



April 2024

**Lead Manager**

Miles Moseley

**Launch Date**

April 2003

**Gross Dividend Yield**

3.7%

**Distribution Dates**

18th Jan, 18th Apr,  
18th Jul, 18th Oct

**Structure**

Shares & collectives

**Number of Stocks Held**

30-45

**Minimum Investment**

£50,000

**Initial Charge**

Nil

**Annual Management Charge**

0.75% + VAT

**Dealing Commission**

1.25% on the first £7,500  
0.75% on the next  
£12,500  
0.5% thereafter

**Annual Compliance Charge**

£40 or £80 + VAT  
Based on portfolio  
value

**Investment Objective**

The Balkerne Asset Management Growth MSS (Managed Stockbroking Service) is an actively-managed portfolio of 30 to 45 holdings and has the Investment Objective to provide long-term capital appreciation, with less emphasis on income, and a **Higher than Medium Risk Profile**.

**Suitability**

This portfolio is suited to clients who understand that the level of potential return on their investment should increase as a result of taking greater risk. They also understand that to achieve the potential for higher returns, their investment may fluctuate substantially at times, but that over the longer term they could achieve a higher level of return than from a 'Balanced' portfolio. The value of investments, and the income from them, are not guaranteed and may rise and fall to a greater extent than with a 'Balanced' portfolio.

**Investment Policy**

To achieve the investment objective by investing principally, but not exclusively, in UK blue-chip equities (minimum weighting 50%) and, as appropriate, fixed-interest/bond investments, property, international (minimum weighting 10%) and specialist stocks through collective investments and alternative investments (such as absolute return funds or multi-asset strategy funds).

**Valuations & Reporting**

Quarterly valuations are issued as at 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December of each year. Included with the valuation is a schedule of income received for the period.

**Asset Allocation (as at 22/04/2024)**

<u>Asset Type</u>	
Equities	72.0%
Fixed Interest	11.2%
Commercial Property	8.0%
Alternative	6.7%
Cash	2.1%

<u>Geographical Split</u>	
United Kingdom	73.2%
International	26.8%

<u>Top 10 Sectors</u>	
International Equity Funds	26.8%
Bond Funds	11.2%
Banks	9.4%
Real Estate Investment Trusts	8.0%
UK Smaller Companies Funds	7.8%
Alternative Assets	6.7%
Pharmaceuticals	6.4%
Mining	6.1%
Life Insurance	3.9%
Software & Computer Services	3.0%

<u>Top 10 Holdings</u>	
Slater Growth Fund	7.8%
Scottish Mortgage Trust	5.3%
Schroder Oriental Income Trust	4.7%
Blackrock World Mining Trust	4.1%
Aegon Sustainable Equity Fund	4.1%
Royal London Corporate Bond	3.8%
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	3.8%
Lloyds Banking Group	3.8%
Artemis Corporate Bond Fund	3.5%
Tritax Big Box REIT	3.5%

**Performance Profile (as at 31/03/2024)**

% Growth, Annualised	01.04.19 31.03.20	01.04.20 31.03.21	01.04.21 31.03.22	01.04.22 31.03.23	01.04.23 31.03.24
<b>Balkerne Asset Management Growth MSS</b>	<b>-14.9%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

% Growth, Cumulative	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Balkerne Asset Management Growth MSS</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>76.1%</b>

## Lead Manager's Commentary as at 31.03.24

The Growth MSS returned +3.2% over the first quarter of 2024 and +7.9% over the last 12 months.

Performance was driven by both asset allocation and stock selection. We are neutral in fixed-interest/corporate bonds and retain a zero weighting to direct sovereign debt. Our best performing fund over the quarter being Rathbone Ethical Corporate Bond Fund.

The Growth MSS is overweight equities. Outperformers in the quarter included Spirent Communications, Vistry Group, Antofagasta, 3i Group Trust and Scottish Mortgage Trust. Underperformers included Prudential, Rio Tinto, Kainos Group and BlackRock World Mining Trust.

We are overweight alternative assets. Our best performing commercial property holding was Londonmetric Property REIT and our best performing alternative was Empiric Student Property REIT.

No new holdings were established in the quarter. No positions were exited in the quarter.

The Growth MSS is defensively positioned as the world battles with higher inflation and high interest rates. We favour income producing assets, with some inflation protection and a balanced exposure to UK & International equities and corporate debt, whilst retaining a minimal weighting to direct sovereign debt.

## Company Profile

At Balkerne Asset Management we have always held the belief that managing client monies is a privilege and not a right and it is this ethos which underpins the day to day management and processes within the organisation.

Established since the early 1980's, Balkerne Asset Management has built a strong tradition for offering both bespoke and model Discretionary Portfolio Management services, tailored to the objectives and risk profile of their clients. With a team of experienced and knowledgeable individuals within the investment and financial services professions, Balkerne Asset Management are well positioned to manage a broad range of investment portfolios inclusive of a diverse spread of assets across all market and geographic sectors.

Detailed attention to the daily management of portfolios is a critical aspect of the firm's process and has helped earn Balkerne Asset Management a respected reputation for providing a unique approach to discretionary portfolio management for discerning clients.

## Management Profile

### Miles Moseley, FCCA, FCSI, IMC, Lead Manager

Miles has responsibility for the day to day management of the Balkerne Asset Management Growth MSS. Miles is a Certified Accountant and joined the Group in November 1987. He qualified in Private Client Investment Advice and Management, and gained the prestigious Investment Management Certificate in 1997. In 2005 Miles led a successful management buyout of the Group.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Factsheet should be read in conjunction with the full Key Features Document, which is available on request.

All performance data contained within this Factsheet has been obtained from the Lead Manager. Errors and Omissions excluded.

The performance figures included in this Factsheet show the growth of the investments. For illustrative purposes, dividends have been re-invested though they may be taken as income.

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