



## ■ Market commentary

In a relatively quiet month for markets, equities made further progress while government bond markets slipped back. With the Delta variant continuing to spread, leading to the imposition of new restrictions by China and many other countries, consumer confidence, high frequency mobility and other leading indicators weakened.

Growth is also being restrained by two other developments in recent months. First, the increasing evidence of supply shortages, especially semiconductors but spreading well beyond that, due to the surge in demand as lockdowns were eased earlier in the year and to production disruption triggered by the pandemic. The second dampener has been the slowdown in China. With the economy recovering earlier than others last year from the pandemic the authorities removed stimulus measures and focussed more on financial stability in the early months of 2021. The resulting loss of momentum was then exacerbated by tightened regulations and sanctions on a wide range of the private sector, which has soured sentiment and confidence.

Developed markets, measured by the MSCI World index, returned 3.6% over the month, with the UK and US, returning 1.9% and 4.1% respectively. Emerging markets returned 3.7% in GBP terms.

Global bond markets returned -0.5% overall in August, as measured by the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Broad Market index, with UK gilts and UK corporate investment grade bonds returning -0.8% and -0.3% respectively.

As the impact of the pandemic progressively fades over the next 12 months, and with the combination of highly accommodative monetary policy and continuing fiscal support, the prospects are for abnormally high growth this year and next. While this will be at lower levels than the immediate post-pandemic recovery surge, it remains a strong environment for the corporate sector. We therefore remain broadly constructive about risk assets. Given the strength of equity markets over the past year, returns are likely to be harder to come by in the very short term and the Fed's tapering decision overhangs markets. It adds a dimension of risk and potentially higher volatility. But to date the Fed has flagged its intentions well and markets are prepared for some tightening. We should be prepared for some periods of volatility but we believe we are in a long market cycle and with patience and true diversification investors will be well rewarded in the year ahead.

Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Momentum Global Investment Management. All returns in GBP, unless stated otherwise.

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Management and administration fee:		Investment management fee:	Investment advisor fee:	Other applicable fees:
<b>NAV of the Fund</b>	<b>Fee (per annum)</b>	1.15% per annum	0.10% per annum	Custody fees (per annum):
Up to GBP 20m	0.30%		paid out of the investment management fee	Up to GBP 20m 0.05%
From GBP 20m to GBP 40m	0.25%			From GBP 20m to GBP 40m 0.04%
Over GBP 40m	0.20%			From GBP 40m to GBP 70m 0.03%
subject to a minimum of USD 22,000 (or currency equivalent) per annum				Over GBP 70m 0.02%
Performance fees are not applicable to this Fund				subject to a minimum of GBP 5,000 per annum. (Custodian fee per transaction: USD 25)
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