

# Newton Balanced Bridge Fund | December 2007

## Objective

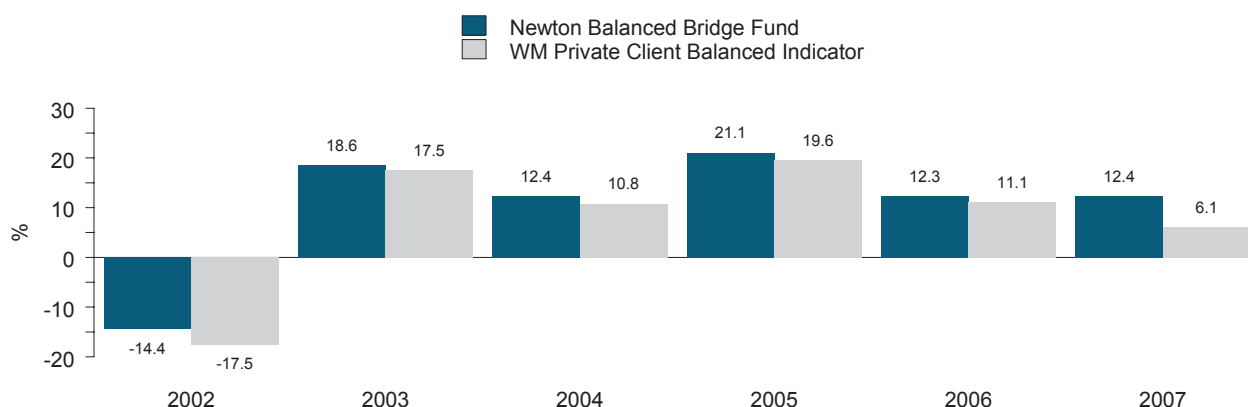
The investment objective of the Scheme is to provide a combination of income and growth through a portfolio of UK and international securities. The Scheme may also invest in warrants, deposits, money market instruments, collective investment schemes, derivative instruments and forward transactions.

## Investment Philosophy

Over the long term the total return from equities has normally beaten cash and bonds by a significant margin: the major part of the Fund is therefore invested in equities. The equity element is then balanced by fixed interest, hedge funds, property and cash in order to reduce the overall portfolio volatility.

The benchmark is the WM Private Client Balanced Indicator.

## Performance



	Latest Quarter (%)	Since Launch 23 December 1998 (%)
Fund Return (after fees)	2.4	94.7
Fund Return (before fees)	2.6	109.2
Benchmark Return	0.3	60.0
FTSE All-Share	-0.3	60.2
FTSE W World Ex UK	0.4	51.0
FTSE Government All Stocks	4.4	51.9

**Source:** Lipper, as at 31 December 2007, total return, bid to bid, net income reinvested, without initial charges, unless otherwise stated figures are gross of management fees. Lipper fund returns are based on midday prices, whereas the index is priced at the close of the relevant markets.

## Statutory Disclosure of Discrete Past Performance - Percentage Change

From	31/12/02	31/12/03	31/12/04	31/12/05	31/12/06
To	31/12/03	31/12/04	31/12/05	31/12/06	31/12/07
Newton Balanced Bridge Fund	17.7%	11.5%	20.2%	11.4%	11.5%

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## Risk Factors

This is a financial promotion and is not intended as investment advice. Past performance is not a guide to future returns. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the original amount invested. The value of overseas securities will be influenced by fluctuations in exchange rates. If the portfolio invests in sub-investment grade bonds that typically have a low credit rating these carry a high degree of default risk, which can affect the capital value of your investment. If the portfolio has exposure to hedge funds, gold, private equity and property via publicly quoted transferable securities, there are additional risks associated with these sectors.

## Investment Themes

The identification of global themes is a key component in our investment strategy. Some of the themes that we are currently following in this portfolio are illustrated here as well as examples of individual holdings.

### Earth Matters

Environmental issues have moved to centre stage in the minds of the public and policy makers. Current growth trends in the developing world suggest significant additional stress on resources and the environment.

**Beneficiaries: Acciona, K&S, Makhteshim-Agan, Neste Oil**

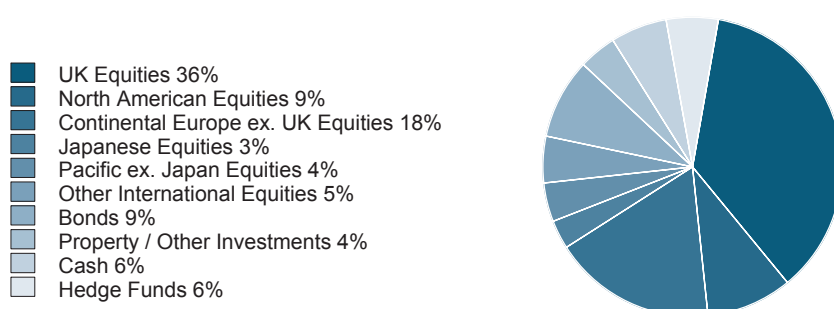
### Global Realignment

Stronger growth and increasing economic influence of the developing world is challenging the western industrialised nations' domination in terms of wealth, consumption of both natural resources and finished goods and market capitalisation of global stock markets. Some realignment over time is inevitable reflecting the developing world's accumulation of foreign exchange reserves and trade surpluses.

**Beneficiaries: BHP Billiton, CVRD, Deutsche Post, Panalpina, Millicom**

## Asset Allocation

### Breakdown as % of total market value



Source: Newton. All data as at 31 December 2007  
Figures are approximate and subject to rounding differences

## Significant Transactions

### Acquisitions

Subsea 7 Inc
Aker Kvaerner ASA
Centrica PLC. 5.875% EMTN 2/11/2012
LG Telecom Ltd
Anglo American PLC

### Disposals

Accor SA
Allianz SE
Irish Life & Permanent PLC
Occidental Petroleum Corp
Barclays PLC

Dividend Yield: 3.0% as at 31 December 2007

| Last Distribution: 2.2690p per unit on 26 September 2007

Fund Size (millions): GBP 207 as at 31 December 2007

| Currency: GBP

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