

Market commentary

Equity markets sold off sharply at the beginning of the month due to concerns over a possible US recession and that the Federal Reserve is behind the curve in terms of rate cuts, a rate hike from the Bank of Japan, the unwinding of carry trades linked to the Japanese yen and disappointing earnings from US tech names.

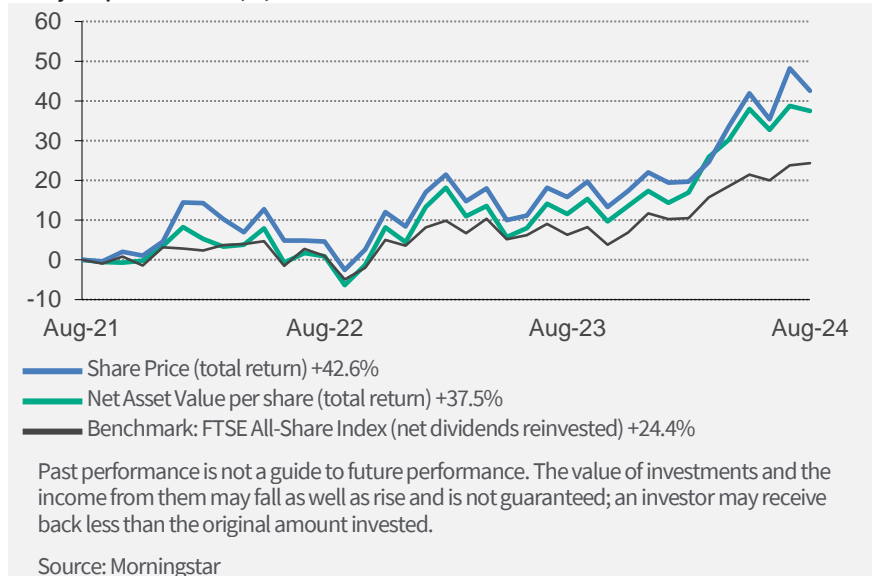
Despite this, equity markets recovered losses swiftly closing the month in positive territory. During the selloff, the portfolio suffered due to its higher weighting to cyclicals which underperformed defensive names. The largest contributors to performance were **GSK, Marks & Spencer** and **Kingfisher** while **BP, Shell** and **NatWest Group** were detractors from performance.

GSK shares moved higher following a decision by the Delaware Supreme Court to review the admissibility of expert evidence related to the ongoing Zantac litigation. The Marks & Spencer share price moved to its highest level since 2017; Marks & Spencer has performed very well over the last few years taking market share in both clothing and food. Kingfisher was also a positive contributor, with the improving macro backdrop in the UK a positive for the company.

Energy companies BP and Shell were detractors during the month with Brent oil falling below \$80 a barrel; it is important to re-iterate that your investment in the energy companies is not predicated on a particular view of energy prices, rather we see the companies as being lowly valued and offering an attractive margin of safety. NatWest and other European banking stocks fell on concerns of global growth at the beginning of the month.

UK equities continue to be valued at a significant discount to global equities generally. Accordingly, we believe that, notwithstanding the shorter-term uncertainties, UK equities are priced to offer relatively attractive returns into the future.

Three-year performance (%)



Sector and geographic analysis (%)*

30.1%	Financials	75.9%	United Kingdom
16.0%	Energy	8.8%	Netherlands
15.9%	Consumer Discretionary	4.7%	France
11.4%	Communications	4.6%	United States
8.1%	Materials	1.7%	Japan
4.2%	Consumer Staples	1.2%	Hong Kong
4.2%	Industrials	1.2%	Canada
3.4%	Healthcare	0.8%	Germany
3.2%	Information Technology	1.1%	Cash & equivalents
2.4%	Utilities		
1.1%	Cash & Equivalents		

* Exposures expressed as a % of the gross assets (investments plus cash) of the Company.

Trust objective

To provide growth in income and capital to achieve a long-term total return greater than the benchmark FTSE All-Share Index, through investment primarily in UK securities. The Company's policy is to invest in a broad spread of securities with typically the majority of the portfolio selected from the constituents of the FTSE 350 Index.

Top 10 equity holdings

		(%)
Shell	Energy	6.3
NatWest	Financials	5.6
Barclays	Financials	5.3
BP	Energy	5.0
ITV	Communications	4.9
TotalEnergies	Energy	4.8
Aviva	Financials	4.6
Marks & Spencer	Consumer Staples	4.2
NN	Financials	4.1
Standard Chartered	Financials	3.8
Total		48.6

No of holdings: 35

Financial data

Gross Assets	£885.6m
Share price (p)	270.00
NAV (p) (cum income)*	287.40
Premium/(Discount), Cum income*	(6.1%)
Historic net yield	3.8%
Net gearing*	6.9%

* Calculated with debt at fair value

Dividend history

Type	Amount (p)	XD date	Pay date
2nd interim – 2024	2.75	22.08.24	27.09.24
1st interim – 2024	2.50	30.05.24	28.06.24
4th interim – 2023	2.50	07.03.24	02.04.24
3rd interim – 2023	2.50	30.11.23	29.12.23

Performance (total return)

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than the original amount invested. This Company may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

Cumulative returns (%)

	Share Price	NAV	FTSE All-Share
1 month	-3.8	-0.9	0.5
3 months	0.5	-0.4	2.4
3 year	42.6	37.5	24.4
5 year	43.1	39.9	37.9
10 year	61.5	69.8	80.9
Since 30/10/2020	125.0	118.8	67.0

	Share Price	NAV	FTSE All-Share
31.08.23 - 31.08.24	26.1	25.1	18.4
31.08.22 - 31.08.23	10.7	10.5	5.2
31.08.21 - 31.08.22	4.6	0.9	1.0
31.08.20 - 31.08.21	53.1	45.2	26.9
31.08.19 - 31.08.20	-34.4	-29.9	-12.6

Performance, price and yield information is sourced from Morningstar as at 31.08.24.

Trust facts

Launch date: 1926

ISIN: GB00BMV92D64

Sedol: BMV92D6

Ticker: TMPL

Year end: 31 December

Dividends paid: Quarterly in April, June, September and December

Benchmark : FTSE All-Share

Association of Investment Companies (AIC) sector: UK Equity Income

ISA status: May be held in an ISA and Junior ISA

Capital structure:

Ordinary shares in issue:
286,516,158 in circulation
47,847,667 in treasury

Debt:

4.05% private placement loan 2028 £50m
2.99% private placement loan 2047 £25m

Ongoing charge: 0.56%, effective 31

December 2023 Includes a management fee of 0.325%. Excludes borrowing and portfolio transaction costs.

AIFM, Administrator & Company Secretary:

Frostrow Capital LLP (effective from 1 July 2023)

Portfolio Manager:

RWC Asset Management LLP (effective from 30 October 2020)

Portfolio Management Team:

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Bank of New York Mellon

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Company share price risk

Shares in the Company are bought and sold on the London Stock Exchange. The price you pay or receive, like other listed shares, is determined by supply and demand and may be at a discount or premium to the underlying net asset value of the Company. Usually, at any given time, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price you could sell it.

Borrowing/leverage risk

The Company has increased its exposure to investments via borrowings and this could potentially magnify any losses or gains made by the Company.

The Company's gearing and discount management policies can be found at <https://www.templebarinvestments.co.uk/investment-approach/investment-policies/>

Interest rate

The value of fixed income assets & liabilities (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates and/or inflation rises and increase when interest rates and/or inflation falls.

Concentration risk

The Company's portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of geographical regions, industry sectors, markets and/or individual positions. This may result in large changes in the value of the portfolio, both up or down, which may adversely impact the Company's performance.

Target market

The Company is suitable for investors seeking an investment that aims to deliver total returns over the longer term (at least five years), is compatible with the needs for retail clients, professional clients and eligible counterparties and is eligible for all distribution channels.

The Company may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, have low or no risk tolerance or are looking for capital protection, who are seeking a guaranteed or regular income, or a predictable return profile. The Company does not offer capital protection.

Value assessment

Frostrow Capital LLP has conducted an annual value assessment on the Company in line with Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules set out in the Consumer Duty regulation. The assessment focuses on the nature of the product, including benefits received and its quality, limitations that are part of the product, expected total costs to clients and target market considerations.

Within this, the assessment considers quality of services, performance of the Company (against both benchmark and peers), total fees (including management fees and entry and exit fees as applicable to the Company) and considers whether vulnerable consumers are able to receive fair value from the product.

Frostrow Capital LLP concluded that the Company is providing value based on the above assessment.

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