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# Throgmorton Select Portfolios



## Monthly Commentary August 2024

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### Market Update & Portfolio Positioning

“Equity markets were subject to volatility during July as data from the US led to investor expectations of more interest rate cuts than previously expected”

#### July 2024 Review

July was a volatile period for equity markets. Weaker economic data from the US including inflation, employment reports and the manufacturing / services surveys led to increased anticipation that the US Federal Reserve is likely to cut rates at the September meeting. Additionally, we saw corporate earnings results surprise to the downside for some companies, which drove some underperformance within equities and the Magnificent 7, which have driven positive market performance so far this year.

On the flip side, July was a strong month for bonds, with yields generally decreasing across the board as investors priced in more rate cuts leading to a rally in bond prices.

#### Blackrock Portfolio Positioning

There were no changes to the portfolio positioning during the month of July. We expect global growth to fall and inflation to settle close to central banks' targets as monetary tightening starts to take effect.

The portfolios delivered positive returns over the month of July, with the lower risk profiles experiencing stronger performances, due to their higher weighting to bonds. Within our equity holdings, US and Emerging Market equities were a notable detractor, but our UK and Japanese equities were additive. Emerging market equities were also down during the month.



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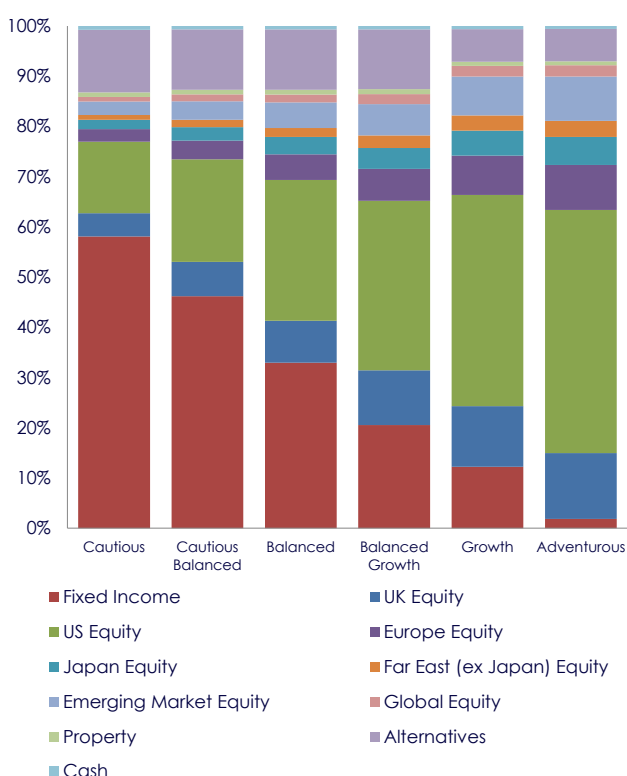
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## Asset Allocation as at 31/07/2024



## Cornelian Portfolio Positioning

Weaker US labour market data led to expectations of more interest rate cuts than previously expected, which benefitted our bond holdings, TwentyFour Income fund being the standout performer.

Within international equities investors pivoted away from technology stocks to smaller sized domestically focussed companies. This was beneficial to our holdings in the L&G Global Technology Index and T. Rowe Price US Smaller Companies funds, where we have been adding exposure to the portfolios for some time now.

The UK equity holdings outperformed the benchmark. Cairn Homes and Balfour Beatty were the best performers. Despite some high-profile infrastructure projects being axed, Balfour Beatty is seen as a beneficiary of the new UK government's economic growth agenda. Cairn Homes, the Irish house builder, produced a robust first half trading update noting that market conditions remain very favourable.

The 'other assets' portion of the portfolio produced a good positive return with the BH Macro, Supermarket Income REIT and JLEN Environmental Assets all performing well.

**All investment involves risk. It is important you understand that past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. The value of investments and any income derived from them may go down as well as up and you might not get back the full amount you invested.**

## Investment Performance and Volatility as at 31/07/2024

	1 Year Return % <sup>1</sup>	3 Year Return % <sup>1</sup>	5 Year Return % <sup>1</sup>	Volatility % <sup>2</sup>
SP3 Cautious	8.07	0.07	7.86	6.55
SP4 Cautious Balanced	9.37	3.18	15.17	7.47
SP5 Balanced	10.54	6.23	21.25	8.98
SP6 Balanced Growth	11.37	7.69	24.86	9.99
SP7 Growth	12.71	11.08	31.16	11.03
SP8 Adventurous	14.19	16.14	41.00	11.87

Data source FE Analytics 31/07/2024. Figures are net of underlying fund costs, but gross of all other charges, such as discretionary management fees, platform custody charges, adviser charges & where applicable transaction costs. 1. Performance figures are representative of the historical portfolio asset allocations. 2. Volatility figures calculated on a five year annualised basis.

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