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Values: All data as at 30th September 2024 (except inflation which is until 31st August 2024 as September 2024 data figures are not yet available). Sources of charts and tables: Rothschild & Co and Bloomberg, unless otherwise stated. Past performance is not indicative of future performance and investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise. Fund performance is shown in pounds sterling, after all fees, in total return, combining income and capital growth. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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Fund manager's review

Global stock markets reached new highs in the third quarter, with broader participation across industry sectors compared with the tech-driven rally seen earlier in the year. Overall sentiment remained positive with central banks reducing interest rates, despite some mixed messages about the economic outlook.

PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

The portfolio returned +4.6% in the third quarter of 2024, taking the return to +6.9% for the year. The strategy has returned +275.0% (net of fees) since inception vs. +234.1% for UK inflation +3% since inception (31st December 2002).[1] This equates to an annualised return of +6.3% compared to +5.7% for UK inflation +3%.[2]

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

In a reversal from the previous quarter where the US tech sector dominated, market participation broadened as global stocks reached new highs.

As was highlighted after the second quarter this year, performance of the return assets can differ considerably from the performance of global stocks over shorter time periods given our investment approach, and this quarter is a good example of that. Contrary to the previous quarter, relative performance was very positive against the MSCI with return assets delivering +10.2%. Laboratory testing company Eurofins (+23.4%) was the top performer over the quarter, recovering from the negative share price reaction to a short seller report at the end of the second quarter. Recent results also highlighted the strong underlying performance of the business with revenues now exceeding peak pandemic-driven levels.

Aero engine company MTU (+17.3%) also performed well over the quarter. The company reported encouraging results which showed its plan to manage some teething issues with a new engine programme that is running in line with expectations, giving investors more confidence in the longer term outlook. The Albizia funds (Opportunities +14.6% and Tenggara +13.5%) performed positively as some of their consumer-focused holdings saw strong share price performance and US dollar weakness allowed ASEAN currencies to claw back their year-to-date losses.

We continue to monitor our positions in the cable companies which had another relatively weak quarter (Charter Communications +8.4%, Comcast +7.4% and Cable One -0.5%). Whilst a softer period for the sector overall, the returns of the technology indices were still driven by a few stocks. This left the broader exposure in the equally weighted Amundi index we hold underperforming the market over the period (+1.6%).

Our diversifying assets also added to performance over the period (+1.1%). As central banks began their easing cycles, bond yields fell which positively impacted our fixed income holdings. Our inflation-linked bonds (+4.7%) outperformed our nominal bonds (+2.2%) as real yields fell, with the longer-dated exposure of the inflation-linked bonds benefitting more from falling rates. Saba Capital Carry Neutral Tail Hedge (+2.1%) generated positive performance over the period due to individual credit selection. Our trend followers lost ground, Abbey Focus Fund (-4.7%) and CFM IS Trends (-1.0%), predominantly as a result of their positioning in developed market currencies and volatile equity markets intra-quarter.

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

We made minimal changes to the portfolio over the third quarter of 2024. We reduced our positions in Berkshire Hathaway and American Express. Both these holdings had reached position sizes that were close to our maximum risk limits on the back of consistently strong performance. We also reduced our position in Moody's on the back of valuation, with the company up +12.7% over the period.

[1] The inception date of the Fund which implements this strategy was 14th July 2015. Performance for periods prior to inception date is the Rothschild & Co Wealth Management UK Ltd Balanced composite, adjusted to reflect the Fund's 1% management charge and fund operational costs.

[2] Annualised figures are calculated on a compound basis to best represent the results of staying continuously invested from inception of the strategy.

[3] The 'Magnificent Seven' stocks – Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla.

Data sources: Rothschild & Co and Bloomberg.

All returns are in local currency terms unless otherwise stated and are sourced from Avaloq.

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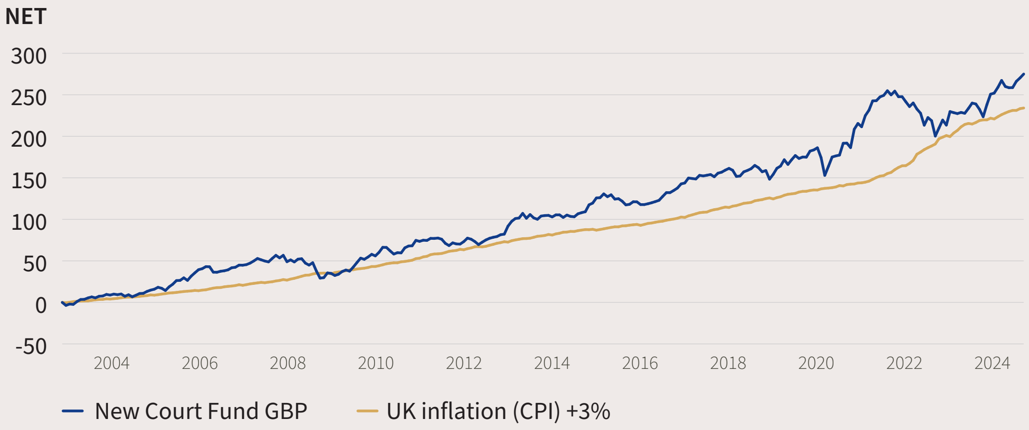
Fund performance

Since inception, the Fund has outperformed the strategy's objective of inflation +3%. As at 30th September 2024, the net asset value per share was £36.89. The Fund size was £5,444.5 million.

PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%)*



PERFORMANCE COMPARISON – OVER TIME (%)

	Q3 2024	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	SINCE INCEPTION*
NEW COURT FUND GBP	4.6	6.9	11.9	-9.8	10.2	11.2	14.2	275.0
UK inflation +3%	0.9	3.8	6.9	13.5	8.4	3.6	4.3	234.1
UK inflation	0.1	1.6	3.9	10.5	5.4	0.6	1.3	78.6
Global equities (in local currencies)	4.9	18.7	21.6	-16.0	20.9	14.2	26.2	578.7
Global equities (in sterling)	0.6	13.0	15.8	-8.7	19.6	13.0	21.7	718.6
UK government bonds	2.4	-0.5	3.6	-25.1	-5.3	8.9	7.1	91.2
Sterling cash	1.3	4.0	4.7	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.7	53.4

* Data represents total returns of the investment strategy over the period from 31st December 2002 to 30th September 2024. The inception date of the Fund which implements this strategy was 14th July 2015. Performance for periods prior to inception date is the Rothschild & Co Wealth Management UK Ltd GBP Balanced composite, adjusted to reflect the Fund's 1% annual management charge and fund operational costs. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise.

Indices used: UK inflation (CPI inflation), global equities (MSCI All Country World Index in local currencies and sterling terms), UK government bonds (Bloomberg Barclays Gilts Total Return Index), sterling cash (Barclays Benchmark Overnight GBP Cash Index). All figures are calculated monthly from 31st December 2002 to 30th September 2024 (except inflation which is until 31st August 2024 as September 2024 data figures are not yet available).

Fund holdings

The Fund combines return and diversifying assets which are invested across global markets. The return assets are held to generate capital growth over the long term; the diversifying assets are held to protect capital and investment performance, particularly during difficult markets.

RETURN ASSETS (63.8%)

Companies	**40.6%**
Admiral	2.7%
American Express	3.7%
Ashtead	3.2%
Booking	2.8%
Cable One	0.4%
Canadian Pacific Kansas City	1.9%
Charter Communications [1]	1.0%
Comcast	2.1%
Constellation Software [2]	2.0%
Deere	2.1%
Eurofins	2.5%
Linde	2.9%
Mastercard	3.2%
Moody's	2.8%
MTU	1.3%
Ryanair	3.0%
S&P Global	2.8%
Topicus.com	0.4%

Funds	**23.2%**
Aikya	2.3%
Albizia ASEAN	1.2%
Amundi US Tech ETF	2.6%
Bares US Equity	2.5%
Berkshire Hathaway	3.7%
Global Long Term Equity Fund	0.4%
Lansdowne Developed Markets	3.8%
Phoenix	3.2%
Ward Ferry Asian Smaller Cos	3.4%

DIVERSIFYING ASSETS (36.2%)

Alternative strategies	**7.5%**
Abbey Focus Fund	3.4%
CFM ISTEC	2.2%
CFM IS Trends	1.9%
Portfolio protection	**4.6%**
Okura	1.5%
One River Dynamic Convexity	1.2%
Saba Capital Carry Neutral Tail Hedge	1.6%
S&P 500 4400 Resettable Put – December 2024 [3]	<0.1%
S&P 500 4900 Resettable Put – June 2025 [3]	0.1%
S&P 500 5000 Resettable Put – December 2025 [3]	0.1%
Fixed income – nominal	**9.0%**
Fixed Rate Bonds	8.4%
Floating Rate Bonds	0.6%
Fixed income – inflation linked assets	**8.9%**
Inflation Focus Fund [4]	8.9%
Cash and cash equivalents	**6.2%**
Cash	3.2%
T-Bills	3.0%
Currency hedges	
EUR FX hedge	-7.3%
USD FX hedge	-28.1%
GBP FX hedge	35.4%

[1] Implemented via Charter Communications and Liberty Broadband.

[2] Constellation Software also includes a holding in Lumine Group.

[3] Put warrants (options) behave like insurance; we pay a premium for them and hope that they expire worthless, losing only the premium (a very small detraction). They will increase in value if equity markets fall, thereby providing some protection to the portfolio in the event of a fall in the value of equities held in the portfolio.

[4] Internally managed implementation vehicle which gives us exposure to inflation-linked assets globally.

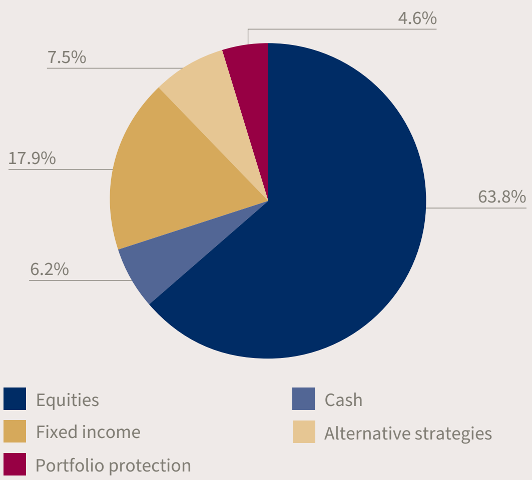
Holdings are subject to change without notice.

Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

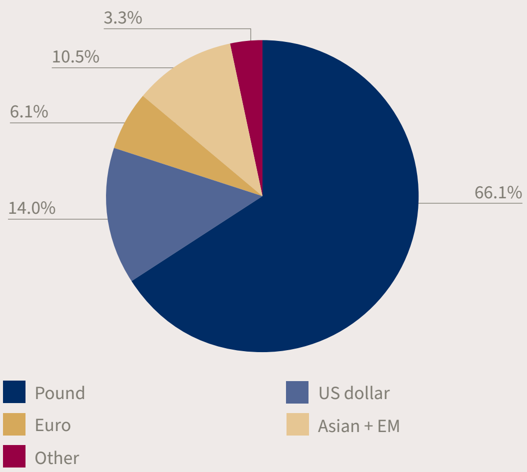
Fund allocations

The Fund is invested across global regions, asset classes and currencies. The fund manager follows a diversified investment approach and aims to preserve and grow the real value of the Fund over the longer term.

FUND HOLDINGS BY ASSET CLASS



FUND HOLDINGS BY CURRENCY



Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding. The above currency exposure is net of foreign exchange hedges. For the purposes of more accurately managing currency risk, where appropriate, we reflect the currency exposure of certain funds based on the underlying securities held within the fund, rather than the denomination of the fund.

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Type of fund	A sub-fund of a Luxembourg Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable ("SICAV").
Objective	The objective of the Fund is to preserve and grow the real value of the Fund over the long term through a diversified investment approach. The Fund may utilise a wide range of asset classes in order to achieve its objective. These may include equities, cash deposits, bonds, warrants, money market instruments, derivatives and forward transactions, funds (regulated and unregulated), exposure to currencies, commodities and property.
Launch date	New Court Feeder Fund: 25th February 2013. Converted to New Court GBP Fund on 14th July 2015.
Share class	Income and accumulation. Base currency is pound sterling.
Estimated synthetic OCF[1]	1.33%. This includes the manager's fee (1.00%), other expenses (0.07%) and expenses on underlying fund investments (0.26%).
Transaction costs[2]	0.05%
Pricing	Fund priced daily Subscriptions: daily (business days) Redemptions: weekly (Thursday) Settlement period: T+3
Comparators	UK CPI +3%. MSCI All Country World in sterling. Bloomberg Barclays Gilts Total Return Index. Barclays Benchmark Overnight GBP Cash Index.
Tax	UK Reporting status is available.

[1] The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) as calculated in December 2023. The OCF is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund. It is intended to provide a reliable figure that gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in the Fund. The Synthetic OCF includes the disclosed ongoing fees of the underlying fund investments weighted on the basis of their investment proportion in the Fund. From time to time management fees may differ. This will be disclosed and explained to you in good time before you invest.

[2] The transaction costs show the most recent transaction figures available.

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