

# **Discretionary Sterling Grow Strategy**

## **Strategy Description**

This strategy is designed for those investors seeking higher long term returns but with a greater tolerance for risk. They are comfortable with wide fluctuations in value and prepared to accept, at frequent times, periods of substantial loss to their investment. With a significant proportion of equity based investments, exposure to other assets in this portfolio will be very limited.



# **Performance Since Inception**



Oakglen Wealth GBP Grow Model 48.4% ARC Equity Risk PCI TR GBP

# **Contribution Analysis**

### Top 5 Bottom 5 Time Period: 01/12/2024 to 31/12/2024 Weights Contribution Polar Capital Global Tech 5.25 0.15 FT Nasdaq Cybersecurity ETF 5.43 0.13 Invesco Asian Equity 8.04 0.05 Schroder Global Sustainable Growth 4.87 0.04 Lindsell Train Global Equity -0.04 4.93

# **Trailing Performance %**

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	CAGR Since Inception
Oakglen Wealth GBP Grow	-1.60	3.27	2.85	10.64	13.41	48.44	48.44	8.22
ARC Equity Risk PCI TR GBP	-0.70	2.09	2.99	9.80	5.36	25.22	25.22	4.60

25.2%

Time Period: 01/12/2024 to 31/12/2024					
	Weights	Contribution			
Fidelity Global Equity Income	14.83	-0.40			
iShares S&P SmallCap 600 ETF	4.60	-0.32			
VanEck Global Mining ETF	4.08	-0.31			
Xtrackers MSCI World Energy ETF	4.04	-0.27			
Polar Capital Healthcare Opps	4.38	-0.19			

# **Key Facts**

Inception date	31 December 2019
Minimum investment size	£250,000
Minimum recommended time horizo	on 7+ Years
UK Reporting status funds held	Yes
Expected volatility	<25%
Expected maximum drawdown	<65%

# **Portfolio Breakdown**

## Asset Class Weightings

Portfolio Date: 31/12/2024

	%
Equity	99.0
Cash & Equivalents	1.0
Total	100.0

# **Top 10 Invested Holdings**

	Weighting %
Brown Advisory Global Leaders	15.13
Fidelity Global Equity Income	14.62
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas	12.10
iShares MSCI World ETF	8.19
Invesco Asian Equity	8.01
FT Nasdaq Cybersecurity ETF	5.59
Polar Capital Global Tech	5.34
Lindsell Train Global Equity	4.96
Schroder Global Sustainable Growth	4.89
iShares S&P SmallCap 600 ETF	4.44

Calendar Year Performance %					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	
Oakglen Wealth GBP Grow	10.64	8.75	-5.74	13.58	
ARC Equity Risk PCI TR GBP	9.80	8.30	-11.40	12.31	

# December 2024



# Commentary

Trump trade enthusiasm clashed with a hawkish stance from the Federal Open Market Committee meeting in mid-December, reversing the rally in US stocks witnessed during the first half of the month. By month-end, the S&P 500 had declined 2.5%, while the NASDAQ posted a modest gain of just under 0.5% for the month. In contrast, UK equities registered losses, European markets advanced, and Asia outperformed, with Japan and China experiencing strong local currency returns.

During the month, the **Oakglen Wealth GBP Grow** strategy posted a decline of -1.60%, underperforming the ARC Equity Risk benchmark which posted a decline of -0.70%. Despite December's challenges, it was another strong year for equity markets, in fact the past two years being the best consecutive years for US equities since the late 1990s. Subsequently, the **Oakglen Wealth GBP Grow** strategy returned +10.64% for the year, outperforming the benchmark which returned +9.80%. In addition to the strong calendar year performance, the strategy remains comfortably ahead over 3 years and 5 years (including since inception).

The top contributors during the month were positions in Polar Capital Global Technology Fund, First Trust Nasdaq Cybersecurity ETF and Invesco Asian Equity Fund. The former two investments have substantial technology and technology related exposure, benefitting from continued excitement for Artificial Intelligence (A.I) as well as digital defence spending.

We anticipate that several key themes that we highlighted in 2024 will remain prominent in the coming year. Namely, growth in defence spending, particularly in Europe, along with sustained increases in cyber defence spending. The financial sector, which had a strong 2024, is also likely to continue to prosper as yield curves normalise. Additionally, we expect that technology sector spending will stay strong, driven by the mega cap tech stocks in the US fuelling an arms race in the development of A.I.

We also expect less alignment of central bank policy, as the final phases of the fight against inflation will hinge more on domestic factors rather than any of the global supply shocks that produced the inflationary spikes of the past few years. Currently, the US Federal Reserve has adopted a more cautious stance on future rate cuts, while the European Central Bank has suggested they are more confident about meeting their inflation target. This divergence will result in larger interest rate differentials and increased foreign exchange rate volatility. The divergence of US economic policy and that of other developed nations may deepen further. President-elect Trump has pledged significant regulatory rollbacks and tax cuts, positioning the US on a markedly different economic trajectory. In contrast, the UK has recently raised taxes, while political paralysis in France and upcoming elections in Germany do not suggest new economic dynamics there. Meanwhile, China has committed to providing significant new stimulus for their domestic economy, though the policy specifics need to be fleshed out.

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