

Unicorn AIM IHT & ISA Portfolio Service



Growth Portfolio

Q3 2018

The service aims to invest in a portfolio of 25-40 companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM), independently assessed as qualifying for Business Relief (BR).

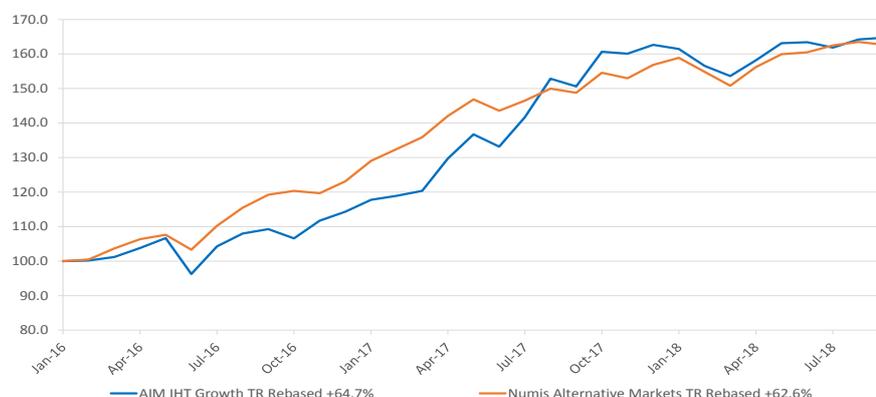
Investments will be made in companies that operate across a range of sectors in order to provide diversification.

- **Unicorn Asset Management has specialised in AIM investing since 2000, currently managing more than £300m in AIM stocks**
- **Simple, proven structure that aims to provide full IHT exemption once shares are held for two years**
- **Available in ISAs and direct investments**

Performance

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Calendar Year	Since 1 Feb 2016
2016	+1.2%*	-4.9%	+13.4%	+4.6%	+14.3%*	+64.7%*
2017	+5.3%	+10.7%	+13.1%	+8.0%	+42.3%	
2018	-5.6%	+6.4%	+0.8%		+1.3%	

% return rebased



Quarterly Manager Commentary

The AIM IHT Growth Portfolio service registered a total return of +0.8% for the third quarter of 2018, compared with the benchmark Numis Alternative Markets Index, which registered a total return of +1.3% over the same period. Underlying portfolio returns for individual clients will vary depending on the timing of their investment. UK equity markets were broadly flat during the traditionally quiet summer months, however, investor sentiment deteriorated in early autumn, partly due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Brexit negotiations, which have yet to reach a successful conclusion.

The FTSE AIM Index (AIM) outperformed main market indices over the quarter. Companies listed on AIM continue to attract capital, due in part, to the attractive tax benefits that many of them offer. The growing weight of money being invested on AIM is predominately directed towards the largest, and most liquid AIM-listed companies, which, in many cases, are now trading at high valuations relative to their historic averages.

The AIM IHT Growth Portfolio underperformed its benchmark index during the third quarter. This underperformance was principally due to the holding in Flowtech Fluidpower, whose share price declined by 34.4% over the period. Flowtech reported disappointing interim results for the six months to 30 June 2018, with earnings coming in below expectations due to higher than expected operating costs following a series of acquisitions. The company also reported softer demand in its engineering focused businesses, as well as confirming that a £1.5m contract to supply the Thames Tideway project was unlikely to proceed. In view of these unexpected setbacks, it is going to take some time before investor confidence is restored, which largely explains why the share price decline on the day was significantly greater than the downgrade to profit forecasts.

Another weak performer was Smart Metering Systems (-20.8%), whose share price drifted lower in the absence of any significant news flow. The strongest share price performance during the quarter was delivered by Tracsis (+21.5%). Tracsis specialises in solutions to a variety of data capture, reporting and optimisation problems, primarily for the transportation industry. Tracsis released a trading update during the quarter, which reported that financial performance is expected to be ahead of market expectations as a result of good organic growth during the past twelve months and a strong contribution from recent acquisitions.

*Q1 2016 and Calendar Year 2016 exclude the month of January since the first monies received into the strategy were only fully invested for part of that period. Performance figures show the total return of the Unicorn AIM IHT & ISA Portfolio Service Growth Portfolios where the contribution of each portfolio to the total return is weighted by portfolio size. The returns take into account all portfolio management fees but do not include initial portfolio or adviser fees. Individual portfolios are excluded during months when a portfolio is being invested, during months when withdrawals are made, where the investor has died and all portfolios where the initial investment is less than the minimums quoted in the terms & conditions of the service. The performance figures have been calculated by WM Capital Management based on the bid prices of holdings at the end of each month. Fees are subject to change.

Product Details

Launch date

January 2016

Structure

Discretionary portfolio service

Minimum investment

Income portfolio £50,000

Growth portfolio £50,000

Weighted Average Market Cap

£509m

Initial charge (advised)

2.0% plus VAT

Annual management charge (advised)

1.5% plus VAT

Dealing fee

0.5%

Brokerage fee

0.35% per trade

Exit fee

1.0% (not payable on death)

Online Investor/Adviser Portal

www.reyker.com

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Commentary Continued:

Another notable performer was Gooch & Housego (+18.4%), a manufacturer of optical components and systems, which announced the acquisition of IIL, a specialist in the design and manufacture of high-quality medical and in-vitro diagnostic devices.

Investor confidence has recently been tested. In the weeks immediately following the end of the quarter under review, a sharp sell-off in global equity markets occurred. This rapid re-assessment of risk, particularly affected more highly valued 'growth' stocks. In particular, risk aversion has re-emerged in the United States, where further interest rate rises are expected in order to control inflation as the US economy continues to grow. The likelihood of further rate increases, a growing fear that the US economy may be over-heating and the threat of a major Trade War with China, combined to trigger a rapid fall in the tech-focused NASDAQ Index. UK equity markets were also caught in this down-draught and, in particular, a large number of AIM quoted companies endured sharp declines in their share prices. We suspect that heightened levels of volatility will prevail over the next six months, given the increasing uncertainty surrounding political events both in the UK and globally.

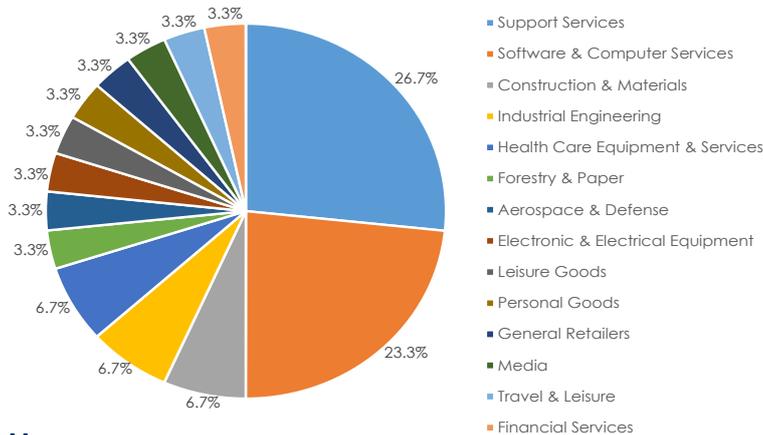
The portfolio has not been immune from these market movements, with a number of the investee companies suffering sharp pullbacks in share price. In spite of recent stock market volatility, our confidence in the underlying strength of the model portfolio's investee companies remains undimmed.

Top Five Holdings*

Company	Sector
Keywords Studios	Support Services
Frontier Developments	Leisure Goods
Midwich Group	Support Services
GB Group	Software & Computer Services
Accesso Technology Group	Software & Computer Services

Source: Unicorn Asset Management as at 30/09/18

Sector Allocation



Manager

WM Capital Management Limited (WM) is the Discretionary Investment Manager responsible for the day to day management of investor portfolios.

WM is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is recorded in the Register under reference number 601025.

Investment Adviser

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*typical allocation for new investors

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Company Case Study



Smart Metering Systems (SMS) connects, owns, operates and maintains current generation and new advanced metering assets. The UK Government's initiative to ensure every home in England, Wales and Scotland is connected to a smart meter by the end of 2020 is underway and provides a strong regulatory driven structural tailwind to SMS. Many smaller utilities players look to third parties such as SMS to install and manage their smart meter rollout commitments and in return relinquish ownership of the asset. As a result, SMS is growing a portfolio of meter assets, which generate a recurring revenue stream, index-linked into perpetuity at a yield significantly above its internal cost of capital.

As with many other regulatory driven initiatives, it is unlikely that the smart meter rollout will pass without negative press, with commentary already suggesting that the 2020 deadline is unrealistic and that the smart metering technology being installed will soon become obsolete. These concerns have served to put pressure on the share price of SMS in recent months, however we remain confident that the UK remains firmly committed to the smart meter rollout and SMS is well-placed to benefit from this structural growth trend.

Price (p): 625.00

Market cap (£m): 707.92

Earnings per share (p): 17.33

Profit before tax (£m): 18.24

Data from London Stock Exchange - 06/11/18

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