

Performance Commentary

Investment Philosophy

July was a quiet month at portfolio level, with the Fund up 0.3% (for reference the MSCI World was up 1.0%). At individual stock level, however, there was more movement as almost half of our holdings announced quarterly results during the period.

Our energy holdings all reported 2Q results, and it is very positive to note that they have all increased cashflow (on the back of significant cost savings and reduced investment), and reduced debt substantially as they position themselves for the prevailing oil price environment. Three of our four holdings were up during the month (Exxon Mobil was down 2% in sterling terms, impacted by the softer USD), with Statoil up 11% as the market also rewarded increased production forecasts. Recent results (and operational trajectory) reinforce our view that energy majors that have exposure to gas as well as oil (and increasingly renewables), and to both upstream and downstream assets will be valuable investments even in a “lower for longer” scenario. Newmont (gold miner; the second largest holding in the Fund) was up 13%, again on solid results that showed increased production levels and reduced all-in-sustaining-costs.

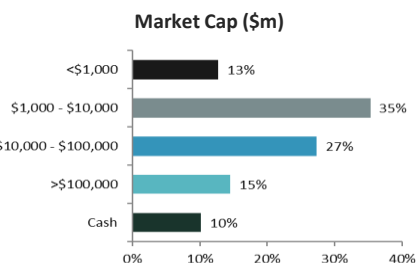
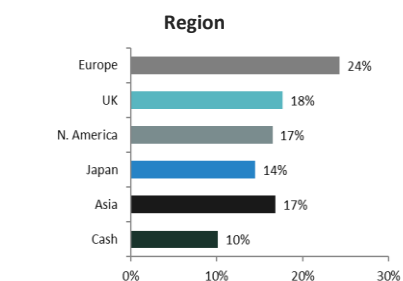
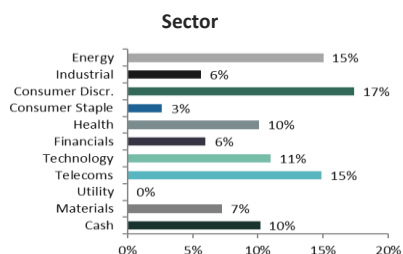
Telecoms companies also released earnings during the month, and here we had more mixed results. KPN continues its recovery, posting strong first half earnings and cashflow and was up 13%, whereas M1 has seen margins erode as the competitive landscape intensifies ahead of the new entrant joining the market in the coming year. The share price was off 15%. Any short-term difficulties are offset by M1’s strong positioning and execution, and the share offers a 6% yield along with a high single digit free-cash-flow.

Kennox was established to focus exclusively on running the Strategic Value Fund, our value-driven global equities portfolio, for a limited number of risk-conscious investors who identify with our long term approach.

Our aim is to deliver good long term capital growth. We are not benchmarked and are not influenced by short term relative returns.

We look to uncover stocks that are significantly undervalued despite sound underlying business franchises and with asymmetric risk profiles – significant upside potential with limited downside risk – and hold these for the long term.

Fund Positioning



Top 10 Holdings

Top 10 Holdings	% Fund
NEOPOST	6.3%
NEWMONT MINING	6.0%
TEXWINCA	5.0%
FUKUDA DENSHI	4.3%
ROYAL DUTCH SHELL	3.8%
BP	3.8%
MUNICH REINSURANCE	3.8%
STATOIL	3.8%
M1	3.7%
EXXON	3.7%
Total Top Ten	44.2%
20 other holdings	45.7%
Cash	10.2%
Total	100.0%

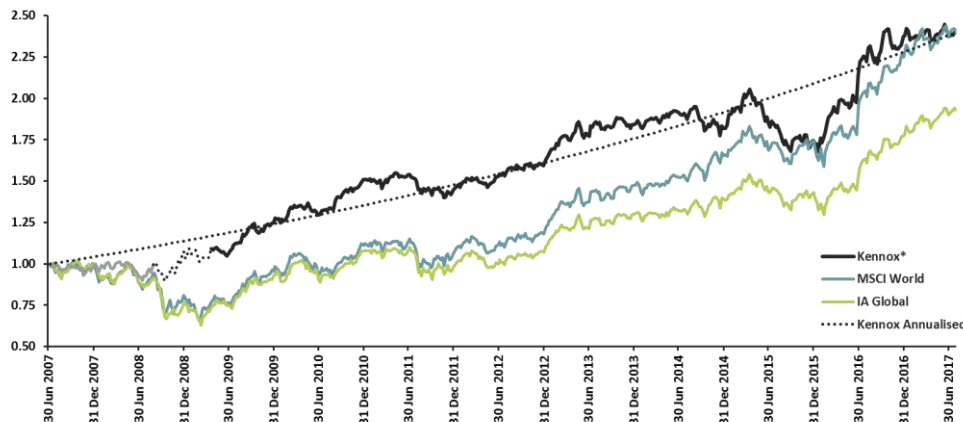
Performance

Inception (9/7/2007)	139.5%
UK Launch (30/4/2009)	120.7%
5 Years	54.5%
4 Years	28.8%
3 Years	26.7%
2 Years	31.2%
1 Year	6.6%
YTD	0.9%
3 Month	1.7%
1 Month	0.3%
Annualised	
Inception (9/7/2007)	9.1%
UK Launch (30/4/2009)	10.1%

Portfolio Diversification

Our portfolio is concentrated, currently 30 stocks. We believe that excessive diversification is a poor surrogate for real knowledge of holdings. We consider the key to building a robust portfolio is to ensure that underlying profit drivers are not correlated, but truly diversified. In order to be added to the portfolio, a stock must complement existing holdings and not merely add to a concentration of risk.

Relative Performance



We focus on long-term, absolute performance, not on short-term relative returns.

We are not benchmarked.

Comparisons to the MSCI World and IA Global indices are for illustrative purposes only.

We would expect that Fund weightings (geographic, sector and market cap) may vary considerably from those of the MSCI and IA indices.

Active Share[‡] of the Fund is 98%

Since Inception	Annualised Return	Sharpe Ratio Annualised ⁺	Best Month	Worst Month	Volatility ⁺
Kennox*	9.1%	0.7	13.8%	-6.5%	11.0%
MSCI World	9.1%	0.5	9.0%	-10.7%	16.1%
IA Global Sector	6.7%	0.4	9.0%	-12.6%	14.7%

Discrete annual	YTD 2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007 (9/7/2007)
Kennox*	0.9%	35.8%	-4.0%	-1.1%	15.5%	10.0%	-4.0%	21.1%	16.0%	9.8%	-2.1%
MSCI World	6.4%	29.1%	5.4%	12.2%	24.9%	11.3%	-4.5%	16.4%	18.1%	-18.8%	-0.4%
IA Global Sector	8.8%	23.9%	2.8%	7.0%	21.7%	9.6%	-9.4%	15.8%	23.0%	-24.3%	-0.1%

Track Record Description & Methodology

* The portfolio was launched in July 2007 ("Inception") in Australia as the Contrarian Global Value Fund. The Kennox investment team ran that fund from launch until September 2008. The Kennox Strategic Value Fund was launched in April 2009, comprising 19 of the 20 positions that existed in the Australia fund. We have assumed a static portfolio for the interim period.

Performance shown reflects total return of the Institutional Share class. Performance figures are generated from the accumulation shares since their launch on 29 April 2013. Prior to that performance figures are taken from an alternative share class, adjusted to reflect a 1.0% management fee throughout.

⁺ Sharpe Ratio is calculated as a Fund or Benchmark's excess return over Libor 3m Bonds (annualised) divided by the volatility of the Fund or Benchmark's returns

⁺ Volatility is calculated as the standard deviation of the natural log returns multiplied by the square root of the periodicity of the returns.

[‡] Active Share is calculated by taking the sum of the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each holding in the portfolio versus the weight of each holding in the benchmark index and dividing by two.

Investment Team

Charles L. Heenan (CFA) & Geoff Legg

Charles and Geoff have worked together as an investment team since the inception of the portfolio in July 2007. Both focus exclusively on the management of the Fund. They are fully aligned with investors, each having 100% of his investment in equities in the Fund. Prior to Kennox, Geoff was an actuary with Towers Perrin and Charles had spent 7 years on the First State Investment Asia Pac (ex-Japan)/GEM team.

3 Share Classes (Income & Accumulation)	Investment Management Fee	Minimum Initial Investment	GBP (Pence)	OCF	SEDOL	ISIN
Professional Income	1.3%	£20,000	128.0	1.46%	B2R8FY9	GB00B2R8FY91
Professional Accumulation	1.3%	£20,000	138.2	1.46%	B9DH0K0	GB00B9DH0K00
Institutional Income	1.0%	£2m	129.5	1.16%	B3YDJ20	GB00B3YDJ200
Institutional Accumulation	1.0%	£2m	141.6	1.16%	B8Y8GR4	GB00B8Y8GR43
Class A Income	0.80%	£20m	129.5	0.96%	B9D9Z90	GB00B9D9Z904
Class A Accumulation	0.80%	£20m	142.6	0.96%	B9B3CY8	GB00B9B3CY80

Fund Details To deal in the Fund

Fund Managers	Charles L. Heenan, Geoff Legg
Investment Universe	Listed securities on any globally recognised stock exchange, bonds and cash
Target Asset Allocation	80-100% equities; 0-20% cash
Fund Status	UK OEIC; UCITS
IA Sector	Global Equity
Benchmark	The Fund is not benchmarked
Inception Date	July 2007; UK Fund launched in April 2009
Fund Size	£217 Million
ISABLE Fund	Yes
Pricing	Daily at 1200
Preliminary Charge	5%; may be waived at the discretion of the ACD
Dilution Adjustment	A dilution adjustment may apply on orders greater than 5% of AUM
Performance Tracking	See performance section of our website: www.kennox.co.uk/performance
Income Share	Income distributed semi-annually
Ex-Dividend Dates	Y/E: 1 October Interim: 1 April
Distribution Payment Dates	Y/E: 30 November Interim: 31 May
Dividend Yield (net of fees)	Professional: 1.7% Institutional: 2.0% Class A: 2.2%
Registrar	Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited
Depositary; Custodian	National Westminster Bank Plc; Bank of New York Mellon
Auditor	KPMG

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