



# EF 8AM Multi-Strategy Portfolio Funds

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## INVESTMENT AIMS

The objective of the funds is to achieve long term Capital Growth (within defined volatility targets).

Fund Name	Volatility Range <sup>1</sup>	Typical Investor Profile	Peer Group (for illustrative comparison only) <sup>2</sup>
Multi-Strategy Portfolio II	5.0 – 9.5	Cautious	Mixed Investment 20 – 60% Shares
Multi-Strategy Portfolio III	10.0 – 14.5	Balanced	Mixed Investment 40 – 85% Shares
Multi-Strategy Portfolio IV	15.0 – 19.5	Adventurous	Mixed Investment 40 – 85% Shares

<sup>1</sup>Ranges are measured using the Standard Deviation of the Fund's annualised returns over 1 year periods. <sup>2</sup>The IA's Mixed Investment sectors have strict guidelines as to how funds within those sectors should be managed. It is your Managers belief that an unconstrained approach may produce superior results, so he does not wish to be bound by those guidelines. Therefore Multi-Strategy III and IV currently reside within the Unclassified Sector. Nevertheless, we do believe that the IA's managed sectors are a useful tool for comparing the performance of your fund to those with similar investment objectives, or its "peers".

## WHY INVEST?

- Provides a total portfolio management solution.
- A highly experienced management team headed by Richard Philbin.
- A risk controlled portfolio, managed within defined volatility bands.
- Widely diversified portfolio with a broad range of asset classes.
- Selecting only consistently consistent funds and managers.

## PERFORMANCE (CLASS A)

	6 m	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	YTD
Multi-Strategy Portfolio II	-1.62%	2.23%	6.66%	20.73%	-3.79%
Multi-Strategy Portfolio III	-3.49%	0.75%	6.23%	20.84%	-6.10%
Multi-Strategy Portfolio IV	-4.30%	0.34%	4.71%	22.56%	-6.46%

Source: Financial Express to 28.02.20

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ISIN: MSP II: GB00B9J92G01 (Class A) MSP III: GB00B9L57F01 (Class A)  
MSP IV: GB00B9L5BC50 (Class A)

## KEY FACTS

Fund Manager	Richard Philbin
Fund Size	MSP II: £22.32m MSP III: £13.88m MSP IV: £3.56m
Launch Date/ Price	MSP II: 01.08.07/ 100p MSP III, IV: 07.05.13/ 100p
Vehicle Type	UK OEIC
Unit Type	Income
ISA Eligible?	Yes
Total Expense Ratio	MSP II: 1.81% (Class A) MSP III: 2.00% (Class A) MSP IV: 2.27% (Class A)
Initial charge	0% (Class A & C) up to 5% (Class R)
Price (NAV)	MSP II: 117.44p (Class A) MSP III: 130.91p (Class A) MSP IV: 137.65p (Class A)
Dealing Day & Time	Daily at 12 noon
Year End	30th June
Income Allocation	31st Aug, 28th Feb
Min Investment	£1,000 (Class A)
Base Currency	Sterling
Pricing Basis	Forward/Single Price
Sedol Number:	MSP II: B9J92G0 MSP III: B9L57F0 MSP IV: B9L5BC5



## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

January was an unusual month, February more so. The worries of the Coronavirus spreading beyond China became very real and this affected not just capital markets of the world, but it became very real. Death numbers rose dramatically, contagion spread worldwide and many countries took many measures to halt the spread. In February the shift from an epidemic to a pandemic became real, as did the impact that this virus would cause to the global economy.

The words “US/China trade wars” and “Brexit” for instance being the headlines behind market movements feel like they will be consigned to history as “global recession” “lockdown” “helicopter money” among many other words enter daily parlance. Last month we wrote there could be a global recession in 2020. A month later and the word “could” has been firmly replaced with the word “will”. From an economic perspective, how long this lasts, how deep a recession there will be and what will be the lasting impacts are conversations being had in the corridors of power.

Volatility in markets has spiked to levels unseen before. The speed and ferocity in the collapse of the stock market is unprecedented. How Central Banks will react will be very interesting. It goes without saying that the cost to human life and the disruption caused will be high. Scientists and medical professionals are working day and night to find a cure and to alleviate the suffering.

Most capital markets in February registered negative returns – and not surprisingly so. Most developed stock markets were between 5% and 10% down and very few notched up a positive return. UK investors also saw returns hit from overseas markets as the US Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, Indian Rupee and many other currencies for instance strengthened against Sterling. The only real safe haven was cash, and government debt.

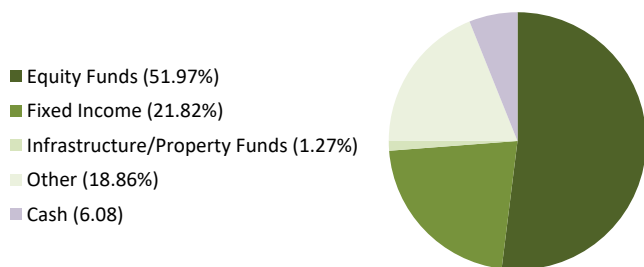
\*Source: All performance data Financial Express

## MULTI-STRATEGY PORTFOLIO II

Top Ten Holdings	Asset Class	%
Fidelity Index World	Equity Funds	9.63
Fidelity Investment Fund	Equity Funds	7.98
Baillie Gifford Corporate Bond Fund	Fixed Income	7.55
Brown Advisory Global Leaders Fund	Equity Funds	6.54
JP Morgan GBP Ultra Short Income	Equity Funds	5.89
TM Crux European Special Situations	Equity Funds	5.67
CC Japan Income and Growth Founder	Equity Funds	5.57
Liontrust Special Situations	Equity Funds	5.39
Latitude Horizon Fund	Other	5.37
CF Miton UK Multi Cap Inc	Equity Funds	5.34

Source: 8AM Global LLP

## ASSET ALLOCATION



## COMMENTARY

In a month where “risk-off” was the order of the day, the portfolio maintained its defensive stance. Cash was allowed to build within the portfolio and exposure to “other” sectors grew. Equity allocation fell – partly from portfolio activity, partly due to the asset class underperforming other asset classes.

There were some relative wins over the month – a number of funds registered returns comfortably ahead of the peer group and special mention should go to JPM Ultra Short Income, Jupiter Strategic Bond, Tetragon Financial, Invesco Global Financial Capital as their portfolios held up very well in the light of increased market volatility.

At the end of February, allocation to equity stood at 51.97% (down from 53.04%) fixed income rose to 21.82%, cash rose to 6.08%, infrastructure stood unchanged at 1.27% and exposure to other funds gained slightly to 18.86%.

No new holdings were purchased in the month and no existing assets were completely removed.

Source: All performance data - Financial Express. All portfolio data 8AM Global LLP.

## PERFORMANCE



31/08/2012 - 28/02/2020 Data from FEfundinfo2020

Source: Financial Express

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## MULTI-STRATEGY PORTFOLIO III

Top Ten Holdings	Asset Class	%
Fidelity Index World	Equity Funds	10.96
Fidelity Investment Fund	Equity Funds	8.41
Liontrust Special Situations	Equity Funds	7.63
Brown Advisory Global Leaders Fund	Equity Funds	6.84
CF Chelverton UK Equity Fund	Equity Funds	5.78
Brooks Macdonald A Defensive Cap	Other	5.33
TM Crux European Special Situations IRI	Equity Funds	5.13
Fidelity Asian Values Plc	Equity Funds	4.59
Artemis Strategic Bond	Fixed Income	4.43
Herald Investment Trust Plc	Equity Funds	4.20

Source: 8AM Global LLP

### COMMENTARY

As market volatility rose, the number of holdings were reduced by one in February as exposure to emerging markets was reduced and the fixed income asset class was increased. The portfolio contains exposure to 27 underlying funds.

Exposure to equity fell a little, and the fund increased allocation to the "other" sector – a diversifying asset class – to try to broaden out the risks inherent in the market at present.

Roughly half of the funds in the underlying portfolio beat their peer group over the month, with some funds delivering notable outperformance. We are early days into this current market correction and we are expecting more volatility ahead, but in the meantime, the following funds are worthy of noting for their relative numbers – JPM Ultra Short Income, Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond, Tetragon Financial, Artemis Strategic Bond, Brown Advisory Global Leaders, Invesco Global Financial Capital.

We believe the portfolio remains suitable for investors willing to accept a higher degree of risk as the portfolio continues to meet the objectives of the prospectus. Equity allocation at 75.32% has fallen from 76.00% at the turn of the year, and "other" has risen to 11.94% from 11.27%.

Source: All performance data - Financial Express. All portfolio data 8AM Global LLP.

## MULTI-STRATEGY PORTFOLIO IV

Top Ten Holdings	Asset Class	%
Fidelity Investment Fund	Equity Funds	16.29
Fidelity Index World	Equity Funds	12.20
Tetragon Financial Group	Other	7.35
Fidelity Investment Funds Index US	Equity Funds	6.91
3i Group Plc	Equity Funds	6.86
RIT Capital Partners	Equity Funds	6.79
Jupiter European Instit	Equity Funds	6.24
Hipgnosis Songs Fund Limited	Other	5.86
Fidelity Asian Values	Equity Funds	5.10
TM Crux European Special Situations Fund	Equity Funds	3.72

Source: 8AM Global LLP

### COMMENTARY

With no new investments made during the month, or no existing assets entirely removed from your portfolio in February, the portfolio remains diversified across a large number of geographies and investment styles, investing in a large number of underlying companies to spread stock specific risks.

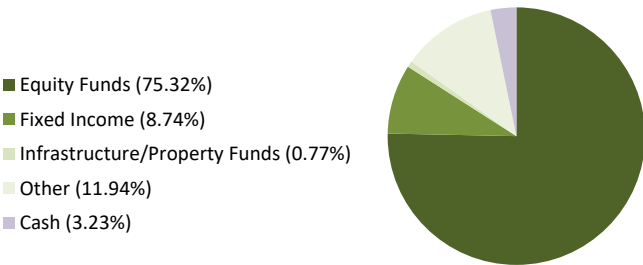
Exposure to equity holdings fell by a little over 2% in February, cash was increased by 1% and diversifying assets ("other") increased by a little under 1%. Elsewhere in your portfolio the allocation to UK and Europe rose and the allocation to global managers cut (by about 3.50%).

In the month, a number of funds relatively outperformed their peer groups and worthy of note would be the following: Hipgnosis Songs Fund, Tetragon Financial, Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust, 3i Group Plc, Fidelity Asian Values Plc.

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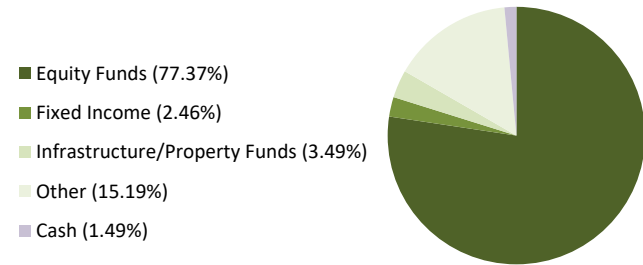


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## ASSET ALLOCATION



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## SUITABILITY

### Multi-Strategy Portfolio II

An investor who is comfortable with holding a significant proportion of their portfolio in higher risk investments in order to have the opportunity for a greater investment return.

An investor who is prepared to accept investment losses in the short-term in order to achieve potentially greater investment returns over the longer-term. The portfolio will be subject to fluctuations in value.

### Multi-Strategy Portfolio III

An investor who is comfortable with holding a significant proportion of their portfolio in higher risk investments in order to have the opportunity for a greater investment return.

An investor who is prepared to accept investment losses in the short-term in order to achieve potentially greater investment returns over the longer-term. The portfolio will be subject to fluctuations in value.

### Multi-Strategy Portfolio IV

An investor who is comfortable with holding a significant proportion of their portfolio in higher risk investments in order to have the opportunity for a greater investment return.

An investor who is prepared to accept investment losses in the short term in order to achieve potentially greater investment returns over the longer term. The portfolio will be subject to significant fluctuations in value.

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