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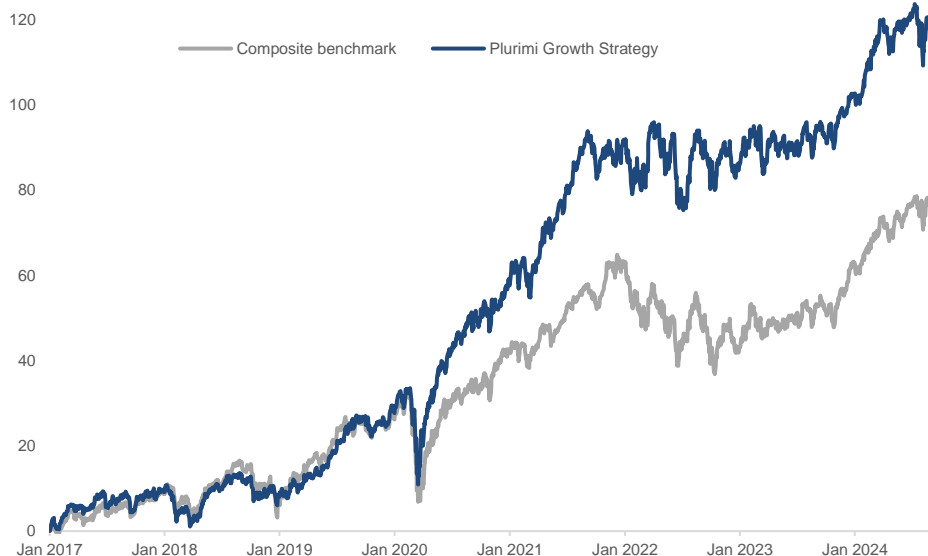
Objectives

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 - Aug 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	2.3	1.4	-0.8	0.9					9.3
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 - Aug 2024)

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Source: Bloomberg

Equity sector exposure (scaled to 100%)

	Strategy	MSCI World	+/-
Communication Services	11.1	7.4	3.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.8	9.9	2.8
Consumer Staples	10.0	6.5	3.4
Energy	6.5	4.1	2.4
Financials	12.5	15.5	-3.0
Health Care	9.2	12.3	-3.1
Industrials	16.7	11.0	5.7
Information Technology	15.1	24.7	-9.6
Materials	2.6	3.7	-1.1
Real Estate	0.0	2.3	-2.3
Utilities	3.5	2.6	0.9

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 (%)	5.4
Beta	0.8

Performance indicators (%)

	Strategy	Benchmark
Annualised return	10.9	7.8
Annualised volatility	8.9	9.8
Sharpe ratio	1.1	0.6
Best month	7.0	8.0
Worst month	-7.4	-7.9
Max drawdown	-16.9	-19.4

Holdings

	(%)
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	3.6
ALPHABET INC-CL A	3.0
NVIDIA CORP	3.0
DANONE	3.0
ADOBE INC	2.8
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	2.8
META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	2.8
HERMES INTERNATIONAL	2.8
ZOETIS INC	2.8
DR HORTON INC	2.6
EOG RESOURCES INC	2.5
KANSAI ELECTRIC POWER CO INC	2.5
PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	2.4
HARTFORD FINANCIAL SVCS GRP	2.4
ASSOCIATED BRITISH FOODS PLC	2.4
HITACHI LTD	2.3
SERVICENOW INC	2.2
DASSAULT AVIATION SA	2.2
3M CO	2.2
DEVON ENERGY CORP	2.1
ROCHE HOLDING AG-GENUSSSCHEIN	2.1
PUBLICIS GROUPE	2.1
CITIGROUP INC	2.1
VISA INC-CLASS A SHARES	2.0
AMAZON.COM INC	2.0
FREEPORT-MCMORAN INC	1.9
WALMART INC	1.8
OLYMPUS CORP	1.7
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	1.7
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	1.6
ISHARES GBP CORP BOND 0-5YR	5.8
WT AT1 COCO ETF GBP HEDGED	4.3
ISHARES CORE GBP CORP	3.9
AM UST GOV IN-LK BD-ETF GHD	3.9
GS 3 ¼ 07/25/29	2.4
LLOYDS 2 ¼ 10/16/24	2.2
UBS 2 ¼ 08/08/25	2.1
TABULA US ENHANCED INF GBPHA	3.9
BRITISH POUND	0.0

Source: Bloomberg

Commentary

The strategy rose by 0.9% during the month, beating its composite benchmark which rose by 0.3%.

We have the strategy positioned with a small overweight in equities, 71% vs. a 70% neutral position based on the prospect of central bank easing and our view the global economy avoids a recession.

New additions were the driver of the outperformance. At the beginning of the month, we added **Walmart**. It was a strong contributor in August rising by 10% on the back of strong earnings and aggregate retail sales numbers. Walmart should be well positioned to expand its market share in the current environment where customers are becoming more cost conscious. Its scale and e-commerce gains and cost control are all driving higher profits for the company. **ServiceNow** rose 2.4% following its addition. ServiceNow provides enterprise information technology management software. The company designs, develops, and markets cloud computing platforms. 95% of revenue comes from subscriptions which makes it very predictable. The company's recent investor day highlighted a clear demand for its automation services, which are driving strong sales and margin growth. **Dassault Aviation** 2.4% since it was added. Dassault Aviation manufactures military aircraft, business jets, and space systems. The stock trades at less than 15x forecast earnings, and it should benefit from a longer-term trend of increased defense spending. **3M** rose 4.8% following its addition. 3M Company has operations in electronics, telecommunications, industrial, consumer and office, health care, and safety. A cost cutting program initiated in 2023 has led to margin expansion exceeding consensus expectations in recent quarters. **Roche** rose 2.6% after its addition. Roche is one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies which operates in two divisions, Pharmaceuticals and Diagnostics. Roche's raised full-year earnings guidance in July and clinical trials have shown some early-stage success in obesity assets.

Meta rose 7%, as it significantly raised its revenue guidance for the coming quarter. **Hitachi** was the largest contributor rising by 9.7% following strong earnings report with a wave of analyst upgrades.

Applied Materials and **Renesas** were the most significant detractors in August, falling by 9% and 7% respectively. The stocks suffered from tensions between US and China on potential increased chip restrictions attempting to cut China off from advanced technology. We removed Renesas during the month. **Alphabet** fell 7.0%. It reported earnings that beat expectations, but its outlook was lower than some estimates.

Fixed income positions delivered positive returns with Gilts and corporate bonds both rallying by 0.3%. Interest rates moved lower as soft inflation numbers increased the potential for easing from the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England. Our fixed income positioning outperformed the market with a 1.3% return from inflation linked bonds, which outperformed conventional bonds in August.

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

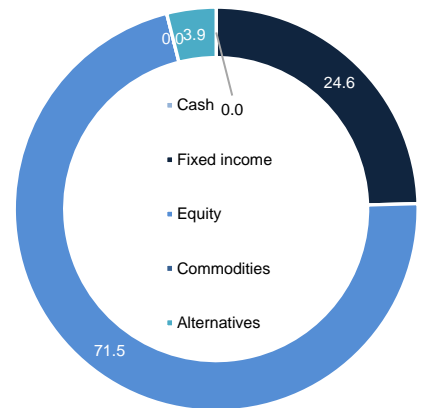
Holdings: 39

Regional equity exposure (scaled to 100%)

	Strategy	MSCI W	Relative
North America	63.1	73.2	-10.1
Europe ex-UK	17.0	14.0	3.0
UK	3.3	3.7	-0.3
Japan	14.1	5.8	8.4
Asia & EM	2.4	3.3	-0.9

Asset allocation

(%)



1 month performance contribution (%)

Equity sector	Attribution
Communication Services	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	0.1
Consumer Staples	0.3
Energy	-0.2
Financials	0.2
Health Care	0.1
Industrials	0.6
Information Technology	-0.3
Materials	-0.1
Real Estate	0.0
Utilities	0.0

Top contributors	Return
HITACHI LTD	9.7
HERMES INTERNATIONAL	7.2
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	5.6
META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	7.3
PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	7.6

Bottom contributors	Return
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	-9.0
ALPHABET INC-CL A	-7.0
DEVON ENERGY CORP	-7.0
AMAZON.COM INC	-6.7
RENESAS ELECTRONICS CORP	-6.5

Equity characteristics

	Strategy	MSCI World
Dividend Yield	2.6	2.0
Price to Earnings Ratio (P/E)	19.3	23.7
Price to Cash Flow Ratio (P/CF)	14.4	16.8
Price to Book Ratio (P/B)	3.3	3.5
Total Debt to Common Equity	121	144
Current Ratio	1.3	1.2
Est ROE	28.2	35.1
Op. Income Growth	7.9	1.2
Sales Growth	-1.9	3.7
Est P/E	16.8	18.7
Debt/EBITDA	3.3	3.2
Est EV/EBITDA	15.4	12.6
Profit Margin	10.7	9.4
ROC	7.8	6.9

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