

BMO Managed Portfolio Trust PLC Growth Portfolio



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Manager Commentary
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Global equity markets continued to experience turbulence throughout December, with the direction of travel mainly downwards. This time it was the US market, which had been the one major equity market in positive territory for the year, that finally succumbed, with a 9% fall for the month. This meant that the S&P Composite Index recorded negative returns for the year, although for UK-based investors, returns were marginally positive when translated back into sterling due to currency weakness. The trigger for the fall was another increase in US interest rates to 2.5%, the ninth since 2016. Although the rate rise was well signalled, markets responded negatively, fearful that the Federal Reserve, if it continued this policy, would almost certainly cause a recession in the US late in 2019 or in 2020. Equity markets in the US fell sharply, and elsewhere, markets moved lower as well.

Against this background, the FTSE All Share Index declined by 3.8%, while the FTSE Equity Investment Instruments Index fell by 4.3% (both figures are in total return terms).

The net asset value of the Growth Portfolio was 5.3% lower over the month (also in total return terms). Once again, a key contributor to performance was Syncona, which gained 1% with the help of strong performance from some of its underlying biotechnology holdings.

Key facts as at 31.12.2018

Trust aims: The objective for the Growth Portfolio is to provide growth shareholders with capital growth from a diversified portfolio of investment companies. The Growth Portfolio invests in a diversified portfolio of at least 25 investment companies that have underlying investment exposures across a range of geographic regions and sectors and the focus of which is to maximise total returns, principally through capital growth.

Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index

Fund type: Investment Trust

Launch date: April 2008

Total assets - portfolio: £67.2 million

Total assets - company: £124.4 million

Share price: 190.50p

NAV: 188.62p

Discount/Premium(-/+): 1.00%

Net gearing/Net cash*: 0.0%/5.4%

Management fee rate:** 0.65%

Ongoing charges:** 1.03%

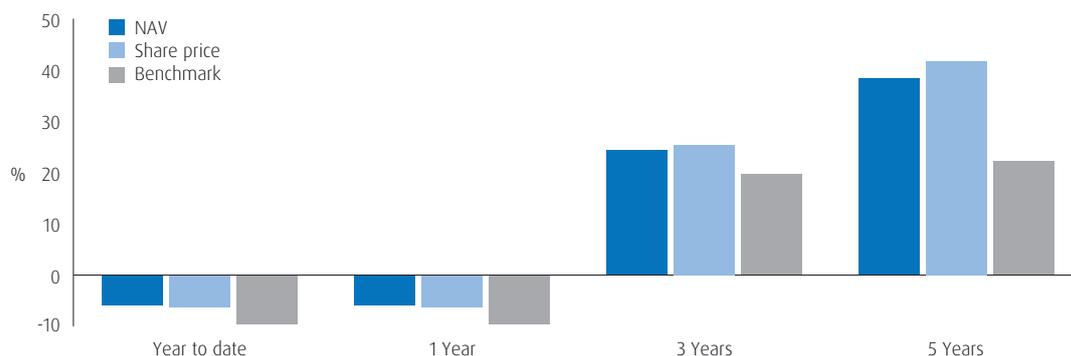
Year end: 31 May

Sector: Flexible Investment

Currency: Sterling

Website: bmomanagedportfolio.com

Fund performance as at 31.12.2018



Cumulative performance (%) as at 31.12.2018

	1 Month	Year to date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
NAV	-5.3	-5.7	-5.7	24.3	38.3
Share price	-4.27	-6.16	-6.16	25.33	41.64
Benchmark	-3.75	-9.47	-9.47	19.54	22.13

Discrete performance (%) as at 31.12.2018

	2018/2017	2017/2016	2016/2015	2015/2014	2014/2013
NAV	-5.7	20.1	9.7	7.4	3.6
Share price	-6.16	24.16	7.57	8.19	4.46
Benchmark	-9.47	13.10	16.75	0.98	1.18

Key risks

Stock market movements may cause the value of investments and the income from them to fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Changes in rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of investments. If markets fall, gearing can magnify the negative impact on performance.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper and BMO. Basis: Percentage growth, total return, bid to bid price with net income reinvested in sterling. The discrete performance table refers to 12 month periods, ending at the date shown.

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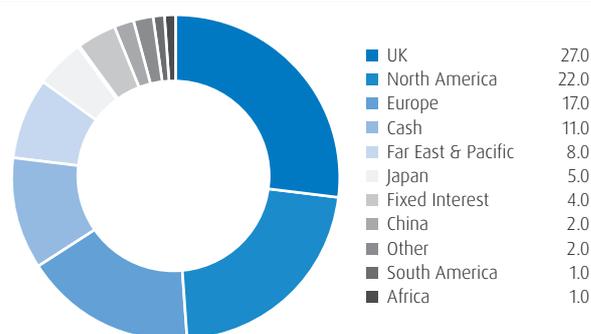
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Trust codes	
Stock Exchange code	Sedol
BMPG	BZPP252

Top 10 holdings (%)		
	% of net assets	Sector
Monks Investment Trust	4.3	Global
Syncona Limited	3.6	Biotechnology & Healthcare
Polar Capital Technology Trust	3.0	Tech Media & Telecomm
BH Macro	3.0	Hedge Funds
RIT Capital Partners	3.0	Flexible Investment
Personal Assets Trust	2.9	Flexible Investment
Allianz Technology Trust	2.9	Tech Media & Telecomm
Worldwide Healthcare Trust	2.8	Biotechnology & Healthcare
Capital Gearing	2.8	Flexible Investment
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	2.8	Global

Geographical breakdown (%)



The geographical breakdown of the Portfolio's investments is on a 'look-through' basis. Source: BMO and AIC.

Glossary

Bid price	Investment trust shares are sold via the stock exchange at the bid price. This price is determined by supply and demand.
Dividend	Income paid to shareholders by the company they invest in.
Net asset value	A key measure of the value of a company or trust – the total value of assets less liabilities, divided by the number of shares.

All data as at 31.12.2018 unless otherwise stated.

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