Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management

1st Quarter 2024

MPS Risk Profile 7 Portfolio

ARC data is confirmed until 31 December 2023.

Inflation Source:

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Performance, costs and charges:

The performance illustration represents the performance of the Risk Profile 7 using the historic data of CGWM Master Models from inception. All performance figures are shown net of underlying fund charges and net of the MPS Annual Management Charge 'AMC' of 0.50%. Fees charged by any Financial Adviser are not taken into account.

ARC data is confirmed until December 2023. From January to March 2024 the data is based on estimates from ARC and is subject to change.

Glossary

Annualised volatility: risk is measured by the variability of performance. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the variability (and therefore the risk) of the Fund or the index.

Maximum historic loss: is the maximum loss from peak to trough in an investment's history. The figures are indicative and will depend on circumstance.

Sharpe ratio: measures the risk/return trade-off. It is the annualised return less the average risk-free rate, divided by the annualised volatility of the model.

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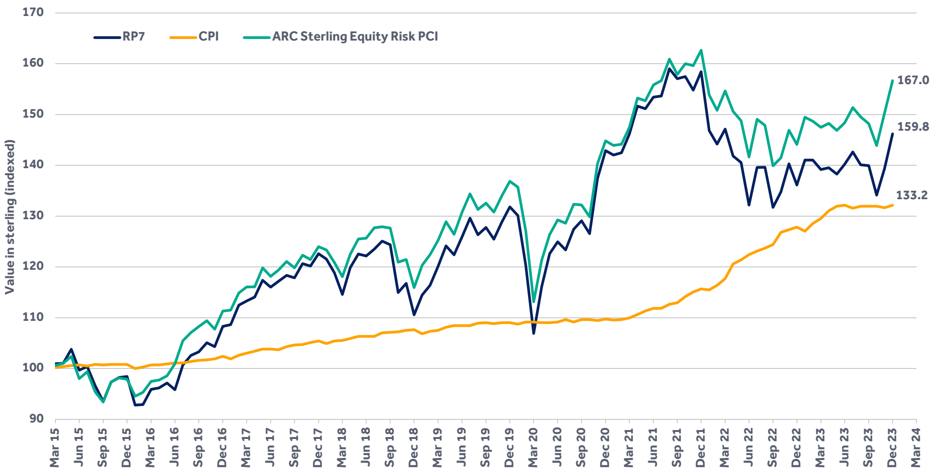
Investment objective

Our objective for this strategy is to generate a total return in line with the equity benchmark, over a minimum rolling period of 10 years. A proportion of the overall return will come from the income generated. The strategy is designed to generate risk adjusted returns over the suggested time horizon. The strategy has a very high proportion of equity risk in pursuit of returns, and uses global equity investments as well as fixed income assets and other diversifying financial instruments. To assist in the reduction of volatility and deliver uncorrelated returns during periods of unfavourable market conditions, alternative asset classes such as commodities, currencies, infrastructure and hedge funds may be used. Investors in the Risk Profile 7 strategy are prepared to accept full exposure to equity risk and the associated potential for very significant losses of capital at times of market stress.

Performance since inception (28/02/2015)



Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Discrete performance (%)

Total return to end of last calendar quarter 31/03/2024.

	2024 YTD*	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Model	**+6.2**	**+7.4**	**-14.1**	**+10.9**	**+8.4**	**+18.8**	**-9.5**	**+13.2**	**+10.0**	**-1.6**
CPI	**+0.1**	**+3.9**	**+10.5**	**+5.4**	**+0.6**	**+1.3**	**+2.1**	**+2.9**	**+1.6**	**+0.8**
ARC Sterling Equity Risk PCI	**+5.0**	**+8.3**	**-11.4**	**+12.3**	**+5.8**	**+18.0**	**-6.5**	**+11.4**	**+13.7**	**-2.1**

* 2024 YTD is data for year to date from 01 January 2024 to 31 March 2024

Cumulative performance (%)

Total return from inception to 31/03/2024.

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception (28/02/2015)
Model	**+6.2**	**+11.6**	**+6.2**	**+28.9**	**+59.8**
CPI	**+0.1**	**+2.6**	**+20.9**	**+23.6**	**+33.2**
ARC Sterling Equity Risk PCI	**+5.0**	**+11.1**	**+11.1**	**+30.8**	**+67.0**

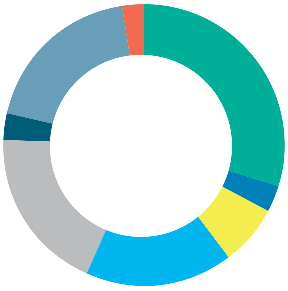
Risk & return since inception (%)

	Model	CPI	ARC Sterling Equity Risk PCI
Annualised volatility	**+11.2**	**+1.4**	**+10.2**
Maximum historic loss	**-18.9**	**-0.8**	**-17.3**
Sharpe ratio	**+0.5**		**+0.6**

Source: Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management (CGWM) Interactive Data as at 31/03/2024

*Inception to date. Inception is 28/02/2015.

MPS Risk Profile 7 Portfolio suggested asset allocation (%)



	Model
UK Equity	29.9
Emerging Equity	2.9
Asia Equity	7.1
International Equity	16.9
US Equity	18.9
Japan	3.1
Thematic Equity	18.9
Cash	2.3

Top 10 holdings (%)

Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	9.6
iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	9.4
Fundsmith Equity Fund	6.4
IFSL Evenlode Global Income Fund	6.0
Columbia Threadneedle US Disciplined Core Fund	5.3
Artemis Income Fund	5.1
Fidelity Special Situations Fund	5.0
ES R&M Global Recovery Fund	4.6
WS Lindsell Train UK Equity Fund	4.3
GQG Partners US Equity Fund	4.0

Top ten holdings excluding cash

Source: CGWM

Portfolio Manager commentary

Reviewing asset returns over the first quarter, it is noticeable that technology stocks have again led the way, with the Magnificent Seven stocks gaining just over 17% in aggregate, although there has been a wide divergence. For example, Nvidia has gained 82% in the first three months of the year, while Tesla's shares have fallen 29%. Other areas that have performed well in US dollar terms include Japan even though the yen has been very weak. Underperforming areas were Latin American equities, high-grade bonds, while China's CSI300 Index only eked out a marginal gain of just over 1% in US dollar terms.

During the month, US Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Jay Powell reiterated that the central bank is in no rush to cut interest rates, but outlined that policymakers are getting close to having sufficient confidence to do so. Powell told the Financial Services Committee of the US House of Representatives that it will likely be appropriate to begin lowering borrowing costs "at some point this year," but he made clear officials are not ready yet. However, expectations for interest rate cuts were pared back during the month, as inflation figures came in higher than expected, while there are continuing signs that activity in the US economy is still expanding at a brisk pace.

As expected, US interest rates were left on hold following the Fed's March deliberations, but just as importantly, policymakers' updated forecasts for future rates – the 'dot plot' – continued to show officials expect three rate cuts in 2024, in line with markets' expectations. Underneath the bonnet, policymakers became slightly more hawkish, but markets chose to adopt a glass half full mentality.

China will target economic growth of around 5% this year, while announcing a budget deficit in line with last year's and new special central government bonds, but disappointed those who had been hoping for more stimulus to bolster the economy. There were also new measures to help boost the ailing property sector and improve maternity policies to help the low birth rate. China's consumer prices rose for the first time since August. The price rebound was helped by the Lunar New Year holiday temporarily boosting demand. Meanwhile, producer prices fell 2.7%, continuing the longest string of declines since 2016. High-frequency data are already pointing to a rapid decline in food prices since the end of the Lunar New Year holiday three weeks ago.

The Bank of Japan (BoJ) became the world's last central bank to end the era of negative interest rates, raising borrowing costs for the first time since 2007. Policymakers have confidence that mild inflation in Japan will continue, most companies are passing on inflation costs to consumers, and labour shortages are contributing to higher wages. This is a positive development for Japan and underlines our positive investment thesis. The yen fell, as the focus remained on the wide interest rate differential to the US, and the BoJ noted that rates will be kept very accommodative in order to support the economy.

No changes were made to portfolios in March. We are striving for balance and diversification in our portfolios whilst maintaining a flexible mindset.

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