



Newton Balanced Bridge Fund

Investment Report

Third Quarter 2007



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Statutory Disclosure of Discrete Past Performance - Percentage Change

From	30/09/02	30/09/03	30/09/04	30/09/05	30/09/06
To	30/09/03	30/09/04	30/09/05	30/09/06	30/09/07
Newton Balanced Bridge Fund	15.0%	13.1%	21.6%	10.5%	14.2%

Source: Lipper, as at 30 September 2007, total return, bid to bid, net income reinvested, without initial charges, net of management fees. Lipper fund returns are based on midday prices.

Risk Factors

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.

Your Fund

Newton Balanced Bridge Fund

Objective

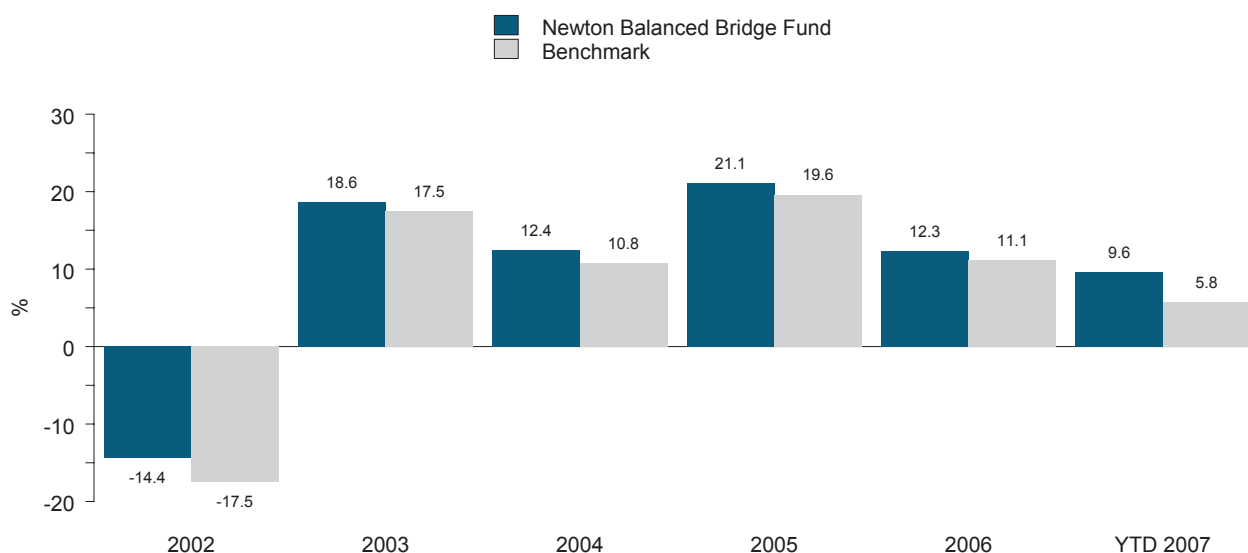
The investment objective of the Scheme is to provide a combination of income and growth through a portfolio of UK and international securities. The Scheme may also invest in warrants, deposits, money market instruments, collective investment schemes, derivative instruments and forward transactions.

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



Please see Risk Factors and Discrete Past Performance on previous page.

	Latest Quarter (%)	Since Launch 23 December 1998 (%)
Fund Return (after fees)	1.6	90.2
Fund Return (before fees)	1.8	103.9
Benchmark Return	0.2	59.5
FTSE All-Share	-1.8	60.8
FTSE W World Ex UK	1.8	50.4
FTSE Government All Stocks	4.1	45.5

Dividend Yield: 2.9% as at 30 September 2007

Last Distribution: 2.2690p per unit on 26 September 2007

Fund Size (millions): GBP 199 as at 30 September 2007

Currency: GBP

Ex Dates: 31 Jan, 31 Jul

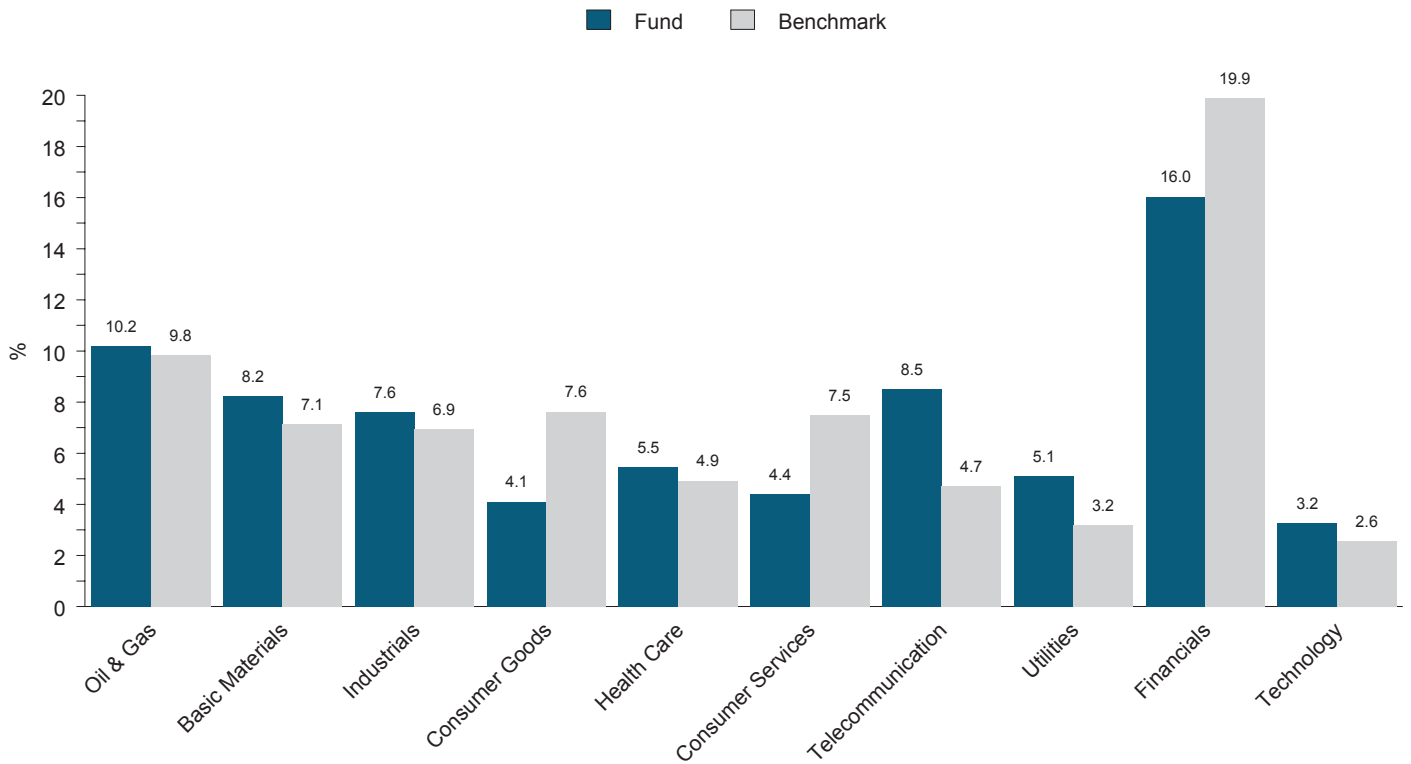
Pay Dates: 29 Mar, 26 Sep

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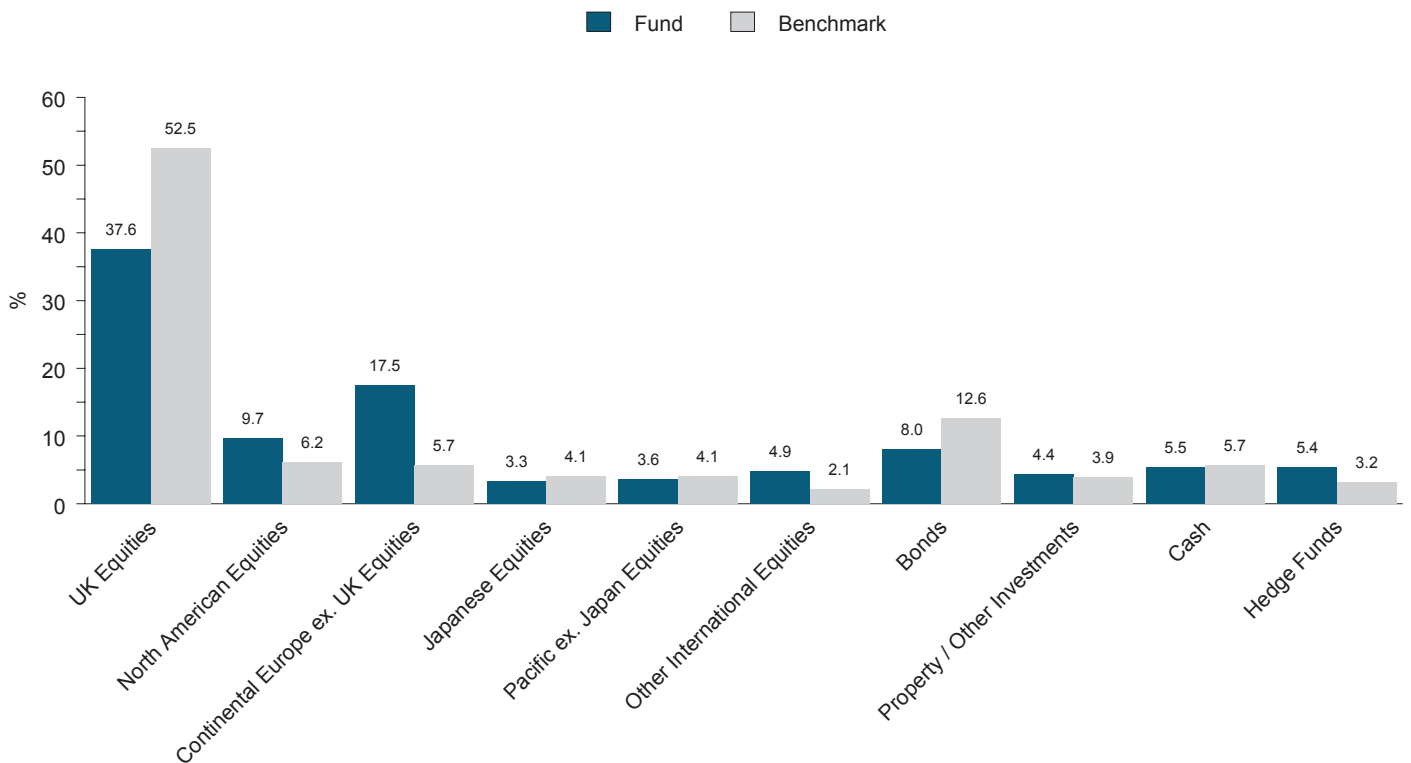
Fund Analysis

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Industrial Weightings versus Benchmark



Regional and Asset Class Weightings versus Benchmark



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Top 10 Holdings as at 30 September 2007

UK Equities	%	Overseas Equities	%
Vodafone Group PLC	3.8	Siam Commercial Bank PCL	1.2
BP PLC	2.5	ConocoPhillips	1.2
HSBC Holdings PLC	2.2	Companhia Vale do Rio Doce	1.2
BHP Billiton PLC	2.1	Occidental Petroleum Corp	1.1
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1.7	Statoil ASA	1.1
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	1.7	Total SA	1.1
Standard Chartered PLC	1.5	E.ON AG	1.0
Scottish & Southern Energy PLC	1.5	Acciona SA	1.0
Barclays PLC	1.5	Deutsche Boerse AG	1.0
Xstrata PLC	1.2	Fortum Oyj	0.9

Major Contributors to Relative Performance During the Quarter

Positive	%	Negative	%
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce	0.49	Panalpina Welttransport AG	-0.24
BHP Billiton PLC	0.30	Cemex SAB de CV	-0.13
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp (not held)	0.27	McGraw-Hill Cos Inc	-0.13
Deutsche Boerse AG	0.15	Rio Tinto PLC (not held)	-0.12
National Express Group PLC	0.14	Wolseley PLC	-0.12

Significant Transactions

Acquisitions

Inchcape PLC
ABC Learning Centres Ltd
Reuters Group PLC
Tele Norte Leste Participacoes
Makhteshim-Agan Industries Ltd

Disposals

National Express Group PLC
KBC Group NV
Marston's PLC
Cemex SAB de CV
Veolia Environnement

Investment Themes

Newton Balanced Bridge Fund

The identification of global themes is a key component of our investment philosophy. Individual economies, industries or companies should not be analysed in isolation. Only by understanding events, trends and competitive pressures worldwide can investment prospects be properly evaluated. We have approximately a dozen investment themes, some of which have changed little over the past few years whilst others are fairly recent additions. A number of these themes are illustrated below with examples of individual holdings.

Population Dynamics

A nation's demographic profile has profound implications for its ongoing economic development influencing its patterns of growth, consumption and savings, fiscal policy, healthcare regimes and competitive advantage. Industrialised economies have broadly ageing populations while some developing economies have significantly different profiles.

Beneficiaries: ABC Learning Centres, GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis, Prudential, Smith & Nephew

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

Debt and Credit

The transition from high to low inflation and interest rates has triggered a super-cycle of credit growth which has boosted economic activity in the West. It has extended the economic cycle and left households, corporations and administrations increasingly highly indebted. This contrasts with a developing world where households and, increasingly, corporations are significantly less indebted. In sectors such as banking (among others), we favour companies with exposure to the developing world.

Beneficiaries: DBS, EFG, Siam Commercial, Standard Chartered

Energy Supply

Following decades of underinvestment in oil and gas infrastructure, surplus production and refining capacity is limited. Strong current and forecast demand for energy implies a structurally higher real oil price. This has implications for the oil industry, infrastructure, and alternative energy sources as well as significant macro effects.

Beneficiaries: Acciona, BP, ConocoPhillips, Neste Oil, Terna Participacoes

Fund Manager's Report

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Turbulence returned to global asset markets in late July highlighting the links between different markets and seemingly unconnected participants caused by sophisticated financial innovation and the growth of derivative based instruments. The ramifications of rising defaults on sub-prime mortgages in the United States included the collapse of the short term money markets (where even the major high street banks were reputedly reluctant to lend to each other over night), a run on and subsequent government led bail out of Northern Rock, and a rapid sell off in global equity markets. Calm was restored to equity markets quickly however, after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates in the United States by 0.5% and central banks provided liquidity by acting as lender of last resort.

Apart from the United Kingdom and Japan, major markets finished the quarter in positive territory in sterling terms, with the FTSE W World Ex UK (£) rising by 1.8% and the FTSE All Share falling by 1.8%. Gilts performed well returning 4.1% as investors sought a safe haven from the turmoil in the credit and equity markets, although their total return for 2007 to date is only just into positive territory at 0.9%. Against this backdrop, your fund returned 1.8%, bringing the nine-month return to 9.6%, noticeably out-performing the benchmark over both periods.

The strong performance this year continues to be driven by stock selection drawing on our global thematic process and output from our research analysts. The two biggest sectoral contributors to performance were Banks and Industrial Metals. Global Realignment and the excess growth of demand over that of supply has helped to drive up and sustain the price of industrial commodities. This in turn has resulted in strong profit and cash flow growth for mining companies. The holdings in CVRD and BHP Billiton were reduced towards the quarter's end, following strong share price movements that resulted in CVRD increasing in value by nearly 70% in fewer than 6 weeks!

The banking sector's contribution to performance may seem at odds with the recent turmoil illustrated by the queues of depositors outside Northern Rock waiting to withdraw their money. We have been concerned for some time about the outlook for investment banks (see sale

of UBS in previous quarterly commentary) and those retail banks with heavy exposure to highly indebted consumers. Our Debt and Credit theme has led us away from the UK high street banks (voids in RBS, HBoS and Northern Rock which all fell in value during the quarter) and towards European and Emerging market banks (EFG, DBS, Siam Commercial) where opportunities for earnings and profit growth appear stronger.

A new area that we have been focussing on is the potential for structural changes within the global agricultural market. Demand is being driven by two distinct movements: firstly the increasing wealth of consumers within developing countries, such as China and India, leading to more consumption of meat and dairy products; and secondly by the growing political focus on climate change and the use of biofuels as a green solution. Supply cannot adjust immediately to intensifying demand and we have witnessed substantial increases in the prices of soft commodities, which should result in higher agricultural incomes. Higher agricultural incomes and visibility over the sustainability of higher prices is likely to encourage greater use of yield enhancing products and to this end we have purchased crop protection manufacturer Makhteshim-Agan, and the potash producer, K&S.

The recovery in equity markets masks the obstacles that are still inherent within the financial system and the extent of the impact on the real economy of rising borrowing rates and tighter lending criteria is unclear. Volatility in equity markets has risen and protection in the form of Put options has become more expensive. Nevertheless, having sold the existing Put options in early August, we re-purchased some more following the market recovery given our concerns about short term movements.

Fund Management Team:

Caroline Lindsay and Robert Hay

Investment Style and Other Information

Newton Balanced Bridge Fund

- There are three components of the investment process at Newton: the strategic framework, global research, and portfolio management. The basis of our investment philosophy is that no industry, market or economy can be considered in isolation. Only by understanding events, trends and competitive pressures worldwide can prospects for shares and bonds be properly evaluated. We conduct our research and invest globally.
- The Balanced Bridge Fund is invested in the same manner as segregated high net worth private clients of Newton in line with the private client income and growth model managed in accordance with agreed asset allocation guidelines.
- The Fund holds around 90-100 equities compared to 60-70 holdings for the model. The additional holdings consist of other strong Newton ideas and take into account other in-house model portfolios.
- The core of the Fund is primarily invested in large, international blue chip companies which are held for the long term. From time to time it also actively participates in new issues, public offerings and underwriting on a short-term view.
- The fixed interest element is biased towards investment grade corporate bonds and government issues.
- Investment trusts are used to a limited extent to gain exposure to specialist areas including hedge funds, and may be switched to take advantage of changes in price relative to net asset value.

Portfolio Valuation

Newton Balanced Bridge Fund

	% WEIGHT
Newton Balanced Bridge Fund (Aam12)	100.00
Equities	76.30
Oil & Gas	10.19
Oil & Gas Producers	10.19
BP PLC	2.50
ConocoPhillips	1.22
ENI SpA	0.69
Neste Oil Oyj	0.79
Occidental Petroleum Corp	1.14
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	1.72
Statoil ASA	1.07
Total SA	1.06
Basic Materials	8.23
Chemicals	1.92
Air Liquide SA	0.79
K&S AG	0.58
Makhteshim-Agan Industries Ltd	0.55
Industrial Metals	2.10
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce	1.21
Teck Cominco Ltd	0.89
Mining	4.21
Anglo American PLC	0.91
BHP Billiton PLC	2.10
Xstrata PLC	1.21
Industrials	7.60
Construction & Materials	0.97
Acciona SA	0.97
Aerospace & Defence	0.74
Cobham PLC	0.74
General Industrials	0.59
Smiths Group PLC	0.59
Industrial Transportation	1.59
Deutsche Post AG	0.80
Panalpina Welttransport AG	0.79
Support Services	3.71
ABC Learning Centres Ltd	0.77

Portfolio Valuation

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	% WEIGHT
Bunzl PLC	1.00
Eaga PLC	0.27
Serco Group PLC	0.81
Shanks Group PLC	0.46
Wolseley PLC	0.41
Consumer Goods	4.10
Beverages	1.00
Diageo PLC	1.00
Household Goods	0.57
Woong Jin Coway Co	0.57
Personal Goods	0.93
Gildan Activewear Inc	0.93
Tobacco	1.61
Japan Tobacco Inc	0.79
Reynolds American Inc	0.81
Health Care	5.46
Health Care Equipment & Services	1.61
Medtronic Inc	0.72
Smith & Nephew PLC	0.89
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	3.85
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1.72
Lilly (Eli) & Co	0.80
Novartis AG	0.65
Roche Hldgs AG	0.67
Consumer Services	4.41
Food & Drug Retailers	0.96
Tesco PLC	0.96
General Retailers	1.88
DSG Intl PLC	0.68
eBay Inc	0.26
Inchcape PLC	0.94
Media	0.81
Reuters Group PLC	0.81
Travel & Leisure	0.77
Accor SA	0.77

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	% WEIGHT
Telecommunication	8.49
Fixed Line Telecommunications	3.50
Cable & Wireless PLC	1.05
France Telecom SA	0.69
Tele Norte Leste Participacoes	0.61
Telstra Corp Ltd	0.87
Telstra Corp Ltd Installment Rcpts (29/5/08 PP)	0.28
Mobile Telecommunications	4.99
Millicom Intl Cellular	0.60
MTN Group Ltd	0.61
Vodafone Group PLC	3.77
Utilities	5.10
Electricity	2.41
Fortum Oyj	0.94
Scottish & Southern Energy PLC	1.47
Gas Water & Multiutilities	2.69
Centrica PLC	1.03
E.ON AG	0.99
Terna Participacoes SA	0.67
Financials	16.04
Banks	9.08
Barclays PLC	1.46
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	0.71
EFG Eurobank Ergasias SA	0.86
HSBC Holdings PLC	2.15
Siam Commercial Bank PCL	1.23
Societe Generale	0.48
Standard Chartered PLC	1.53
Unicredito Italiano SpA	0.66
Nonlife Insurance	1.39
Allianz SE	0.81
Hartford Financial Services Gp	0.58
Life Insurance	2.88
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	0.47
Old Mutual PLC	0.77
Prudential PLC	1.04
Resolution PLC	0.60
Real Estate	0.67

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	% WEIGHT
Land Securities Group PLC	0.67
General Financial	2.01
Deutsche Boerse AG	0.95
ICAP PLC	1.07
Technology	3.25
Software & Computer Services	1.29
Amdocs Ltd	0.21
Microsoft Corp	0.39
SAP AG	0.37
VeriSign Inc	0.31
Technology Hardware & Equipment	1.96
Canon Inc	0.66
Cisco Systems Inc	0.85
High Tech Computer Corp	0.45
Unitised / Structured Investments (Equities)	3.43
UK Equity Funds	0.88
MFM Newton UK Smaller Cos Cls 'X'	0.88
Pan European	0.66
Symphony Eurostoxx50 Autocall	0.66
Japan	1.88
Capita Financial Managers Morant Wright Japan B (Acc)GBP	0.76
Elders (Merrill Lynch Intl) Japan Capital Protected II 13C	0.85
Elders (Merrill Lynch Intl) Japan Accel Growth II 25B	0.27
Bonds	8.03
Government Bonds	1.61
UK Bonds	1.61
Treasury 5.75% Stk 7/12/2009 5.75% Stk 7/12/2009	0.62
Treasury 5% Stk 7/09/2014 5% Stk 7/09/2014	0.99
Index Linked	0.49
UK Index Linked	0.49
British Telecommunications PLC 3.5% Idx Lkd 25/04/2025 GBP	0.49
Corporate Bonds	5.94
UK Corporate Bonds	5.94

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	% WEIGHT
Barclays Bank PLC 6% Bds 29/06/2049 GBP10000	0.87
Daily Mail & General Trust PLC 7.5% Bds 29/3/2013 GBP10000	0.54
Deutsche Telekom Intl Finance 6.25% EMTN 9/12/2010 GBP1000	0.74
France Telecom SA 8% EMTN 20/12/2017 GBP1000	0.27
HBOS Treasury Services PLC 6.0884% Non Cum Prf GBP1000	0.86
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Iron Mountain Inc 7.25% Bds 15/04/14 Reg'S'	0.22
Kelda Group PLC 6.875% Gtd Bds 23/4/2010 GBP	0.26
Saphir Finance PLC 6.369% Perp 25/08/2049 GBP	0.59
Standard Chartered PLC 8.25% Non-Cum Irr Prf GBP1 8.25% Non-Cum Irr Prf GBP1	0.39
Standard Chartered PLC 7.375% Non-Cum Irr Prf GBP1 7.375% Non-Cum Irr Prf GBP1	0.43
Tesco PLC 6.625% EMTN 12/10/2010 GBP	0.24
Property	2.43
INVESCO Property Income Tst	0.48
Invista Foundation Prop Trust	0.37
Matrix European Real Estate IT	0.57
Teesland Advant Prop Inc Trust	0.37
UK Commercial Property Tst Ltd	0.63
Cash	5.48
Derivative Instruments	0.40
Options	0.40
FTSE 100 Index Dec 07 UKX 6375 PBT (Put Option)	0.40
Hedge Funds	5.43
AcenciA Debt Strategies Ltd	0.75
Alternative Inv Strategies Ltd	0.75
Close Allblue Fund Ltd	0.63
Dexion Absolute Ltd	0.69
Dexion Alpha Strategies Ltd	0.46
Dexion Trading Ltd	0.46
Gottex Market Neutral Tst Ltd	0.46

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