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# Throgmorton Select Portfolios



## Monthly Commentary January 2025

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### Market Update & Portfolio Positioning

"It was a volatile month for equity and bond markets as political instability, coupled with more hawkish central bank tones, impacted investor sentiment"

#### December 2024 Review

Equities experienced a volatile December, with developed markets underperforming emerging markets. US equities sold off as a result of the more hawkish tone from the US Federal Reserve and the political instability in France and South Korea, impacted European and Asian equities respectively. Whilst Asian markets on the whole declined, Chinese equities outperformed its peer group as investors reacted well to the Central Government's commitment to stabilising both the equity and property markets. Furthermore, rising bond yields in the US and European nations lead to falling bond values.

#### Blackrock Portfolio Positioning

The portfolios were rebalanced in December to take advantage of our 3 key investments themes for 2025. These themes are that the economic backdrop remains robust; that US exceptionalism will continue; and that generally interest rates will continue to fall as outside of the US, we expect inflation to remain contained.

All portfolios delivered negative returns during December, driven by the fall in equity and bond markets. Our US and Japanese equities exposures were the notable detractors to performance. However, some of the negative returns were offset by our allocation to shorter duration bonds, commodities and alternatives, such as gold, all of which performed relatively well.



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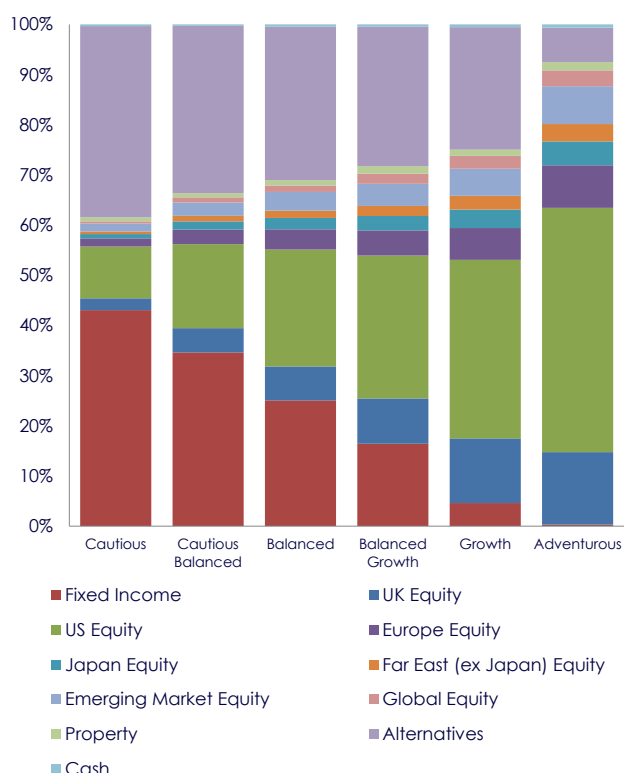
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## Asset Allocation as at 31/12/24



## Cornelian Portfolio Positioning

Our holdings in larger cap technology funds, such as the L&G Global Technology Index Trust, continued to power ahead. However, other funds, such as T.Rowe Price US Smaller Companies fund, struggled as it pulled back following a strong period of performance in November. This was the same across many of the other mid and smaller cap equity holdings.

The UK equity portfolio performed in-line with the market. However, our holdings in Trainline and Lloyds outperformed the market. Trainline's share price benefited from a series of quick fire profit guidance upgrades, as its organic growth accelerates and it moves into new geographic markets such as Spain and Italy. Lloyds performed relatively well as earnings estimates for current year trading were revised up and the shock of the potential for motor finance cost restitution dissipated somewhat.

During December, some of our longer dated, low coupon gilts were switched into gilts with a similar maturity profile, but with higher coupons, thus reducing price volatility whilst achieving a similar yield to maturity.

***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 31/12/2024

	1 Year Return % <sup>1</sup>	3 Year Return % <sup>1</sup>	5 Year Return % <sup>1</sup>	Volatility % <sup>2</sup>
SP3 Cautious	3.78	4.14	20.51	3.80
SP4 Cautious Balanced	5.32	6.22	25.53	4.65
SP5 Balanced	6.86	8.50	31.11	5.57
SP6 Balanced Growth	8.30	10.43	35.98	6.34
SP7 Growth	10.78	14.71	44.27	7.61
SP8 Adventurous	12.54	19.59	53.12	8.89

Data source FE Analytics 31/12/2024. 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 current portfolio asset allocations. 2. Volatility figures calculated on a five year annualised basis.

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