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OASIS CRESCENT VARIABLE BALANCED FUND

▲ JULY 2019

Fund Manager	Adam Ebrahim	Min. Initial Investment	GBP 5,000
Launch Date	12 September 2014	Min. Additional Investment	GBP 1,000
Risk Profile	Low to Medium	Fund Size	GBP 6.5 million
Benchmark	UK CPI	Total Expense Ratio	1.38%

The benchmark is made up of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of the UK.

The Oasis Crescent Variable Balanced Fund seeks to provide investors with capital growth and income over the medium to long term, which amounts to a period of over five years. The Fund is invested in a broadly diversified and balanced mixture of global securities that are listed on various international exchanges.

The range of investment instruments will include equity, fixed income, debt securities issued by governments and/or companies, property and cash or cash equivalent asset classes. The portfolio may have a particular bias at any given time to either equity securities or to non-equity securities, as it allows the fund manager to make discretionary choices when making asset allocation decisions. These investment decisions will always be made within the constraints of the Fund's objective and investment policy. The Oasis Crescent Variable Balanced Fund may invest in markets which the Investment Manager considers as emerging markets and will not invest in financial derivative instruments.

Cumulative Returns

Cumulative Returns	Sept-Dec 2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD Jul 2019	Return Since Inception	
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Oasis Crescent Variable Balanced Fund	3.0	0.3	7.2	0.2	(12.9)	4.9	1.4	0.3
UK CPI	(0.1)	0.1	1.2	3.2	2.3	0.8	7.7	1.5

Performance (% returns) in GBP, net of fees, gross of non permissible income of the Oasis Crescent Variable Balanced Fund since inception to 31 July 2019

(Source: Oasis Research; Bloomberg; September 2014 - July 2019)

Note: UK CPI benchmark lags by 1 month

Annualised Returns

Annualised Returns	% Growth 1 Year	% Growth 3 Year	Since Inception
			Annualised
Oasis Crescent Variable Balanced Fund	(6.8)	(2.0)	0.3
UK CPI	2.0	2.4	1.5

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Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	July 2019
	OCVBF %
Equity	53
Income	36
Property	11
Total	100

Asset Allocation of the Oasis Crescent Variable Balanced Fund (31 July 2019)

(Source : Oasis Research; July 2019)

Fund Manager Comments

Figures released over the past quarter showed encouraging growth performances in key economies like the US, the UK and China. At the same time, inflation remained relatively subdued at rates below major central banks' targets. Despite these, macro and political uncertainty have increased, prompting fiscal and monetary authorities in major economies to respond. Major central banks like the US Fed, the Bank of England and the European Central Bank signalling more dovish stances, and markets are pricing in expectations of policy rate cuts. Other central banks like the Bank of India¹ and the Bank of Australia² have been cutting their benchmark rates, whilst others like the Central Bank of China³ have extended quantitative easing. China has also ramped up fiscal policy measures like increased infrastructure spending to bolster growth.⁴ The changed policy stances have boosted liquidity, with benchmark yields declining, spreads of risk assets compressing, major equity markets hitting new highs and both developed and emerging market currencies gaining against the US dollar. Though global liquidity conditions have been more supportive, a number of countries and regions have been challenged by domestic uncertainty.

The spectre of trade wars was an ongoing feature over the last quarter. The US-China trade war that started in January 2018, was ramped up substantially when the US increased tariffs from 10% to 25% on \$200bn of Chinese imports in May, threatening to extend the tariffs on the rest of its imports from China, and China responding by levelling a range of tariffs on \$60bn of US imports. Major Chinese firms were also caught in the crossfire. The US administration banned US companies from exporting components to the Chinese technology giant Huawei and threatened non-US companies with exclusion to US markets if they fail to comply. More recently, the US detailed new restrictions on American companies doing business with five Chinese companies manufacturing supercomputers and related components.

China was not the only country that were threatened with tariffs. The US used the threat on its neighbour Mexico if the country failed to come up with acceptable measures to stem the tide of illegal immigration into the US via its borders. India was removed from the US Preferred Trade Program, opening the way for the imposition of tariffs on that country. The European Union is busy negotiating a trade deal with the US to avoid the latter imposing tariffs on its exports, with the European motor sector being in the US' crosshairs.

In addition to the uncertainties that trade wars have imposed on the global economy, recently there has also been a dramatic escalation of geopolitical risk centred on the Middle East. The sharp increase in tensions between the US and some of its Gulf allies on the one hand, and Iran on the other, threatens the flow of oil through the strategically important Strait of Hormus chokepoint between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

The UK economy held up well despite ongoing machinations and uncertainty around Brexit, with the labour market continuing its impressive gains. Unemployment figures released in June indicate they are at the lowest level since 1974 at 3.8%⁵ with wages growing at 3.1%⁶ for the year. The Bank of England opted to keep interest rates on hold at 0.75% at the meeting earlier this month citing concerns of risks to economic growth associated with the continued opacity of Brexit, in addition to extraneous global economic factors.⁷ Growth forecasts have been revised lower, with the Bank of England expecting growth of 1.3% for 2019 and 1.5% for 2020. The 31st of October exit from the European Union remains in place with initial indications from Brussels suggesting that the reopening of negotiations is not foreseen.

The UK market experienced a turbulent period with increasing global markets volatility combined with the ongoing uncertainty around the Brexit process. The dovish tone taken by Central banks in developed countries underpinned a strong rally in June, thereby leading to the FTSE 100 Index returning 3.3% for the quarter. The risk on sentiment along with robust commodity prices supported strong performance of the Mining and Oil & Gas sectors, followed by Industrials. These more than offset the contraction in domestic focused sectors like Telecommunications and Retail. In our view, understanding risk-return trade-offs in the current market environment is a prerequisite for generating client portfolio value. We continue to focus on stock quality (strength in free cash flow, strong balance sheet) and portfolio diversification which will remain key considerations for 2019. The UK property market has been volatile due to the uncertainty with regards to Brexit and it is important for REITS to remain disciplined in their capital allocation. In the current environment, stock selection is important and REITS with stronger rental growth, enhancing developments and superior balance sheets are well positioned to outperform over the medium term.

Our balanced portfolios are well diversified across geographies, currencies, asset classes, sectors and instruments. This appropriate level of diversification allows for a relatively lower level of risk and the fund is positioned to generate real returns for our clients over the long term.

1. https://fbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=47225

2. <https://www.rba.gov.au/media-releases/2019/mr-19-15.html>

3. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-economy/china-to-step-up-bank-reserve-ratio-cuts-to-help-small-firms-state-media-idUSKCN1RJD04>

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5. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/unemployment/timeseries/mxgs/ims>

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