.9
HITACHI LTD	1.9
CAPGEMINI SE	1.9
DEERE & CO	1.7
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	1.6
PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	1.4
NINTENDO CO LTD	1.4
OLYMPUS CORP	1.3
LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP	1.3
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	1.2
ISHARES GBP CORP BOND 0-5YR	7.1
WT AT1 COCO ETF GBP HEDGED	4.6
ISHARES CORE GBP CORP	4.2
AM UST GOV IN-LK BD-ETF GHD	4.0
GS 3 ¼ 07/25/29	2.5
LLOYDS 2 ¼ 10/16/24	2.3
UBS 2 ¼ 08/08/25	2.3
TABULA US ENHANCED INF GBPHA	4.2
BRITISH POUND	0.4

Source: Bloomberg

Commentary

The strategy fell by 2.9% during the month, lagging its composite benchmark which fell by 2.8%.

There were no changes to the strategy during the month.

Alphabet was the strongest contributor, rising by 8.7%. The company beat earnings and revenue estimates and provided positive guidance for future earnings. The company's cloud business saw strong top and bottom-line contributions, and advertising revenue was strong in search and in its YouTube business. Despite the rise to a record price, the shares continue to offer good value in our opinion. **Alibaba** rose by 4.3%, making it the third largest contributor during a down month. Economic data out of China was not strong during the month but given the large decline in BABA shares it wasn't weak enough to push the stock lower. **Hitachi** rose by 1.9%. The company posted strong earnings at month end; it also announced a share buyback program equating to 2.3% of all shares outstanding. EOG benefitted from continued high oil prices, and some investors looking for equities which may benefit from geopolitical risks in the Middle-East.

The stock market punished companies that missed earnings or provided weak guidance in April.

Tenaris fell by 14.5%. The stock gave back previous gains following earnings guidance that missed estimates. Tenaris sees sales lower than the first quarter. In the third quarter, they will have stoppages at many mills, in a focus to improve environmental characteristics at the expense of current profitability. **Las Vegas Sands** fell by 13.5%. The company reported below consensus earnings and ebitda. Renovations led to company specific miss, but industry wide discounting hurt margins for the company. At 15x forecast earnings, we think the stock offers good value from here. **Meta** fell by more than 10%. The company delivered earnings and revenue ahead of consensus, but the company increased its planned capital expenditure, which will reduce near term free cash flow for shareholders. **Stellantis** fell 15.5% as the company suffered with strikes at supplier plants in Europe.

Our shorter than benchmark positioning on duration led to strong relative performance during the month. We expect longer duration bonds may continue to lose value as inflation persists. Apart from what seem to be ever-present geopolitical risk, US inflation remains too high, and this limits the Fed's ability to cut rates as much as the market had been expecting at the beginning of the year.

As the Global economy remains strong, the current equity correction looks as though it may now have run its course. Leading economic indicators are rising, and for the most part Q1 reporting season is delivering positive surprises. Renewed bi-partisan support in the US for both Israel and Ukraine could also reduce geopolitical concerns.

Strategy managers:

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

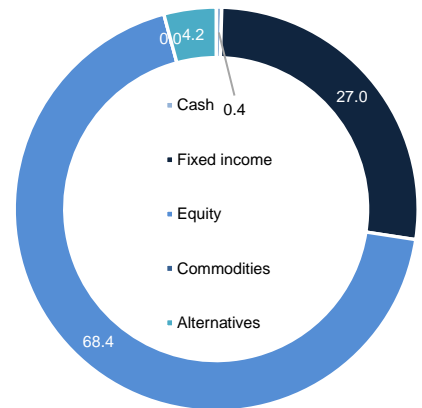
Holdings: 39

Regional equity exposure (scaled to 100%)

	Strategy	MSCI W	Relative
North America	51.4	72.2	-20.8
Europe ex-UK	29.9	14.4	15.4
UK	6.7	3.8	2.9
Japan	10.8	6.0	4.7
Asia & EM	1.9	3.5	-1.6

Asset allocation

(%)



1 month performance contribution (%)

Equity sector	Attribution
Communication Services	-0.1
Consumer Discretionary	-0.8
Consumer Staples	-0.1
Energy	-0.3
Financials	-0.3
Health Care	-0.1
Industrials	-0.2
Information Technology	-0.7
Materials	0.0
Real Estate	0.0
Utilities	0.0

Top contributors	Return
ALPHABET INC-CL A	8.7
EOG RESOURCES INC	4.9
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	2.3
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	4.3
HITACHI LTD	1.9

Bottom contributors	Return
STELLANTIS NV	-15.5
TENARIS SA	-14.5
META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	-10.7
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	-11.6
LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP	-13.5

Equity characteristics

	Strategy	MSCI World
Dividend Yield	2.5	2.2
Price to Earnings Ratio (P/E)	16.2	21.5
Price to Cash Flow Ratio (P/CF)	15.0	15.0
Price to Book Ratio (P/B)	2.9	3.2
Total Debt to Common Equity	153	143
Current Ratio	1.4	1.2
Est ROE	29.1	32.6
Op. Income Growth	5.6	2.2
Sales Growth	7.4	4.2
Est P/E	14.6	17.8
Debt/EBITDA	3.0	3.2
Est EV/EBITDA	15.3	12.0
Profit Margin	13.2	9.5
ROC	7.7	7.1

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