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## Luna MPS Active 5



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As of 31/03/2024

## Objective

The primary objective of this portfolio is to achieve high levels of capital growth and therefore adopts a higher risk approach. The portfolio has a significant allocation to equities and other risk assets.

Key Information	
Launch Date	01/06/2020
Initial Fee	0%
Luna AMC	0.25%
Ongoing Charge Figure (%) **	0.65
Running Yield (%) *	1.65
Number of Holdings	24
Performance Comparator	IA Flexible Investment

\* This is the weighted yield across the underlying holdings \*\* This is the weighted OCF across the underlying holdings and does not include incidental/transactional costs.

#### **Investment Growth** Time Period: 01/06/2020 to 31/03/2024 137.5 130.0 122.5 115.0 107.5 100.0 92.5 09/2020 03/2021 09/2021 03/2022 09/2022 03/2023 09/2023 03/2024 Luna MPS Active 5 - IA Flexible Investment 128.9 132.5 **Total Return - Trailing** Data Point: Return 3 Months 6 Months YTD 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years Luna MPS Active 5 5.2 10.0 5.2 12.0 11.0 \_\_\_\_\_ IA Flexible Investment 4.5 10.0 4.5 10.1 11.0 32.1

Performance Calculation: All income is reinvested. Performance is shown inclusive of underlying fund charges but gross of Luna's investment management charge. Deduction of this charge will have the result of reducing the illustrated performance. A platform charge is applicable. Please refer to your investment adviser or investment administrator for details. Performance is calculated through Morningstar Direct and provided for illustrative purposes only and should not be viewed as the performance of a specific client account. The IA sector used is a relevant performance comparator for this MPS, with IA standing for Investment Association. Inception Date of 01 June 2020.

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### **Investment Team**

The Luna Model Portfolios are managed by the Luna Investment Committee, that includes the Luna Chief Investment Officer, Alex Brandreth, and the Thornbridge Chief Investment Officer, James Bedford. Alex Brandreth joined Luna in March 2020 and is responsible for co-ordinating the overall investment strategy at Luna from asset allocation to security selection. Alex is supported by Ben Eardley, the Deputy Fund Manager, who joined Luna in September 2020.

## **Market Commentary**

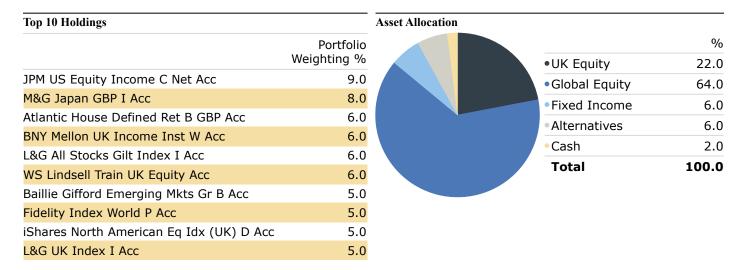
March certainly had a spring in its step and closed the Central Bank decided to finally exit their negative curtain on what has been another strong quarter for investment markets. This was driven by a combination of robust economic data, falling inflation and a sense rate from -0.1% to between zero and 0.1%. that interest rate dynamics will soon be changing.

One of the key developments in the month was the inflation reading out of the UK. The 3.4% figure announced in March is the lowest level for two and a half years. To put this in context, the consumer price index (CPI) was 10.4% exactly a year ago. The Bank of England decided to leave interest rates unchanged but there is a growing expectation that they will be cut later in the year, and this inflation reading certainly provided further support to that argument. This was all welcomed by the bond market with solid returns during the month and a reversing some of the losses from earlier in the year.

Other Central Banks grabbed the headlines during the month with the Swiss National Bank cutting its main interest rate by 0.25%. In the far east, the Japanese

interest rate policy and in its first interest rate hike in 17 years, they announced it was lifting its short-term policy

Economic data was broadly robust in the month, which helped to push equity markets higher. UK and European equity markets led the way with the FTSE All Share 4.8% higher in March, but both Japanese and US markets also delivered attractive returns during the month; the Nikkei 225 with a 2.8% return and S&P 500 with a 3.4% return.



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