

# **Growth MSS**

February 2025

Lead Manager

Miles Moseley

**Launch Date** 

April 2003

**Gross Dividend Yield** 

3.4%

**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 <a href="Higher than Medium Risk Profile">Higher than Medium Risk Profile</a>.

## **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 18/02/2025)

Asset Type	
Equities Fixed Interest	70.2% 12.2%
Commercial Property Alternative	8.0% 5.9%
Cash	3.7%

Geographical Split	
United Kingdom	70.7%
International	29.3%

Top 10 Sectors			
International Equity Funds	29.3%		
Bond Funds	12.2%		
UK Smaller Companies Funds	9.7%		
Real Estate Investment Trusts	8.0%		
Banks	7.8%		
Alternative Assets	5.9%		
Pharmaceuticals	4.3%		
Software & Computer Services	3.7%		
Life Insurance	3.7%		
Mining	3.2%		

Top 10 Holdings			
Slater Growth Fund Scottish Mortgage Trust Schroder Oriental Income Trust Aegon Sustainable Equity Fund Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund Artemis Corporate Bond Fund Royal London Corporate Bond Tritax Big Box REIT Edinburgh Worldwide Trust	9.7% 7.9% 6.9% 5.9% 4.3% 4.0% 3.9% 3.8% 3.6%		
Blackrock World Mining Trust	3.1%		

# Performance Profile (as at 31/12/2024)

% Growth, Annualised				01.01.23 31.12.23	01.01.24 31.12.24
Balkerne Asset Management Growth MSS	10.3%	12.8%	-16.1%	3.9%	3.7%

% Growth, Cumulative	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Balkerne Asset Management Growth MSS	-3.8%	3.7%	-9.7%	12.3%	71.1%

## Lead Manager's Commentary as at 31.12.24

The Growth MSS returned -3.8% over the final quarter of 2024 and +3.7% over the last 12 months.

Performance was driven by both asset allocation and stock selection. We hold an overweighting in fixed-interest/corporate bonds. Our best performing funds over the quarter being Artemis Corporate Bond Fund and Royal London Corporate Bond Fund.

The Growth MSS is overweight equities. Outperformers in the quarter included Standard Chartered, Barclays Bank, Rentokil Initial, Edinburgh Worldwide Trust, Scottish Mortgage Trust, and Slater Growth Fund. Underperformers included Vistry Group, Antofagasta, 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 Target Healthcare REIT.

No new holdings were established in the quarter. One position was exited in the quarter 3i Group Trust.

The Growth MSS is positioned to benefit from the recovery in the western world and take advantage of lower 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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