



# Managed Portfolio Service Socially Responsible Investing (SRI)

## Aggressive Growth Strategy

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### Overview

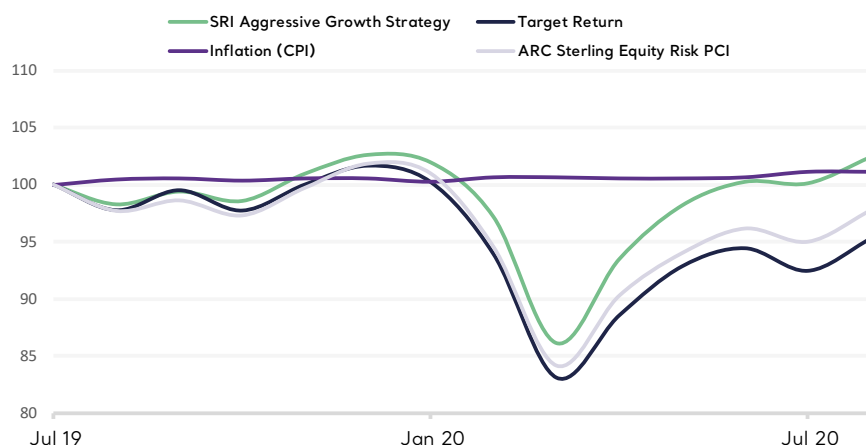
The Psigma SRI Aggressive Growth Strategy invests in a diverse range of asset classes and investments that adhere to the Psigma SRI framework\*. The strategy aims to achieve returns consistent with long-term equity investing, targeting approximately 90% equity volatility. The strategy uses a number of qualitative and quantitative inputs to decide on the asset allocation and holds underlying investments that aim to provide a societal benefit.

\*Benchmark = 50% FTSE World ex UK Index / 50% FTSE All Share Index (Total Return, GBP)

### Investment Objective

This strategy aims to preserve your wealth above the rate of inflation. Given this target, it also attempts to generate growth returns through diversified investments, in line with our SRI framework, with a maximum equity weighting of 100%.

### Net Performance Chart



ARC data is confirmed until June 2020. From July 2020 to August 2020 the data is based on estimates from ARC and are subject to change.

### Performance

#### CUMULATIVE NET PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	ITD*
<b>Strategy</b>	2.30%	4.31%	5.40%	4.22%	2.44%
<b>Inflation</b>	0.00%	0.55%	0.46%	0.65%	1.11%

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

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Due to the delay in the announcement of the monthly CPI data, the CPI figure for the current month has been assumed to be flat and the CPI target has been calculated using the previous month's figure. The correct number of months for the performance period shown is included in the compound CPI target performance calculation.

Annual volatility statistics are reported on a rolling 12 month basis. Annual Volatility is a measure of the price variation of an investment over time. It is a contributor to defining the risk characteristics of a specific asset class or a portfolio of diverse investments.

\*Product costs are external costs levied by third party fund managers for providing collective investment schemes for your investment portfolio and include: fund expenses incurred by third party fund managers, transaction costs (MiFID II) as a result of acquisition or sale of assets and incidental costs, which include third party performance fees.

\*Inception to Date. Performance is measured from Inception Date, which is July 2019.



### \*SRI FRAMEWORK

The SRI framework consists of the following components when assessing underlying holdings: Environmental, Social and Governance integration, Sustainability, Impact and Engagement. Using this framework supports the construction of a strategy that is exposed to our desired investment themes: Education, Clean Energy, Healthcare, Wellbeing, Innovation and Resource Efficiency. The SRI framework places an emphasis on positive inclusion, which naturally leads to negative exclusions.

### STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS

Launched	July 2019
Target Return	90% of Equity Benchmark Returns <sup>A</sup>
Max Equity	100%
Max Higher Risk Fixed Interest	15%
Estimated Yield	1.48%
Recommended Investment Period	10+ Years
ISA Eligible	Yes

### PORTFOLIO CHARGES

Psigma AMC (Ex VAT)	0.40%
Custody, Settlement & Execution	0.12%
Product Costs <sup>#</sup>	0.87%
<b>Total Charges (Inc VAT)</b>	<b>1.47%</b>

### MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Minimum Portfolio	£50,000
Amounts Received over £50,000	Invested Immediately
Amounts Received under £50,000	Invested Weekly
Minimum trade size	£25

### DISCRETE NET PERFORMANCE

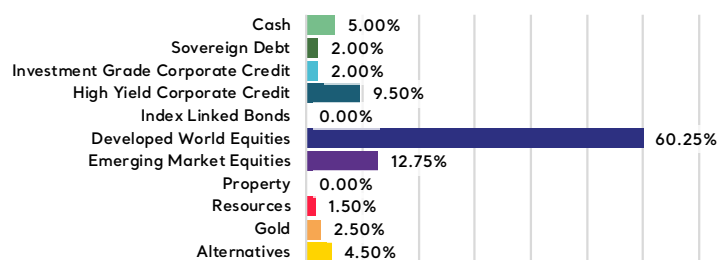
	ANNUAL RETURN	ANNUAL VOLATILITY
2019*	2.62%	6.01%
2020	-0.18%	17.06%

Unless otherwise stated, all data is from Interactive Data as at 31/08/2020.

All performance figures shown on this factsheet are net of Psigma Investment Management fees (inc. VAT) and custody, settlement and execution charges.

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## ASSET ALLOCATION



## Market View

Broadly speaking, equity markets enjoyed another positive month of performance. However, the backdrop remains mixed. On the one hand, global economic data is improving, but remains patchy as the COVID-19 pandemic remains far from under control. It is becoming increasingly apparent that global populations are going to have to get used to living with the virus until a vaccine can be found. Despite that gloomy scenario, markets remain supported by global government and central banks who are providing abundant liquidity. One such bank, the US Federal Reserve, reaffirmed its commitment to keeping policy as loose as it needs to be. In terms of what this meant for markets, U.S. markets once again led the way in the developed world. However, returns to U.K. investors were punctuated a little by the strength of Pound Sterling vs the US Dollar. Against global peers, the U.K. market was once again a laggard, but did finish firmly in positive territory. European assets also performed well in the month, but for both U.K and European markets, it will be interesting in September to see how the resumption in "Brexit" talks progress. Japanese equities enjoyed an extremely strong month but were slightly shaken by news at the end of the month that Shinzo Abe had announced his resignation as prime minister due to long standing health issues. Emerging markets in aggregate were positive, but there were quite stark regional differences in performance. Asian equities performed well, but Latin American equities were poor, with Brazilian equities having a tough time as the country struggles to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. Looking at the MSCI All Country World Index, the technology, consumer discretionary and industrials sectors were the best performing. The laggards in the period were from the energy and utilities sectors. In addition, "growth" remained far superior to "value" in terms of monthly return.

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## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS

FUND	ALLOCATION
Royal London Sustainable Leaders	11.50%
Aberdeen Standard UK Ethical Fund	11.50%
Robeco Sustainable EM Equities	8.00%
Legg Mason US Equity Sustainable Leaders	6.50%
TwentyFour Asset Backed Income	6.50%

There was a reversal in fortune for government bonds in August, as yields rose, meaning prices fell. The U.K. government bond index fell heavily to the tune of 3%. U.S. treasuries were also lower, but to a lower magnitude of around 1%. U.K. sterling corporate bonds finished in negative territory but did outperform government bonds markedly. This has narrowed the outperformance of U.K. government bonds over U.K. sterling corporate bonds year-to-date. Global high yield finished in positive territory and is now only slightly in negative territory for the whole of 2020. In emerging markets, it was again a tougher month for local currency debt, while hard currency bonds eked out a small positive gain. Focussing on commodities, gold bullion remained well bid in the early stages of the month, as it pushed above \$2000 an ounce. However, performance of the "yellow metal" did come off a bit as August progressed and prices broadly finished the month where they started. The long-term dynamics for gold bullion remain positive, in an environment where governments and central banks are throwing more and more capital at trying to offset the effects of COVID-19, thereby increasing already large debt piles.

## Portfolio Activity

In the early stages of the month we took the decision to take profits in WisdomTree Physical Gold. We moved the allocation back down to its model weight. Given the strong run of performance for gold bullion we felt it was prudent risk management to lower our exposure.