

Investment Review / Investment Manager's Report continued

Outlook



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The intertwined themes of inflation, interest rates and growth continue to dominate investor thinking and drive markets. The optimism that characterised the start of the year has subsided; hopes of reflation have slid to fears of potential stagflation. Concerns about China's regulatory environment and possible contagion from the Evergrande property crisis lurk in the background as potential risks. Yet, markets continue to grind higher, as the successful global vaccine roll-out and accommodative monetary policy conditions continue.

In an environment such as this we believe it makes sense to increase the level of portfolio concentration to reflect our most attractive and highest conviction ideas. We remain confident in the outlook for a portfolio of attractive quality assets trading at lowly valuations, as indicated by the 29% portfolio weighted average discount.

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KEY FACTS

Total assets*
£1.3bn**

Launch date
1 July 1889

**Average annualised
NAV total return***
+12.0%**

* Refer to Glossary on pages 101 to 104.

** As at 30 September 2021.

*** From 30 June 1985 to 30 September 2021.