

CF Seneca Diversified Growth Fund

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Research area

Asset allocation
UK equities
Specialist assets
Fixed income
Overseas equity & investment themes

Investment team

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Investment aim

To generate long term capital growth by investing in a multi-asset portfolio, managed with a focus on value. The fund may include directly invested UK equities with a bias towards mid cap stocks, and overseas equity, fixed income and specialist assets held through third party funds.

5 year performance chart (%)



Commentary

- Sterling rose sharply in September on signs of rising inflation, an improving economy, and progress in Brexit talks
- Inflation also rose in other parts of the developed world which helped quell concerns over weakness in recent months
- Equity markets were generally firm, reflecting the improved inflation, and by implication growth, picture
- There were no asset allocation changes during the month
- New holding in Babcock International, which has unjustifiably been tarnished with the same brush as other support service companies, such as Capita, Interserve and Mitie. Dividend yield at 10 year high at time of investment
- Good results from Kier Group, in which the dividend was increased 5%. Shares yield close to 6%
- Goodhart Michinori Japan Equity Fund was reduced back to target weight following strong performance this year
- There were no changes to Fixed income holdings during the month.
- International Public Partnerships announced a solid set of results for the 6 months to June 2017. The primary risk surrounding this space is the scope for political interference
- We are seeing trusts that have delivered on their stated objectives announce further capital raisings to enlarge their portfolios. We are reviewing these opportunities to assess whether we participate

Cumulative performance (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
CF Seneca Diversified Growth Fund	2.1	6.1	16.0	32.3	58.6	174.3
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	0.9	2.5	9.1	26.6	51.7	134.5

Discrete annual performance (%)	30.09.2017	30.09.2016	30.09.2015	30.09.2014	30.09.2013
CF Seneca Diversified Growth Fund	16.0	12.7	1.2	5.1	14.1
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	9.1	15.4	0.6	5.6	13.4

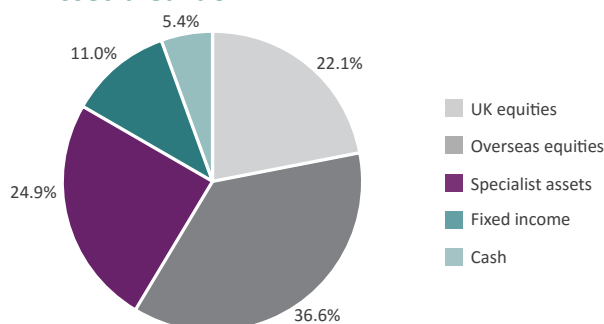
Source for all performance data: FE Analytics. Basis: Bid to bid, net income reinvested and net of fees in UK Sterling terms. The information on this factsheet is as at 30.09.2017 and refers to the 'B' share class with the exception of performance prior to 26.03.2012 which is calculated using the 'A' share class, unadjusted for the lower fees of the 'B' share class. Past performance is not a guide to future returns. The value of investments and any income may fluctuate and investors may not get back the full amount invested.

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Asset breakdown



Source: Seneca IM

UK direct equities*

1	Marston's	1.1%
2	RPC Group	1.1%
3	OneSavings Bank	1.1%
4	Bovis Homes Group	1.0%
5	Halfords Group	1.0%

Overseas equities

1	Invesco Perpetual European Equity Income	5.9%
2	Goodhart Michinori Japan Equity	5.4%
3	Somerset EM Dividend Growth	4.4%
4	Halley Asian Prosperity	4.2%
5	Prusik Asian Equity Income	3.4%

Fixed income

1	Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield	3.5%
2	Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond	2.9%
3	TwentyFour Select Monthly Income	2.5%
4	Templeton Emerging Markets Bond	2.1%
5	N/A	

Specialist assets

1	AJ Bell Holdings ¹	3.6%
2	International Public Part ¹	2.2%
3	Doric Nimrod Air Two	1.9%
4	Fair Oaks Income	1.4%
5	Aberdeen Private Equity	1.4%

* Investment may also be made in UK equities via other third party funds.

¹ Unquoted investment Source: Capita Financial

Key facts

Launch date	8 April 2002
Size	£117.68m
A Class month end price	267.28p
B Class month end price	160.02p
N Class month end price	157.74p
Total holdings	60
IA sector	Mixed Investment 40-85% shares
Share type	Accumulation only
Valuation point	12:00 midday

Share class info	A	B	N
OCF*	1.93%	1.28%	1.53%
Min lump sum	£3,000	£100,000	£1,000
Min reg saver	£50	-	£50
ISIN	GB0031467631	GB00B7FPW579	GB00B7FW0099
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* Based on expenses as at 31.03.2017

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