



## ACUMEN Megatrends Protection Portfolio

December 2023

31/12/23  
NAV  
**85.52**

Highest Ever  
NAV  
**100.61**

Protected  
NAV  
**85.52**

### MARKET COMMENTARY:

It was a strong close to the year for the markets after a dovish tilt from the Federal Reserve. Investors brought forward their interest rate cut estimates and priced in aggressive cuts in 2024. The 'higher for longer' narrative wilted, kickstarting a Santa rally across most major asset classes.

Equities posted decent gains for the month of December with the MSCI All-Country World and S&P 500 up nearly 5%. The Fed-pivot, and weaker US dollar, also benefitted emerging market equities with the MSCI Emerging Market index up 3.87%, despite lacklustre Chinese equities. Japanese equities also underperformed, with the MSCI Japan index down -0.46% in local currency.

In bond markets, investors benefitted from central bank tailwinds and tighter credit spreads. The 10-year US Treasury yield fell -45bp to 3.88% and the 10-year Gilt yield fell -64bp to 3.54%. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate and High Yield indices gained just over 4% as credit conditions improved.

Commodities declined, with the Bloomberg Commodity index down -3.10%, driven lower by oil prices which fell more than 5% over the month. In a continuation of its bullish trend all year, uranium prices rose 12% to close the month at fresh 16-year highs. Gold also performed well, as the dovish tone from the Federal Reserve and weaker US dollar, saw the yellow metal rise 1.3% to close the month above \$2,000 per ounce.

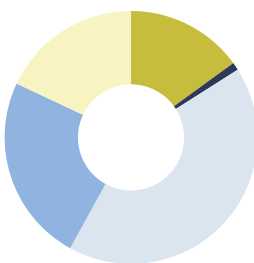
### INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE

CASH 0.00%

ASSET PORTFOLIO 100.00%

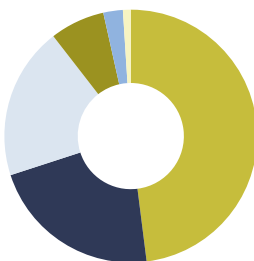
At times the portfolio may not be fully exposed to the underlying risk assets (Investment Portfolio), and may increase its exposure to cash. In addition, a proportion of the portfolio is invested in a put option, which is used to provide the 90% protection level. Depending on market performance this put option may reduce exposure to the Investment Portfolio. The above graphic shows the current exposure.

### INDEPENDENT RISK BREAKDOWN BY ASSET CLASS



Government	15.00%	Commodities	0.00%
Corporate	1.00%	Alternatives	24.00%
Equities	42.00%	Currency	18.00%

### REGIONAL ALLOCATION



North America	48.00%	Asia ex Japan	7.00%
United Kingdom	22.00%	Japan	2.50%
Europe ex UK	19.50%	Rest of World	1.00%

The pie charts above show the independent risk breakdown by asset class and the regional asset allocation within the investment portfolio. The portfolio has a long-term volatility tolerance (fluctuations in the price of the portfolio) of 5% to 7%. In order to meet the volatility target, if markets become unsettled, the portfolio may reduce exposure to higher risk investments and increase exposure to lower risk investments such as cash and bonds.

Date of data: 31/12/2023

The independent risk is the historic volatility of each asset class measured by its standard deviation from 31/03/2018 to 30/11/23. The figures are calculated before taking into account the accrued income of the fund, the ongoing charges and the portfolio transaction costs. In some instances the underlying holdings may have short track records therefore the underlying index they track, or proxy indices have been used.



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### OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY

The portfolio aims to deliver long term capital growth and achieve a common protection level. The common protection level is 90% of the highest Net Asset Value (NAV) ever achieved. The NAV is the value per share and is calculated daily. The portfolio will take exposure to fixed income instruments, equities, foreign exchange and alternative assets including ETFs and UCITS eligible indices and cash. The allocation to cash is variable and aims to control risk (measured by volatility) by increasing the allocation when necessary, with the aim of maintaining the annualized volatility at or below 6% within a target range of 5%–7%. The portfolio will also achieve protection using derivatives, which will be provided by Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc (Morgan Stanley).

In addition, Morgan Stanley has issued a guarantee to the portfolio to ensure investors achieve the common protection level upon redemption. Costs incurred in implementing the investment policy will have a negative effect on performance. Any income will be re-invested and the portfolio will not pay any dividends. The value of the portfolio is calculated and published daily and investors can buy and/or sell back their shares daily. The investment manager is FundLogic SAS, a management company authorised by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, and the sub-investment manager is Titan Asset Management, who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Fund Company is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

### THIRD-PARTY RISK RATING

The portfolio has been independently risk profiled by Defaqto.



### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

The Investment Manager is FundLogic SAS, a member of the Morgan Stanley group. The Sub-Investment Manager is Titan Asset Management. John Leiper, CFA, FDP, CFTe, is the Chief Investment Officer of Titan Asset Management and carries direct responsibility for all discretionary investments at the firm. Together with the investment management team, comprising Alex Livingstone, CFA, David Chandler, James Peel, CFA, Jonah Levy, CFA, and Sekar Indran, CFA, they manage the centralised investment proposition at the firm.

### SHARE CLASS

- Class A Shares
- Annual Management Charge - 1.00%
- Ongoing Cost Figure - 1.38% (Estimated - inclusive of the AMC)
- Transaction Costs - 0.125% (Estimated)
- Sedol Code - GBP: (BG032B5)
- ISIN Code - GBP: (IE00BG032B54)

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Investment Manager - FundLogic SAS
- Sub-Investment Manager - Titan Asset Management
- Protection Provider - Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc
- Fund Company - FundLogic Alternatives plc
- Depositary - Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited
- Administrator - Northern Trust
- Custodian - Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc
- Registrar - Northern Trust
- Auditor - Ernst & Young LLP

Investment strategy managed by



With protection provided by

Morgan Stanley

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