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Portfolio Managers Market Commentary

Through May, global equity markets rebounded strongly, buoyed by easing trade tensions and improving consumer sentiment. Developed market stocks outperformed their emerging market counterparts, led by gains from U.S. markets, and from the U.S. technology sector in particular, with the Nasdaq index gaining 8.1%, in GBP.

U.S. trade negotiations continued between the White House and other key global governments, with significant progress made between the U.S. and the E.U., while a mid-month trade truce between the U.S. and China helped fuel gains across risk assets.

While trade tariffs remain the focal point of President Trump's economic agenda, early sightings of his budget reconciliation bill point to new tax and regulatory changes that will help boost the U.S. domestic business landscape – a development that proved positive for small cap stocks through the month.

Elsewhere, both European and U.K. equities posted gains, with upward earnings revisions helping underpin confidence in the European equity market. Within the U.K., GDP data surprised to the upside, while announcements of trade deals with India and the U.S. further added to optimism. However, inflation in the region remains stubbornly high, and fears are mounting over government borrowing levels.

Across bond markets, the picture was more challenging, as concerns over fiscal deficits in both the U.S. and U.K. pushed up long-dated yields, weighing heavily on government bond prices. Improving trade tensions helped buoy returns from credit markets, with the global high yield index benefitting from a brighter growth outlook and eking out a gain of 1.6%, however, broad weakness in government bonds led the global aggregate index to close the month down 0.5%.

Commodity markets also struggled. Gold was especially weak through the period, falling 0.9%, as investors capitalised on falling recessionary fears by shifting capital way from defensive assets. Other alternative asset classes, notably property and infrastructure, benefitted from the improving appetite, posting gains.

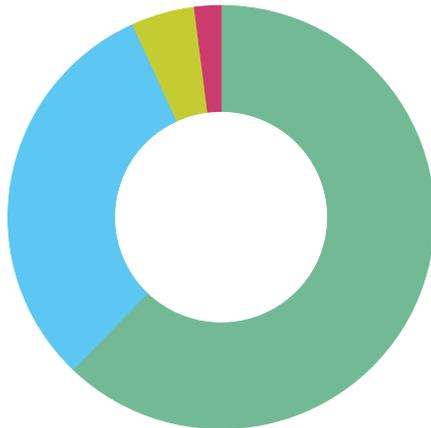
Looking ahead, unpredictable trade policies, ongoing inflationary pressures, and divergent fiscal responses are expected to sustain market volatility. Investors are advised to focus on diversification across geographies and asset classes while maintaining flexibility to adapt to evolving conditions.

Against this backdrop the portfolios gained, with U.S. equity allocations driving returns. Within our U.S. exposure, strong performance from the mega-cap technology stocks led the market-cap weighted *HSBC American Index* to outperform the *L&G S&P 500 US Equal Weight Index*. Elsewhere, exposure to global small cap equities also performed well, gaining 4.8%. Although all other equity allocations posted gains, strong performance from North American stocks meant our underweight to the region detracted on a net basis. Returns from our fixed income holdings were mixed, however we benefitted from our overweight to credit over government bonds and from our underweight to duration.

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Asset Allocation

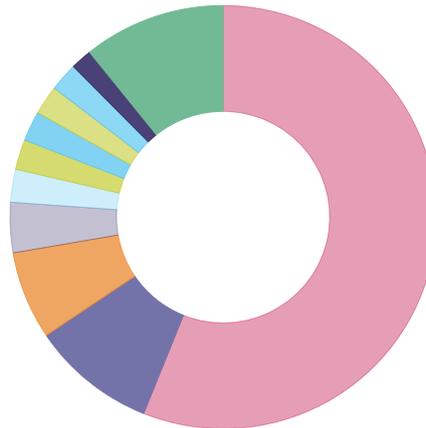
Portfolio Date: 28/04/2025



	%
Fixed Income	62.2
Equities	31.0
Alternatives	4.8
Cash	2.0
Total	100.0

Equity Breakdown

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2025



	%
United States	56.1
United Kingdom	9.5
Japan	6.7
China	3.8
India	2.5
Switzerland	2.3
France	2.3
Taiwan	2.2
Germany	2.2
Australia	1.6
Other	10.8
Total	100.0

Portfolio Breakdown

	Sub Asset Class	Portfolio Weighting %
Fixed Income	—	62.2
Vanguard Glb Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	13.8
Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	13.8
Vanguard Glb S/T Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	13.8
Vanguard UK Invm Grd Bd Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	UK Corporate Bonds	8.3
Vanguard Glb S/T Corp Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	6.0
Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	5.5
L&G Global Inflation Linked Bd Idx C Acc	Index Linked Bonds	1.2
Equities	—	31.0
HSBC American Index C Acc	US Equity	12.4
L&G S&P 500 US Equal Wght Idx C GBP Acc	US Equity	3.7
HSBC European Index Accumulation C	European Equity	3.4
Vanguard FTSE UKAllShrdIdxUnitTrnsPl£Acc	UK Equity	3.4
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	Emerging Markets Equity	3.1
HSBC Japan Index S Acc	Japanese Equity	1.9
abrdn Asia Pacific ex-Japan TrkrN£Acc	Asia Pacific Equity	1.6
Vanguard Glb Small-Cp Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	Global Equity	1.5
Alternatives	—	4.8
abrdn Global Infrs Eq Trkr N Acc	Real Assets	2.4
abrdn Global REIT Tracker N	Real Assets	2.4
Cash	—	2.0
BlackRock ICS Sterling Liq Premier Acc	Cash & Money Market	1.8
CASH	Cash & Money Market	0.3

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Target Market

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Investors' knowledge and experience: Investors with basic, informed or advanced knowledge and experience of capital markets and investment risks and of funds and their characteristics.

Clients' financial situation with a focus on the ability to bear losses: Investors have a tolerance to fluctuations in capital invested and potential capital loss.

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