

## Apogee Moderately Adventurous Model Portfolio Update

### Portfolio Performance Update

The performance of the Apogee Moderately Adventurous Model Portfolio over the five-year period to 31st October 2025 compared to the AFI Aggressive Index was as follows. The AFI Aggressive Index is the weighted average of portfolios from leading advice firms investing into similarly comprised portfolios:

<i>Cumulative Performance</i>	<b>6 months</b>	<b>1 yr</b>	<b>3 yrs</b>	<b>5 yrs</b>
<b>Apogee Moderately Adventurous Portfolio</b>	<b>15.45%</b>	<b>13.35%</b>	<b>36.52%</b>	<b>42.64%</b>
AFI Aggressive Index	17.48%	15.16%	38.53%	45.33%

**Please note, past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The returns shown are net of fund manager fees and show the historic returns achieved by the Apogee Model Portfolio managed in conjunction with RSMR.**

### Recommended Changes

Performance is largely driven by the growth assets within the portfolio, which is comprised of global equities, global high yield bonds, emerging market local currency bonds, and listed property.

The defensive element is comprised of cash, global government bonds, global index linked bonds, and corporate bonds (UK and global).

Having completed our quarterly review, we are recommending the overall weightings be maintained at 90% for the growth assets, and 10% for defensive assets.

We are however recommending the following asset allocation and fund changes:

#### **Asset Allocation Changes**

We are reducing our exposure to UK, North American and Asian equities within the growth assets this quarter and slightly reducing our exposure to listed property.

Within the defensive assets, we are slightly reducing our exposure to sterling corporate bonds.

The above reductions will facilitate an increase in European equities, global high yield bonds, emerging markets local currency bonds, and global corporate bonds.

In addition to adjusting towards assets we feel will provide greater growth prospects going forward, the above changes are intended to reduce the 'factor risk' within the portfolio. This means future returns should be more dependent on underlying stock selection rather than rotations between investment styles like value, growth, or market cap.

#### **Fund Changes**

Alongside the asset allocation changes, the holdings in the CFP SDL UK Buffettology, HSBC American Index, Premier Miton US Opportunities, and Ninety-One Emerging Markets Local Currency Debt funds are being sold.

The following funds are being introduced to the portfolio:

- abrdn American Equity Enhanced Index.
- Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income.
- BNY Mellon US Equity Income.
- M&G Emerging Markets Bond.
- Royal London Short Duration Credit

- The Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income fund replaces the CFP SDL UK Buffettology fund due to continued underperformance with the Buffettology fund, and concerns around the investment management team. The Gresham fund has a strong track record with attractive levels of long-term returns using a differentiated approach compared to its peers. The under-researched nature of small and mid-cap companies offers a long-term driver for outperformance through anomalies in valuation, and the fund has performed well in comparison with other small and mid-cap focussed funds in its sector.
- The abrdn American Equity Enhanced Index fund replaces the HSBC American Index fund. Although the HSBC fund has provided good returns with low cost, the abrdn fund brings together the benefits of both active and passive management in a low-cost proposition. The active overlay of the abrdn fund (absent in the HSBC fund being replaced) is intended to mitigate some of the risks currently present in the US stock market, particularly the concentration of mega caps which dominate performance, whilst still offering a performance profile similar to the index.
- The BNY Mellon US Equity Income fund replaces the Premier Miton US Opportunities fund, due to an exceptionally poor period of performance which is partly due to avoiding the consensus trades common in the market. For example, the Premier fund has very little exposure to the ‘magnificent seven’ although aside from this, there has been several stock specific issues identified. Similarly to the Premier fund being replaced, the BNY fund will diversify the US equity exposure within the portfolio due to the fund’s different composition to the S&P 500 and lack of bond proxies compared to the S&P 500. The BNY fund does however have much stronger performance than the Premier fund being replaced.
- The M&G Emerging Markets Bond fund replaces the Ninety-One Emerging Markets Local Currency Debt fund (recently merged into the Ninety-One Emerging Markets Blended Debt fund) which is not RSMR rated. The M&G fund is not an exact like-for-like switch because the M&G fund is in the blended sector, and the fund manager can alter the allocation between local and hard currency at their discretion. However, the fund has an excellent track record, and the management team has been in place for many years. The switch is therefore into an RSMR rated fund that will provide greater flexibility for the fund manager within the emerging markets bond sector.
- The Royal London Short Duration Credit fund has been introduced to the portfolio to accommodate the proposed asset allocation change. The fund is at the shorter dated end of the curve which typically offer higher yields than longer dated bonds because of their lower sensitivity to interest rate changes, which is particularly valuable where interest rates are falling.

We will continue to keep the other fund holdings contained within the portfolio under review and notify you of any changes as part of our quarterly updates.

### New Fund Selection

The before and after position for the model following the proposed changes can be summarised as follows:

Fund	Sector	Current Holding	New Holding
Product Cash	Cash	2.00%	2.00%
Artemis Income	UK Equites	7.50%	6.50%
abrdn American Equity Enhanced Index	North America	-	7.00%
BNY Mellon US Equity Income	North America	-	4.00%
BlackRock UK Special Situations	UK All Companies	4.00%	3.50%
BNY Mellon Global Dynamic Bond	Targeted Absolute Return	1.50%	2.00%
CFP SDL UK Buffettology	UK All Companies	3.50%	-
Fidelity Asia	Asia Pacific Excl Japan	5.00%	4.50%
FTF ClearBridge Global Infrastructure Income	Global Equity Income	4.50%	4.00%
Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income	UK Equites	-	3.00%

HSBC American Index  
 iShares North American Equity Index  
 iShares Overseas Government Bond Index  
 JPM Emerging Markets  
 Jupiter Asian Income  
 L&G Global Inflation Index Linked Bond  
 Liontrust European Dynamic  
 M&G Emerging Markets Bond  
 M&G Global Floating Rate High Yield Hedged  
 M&G Japan Fund  
 Man GLG Undervalued Assets  
 Ninety One Emerging Markets Local Currency Debt  
 Premier Miton US Opportunities  
 Royal London Short Duration Credit  
 Schroder Global Cities Real Estate  
 Schroder Sterling Corporate Bond  
 UBS US Growth  
 Waverton European Capital Growth

North America	7.00%	-
North America	6.50%	6.00%
Global Bonds	2.00%	2.00%
Global Emerging Markets	5.50%	5.50%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	4.50%	4.50%
Global Inflation Linked Bond	1.00%	1.00%
Europe Excluding UK	3.00%	4.50%
Global EM Bond	-	6.00%
Sterling High Yield	5.00%	7.00%
Japan	4.00%	4.00%
UK All Companies	6.50%	5.50%
Global EM Bond	5.50%	-
North America	4.00%	-
Sterling Strategic Bond	-	1.00%
Property Other	4.50%	4.00%
Sterling Corporate Bond	3.50%	2.00%
North America	6.00%	6.00%
Europe Excluding UK	3.50%	4.50%

### Updated Fund Charges

The following table illustrates the current and ongoing cost of the Apogee Moderately Adventurous Model Portfolio following the recommended changes, which excludes any incidental transaction charges within the underlying funds:

	Ongoing fund charges (OCF)
Existing Apogee Moderately Adventurous Model Portfolio	c.0.69%
Ongoing Apogee Moderately Adventurous Model Portfolio	c.0.67%

As you can see, the recommended changes will provide a marginally lower level of ongoing fund charges, although please note the charges applicable to the underlying funds are subject to change.