

Unicorn AIM IHT & ISA Portfolio Service

Growth Focus Portfolio

September 2024 as at 30/09/2024



Service Aims

The service aims to provide inheritance tax (IHT) exemption after two years while targeting growth from investments in companies listed on the alternative investment market (AIM). Importantly, you retain access to and control your investment and there is no need to create complex trust structures or for medical underwriting.

Investment Policy

The service aims to invest in a portfolio of 25-40 companies listed on AIM, independently assessed as qualifying for Business Relief (BR).

Investments will be made in companies that operate across a range of sectors in order to provide diversification.

- Unicorn has specialised in AIM investing since 2000, currently managing more than £550m in AIM stocks
- Simple, proven structure that aims to provide full IHT exemption once shares are held for two years
- Available in ISAs and direct investments

Portfolio Commentary

The AIM IHT Growth Portfolio delivered a total return of -7.0% in September. By comparison, the benchmark Numis Alternative Markets Index registered a total return of -3.8% over the same period. Underlying portfolio returns for individual clients will vary depending on the timing of their investment.

The best-performing stock in September was Cohort, an independent technology group, which registered a total return of +28.1%. During the month, Cohort released a positive trading update, indicating that its revenue and profit for FY24 had exceeded management's expectations. Cohort now anticipates a significantly stronger performance in the first half compared to last year, bolstered by a robust and expanding order book of £575m as of 20 September 2024, which provides approximately 90% revenue coverage for 2025.

The worst performing stock in September was Next 15 Group, which registered a total return of -42.3%. This sharp share price decline was triggered by a disappointing trading update released during the month, which revealed the non-renewal of a key contract. Furthermore, Next 15 cautioned about ongoing challenges in its Technology division, even as its consumer-facing business continued to perform positively.

Product Details

Launch date

January 2016

Structure

Discretionary portfolio service

Minimum investment

£20,000

Weighted Average Market Cap

£471.88m

Annual management charge (advised)

1.25% plus VAT

Custody fee

0.25% per annum

Dealing fee

0.85%

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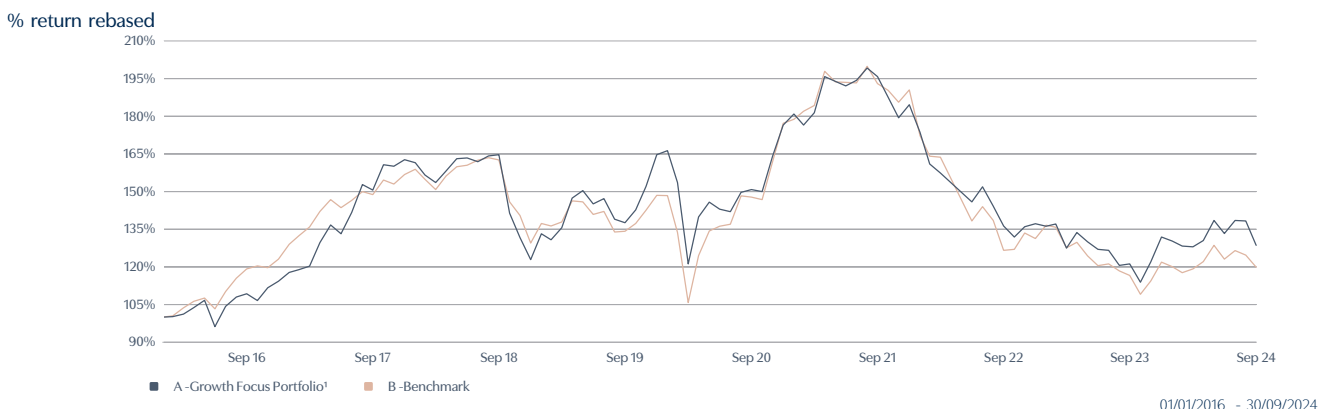
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Discrete Performance

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Launch
Growth Focus Portfolio ¹	-2.4%	6.1%	-34.3%	-6.5%	28.6%
Benchmark	-1.6%	2.9%	-37.9%	-10.6%	19.9%

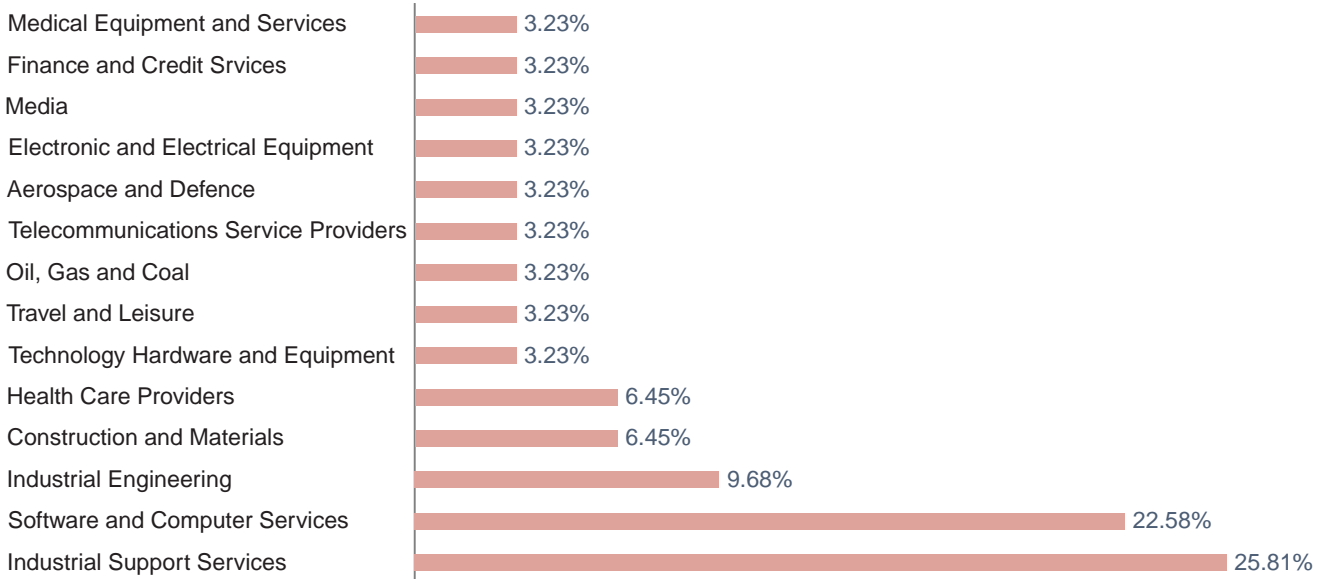
The Portfolio Performance is the average weighted performance of all portfolios held within the service net of all ongoing fees

Performance Since Launch



¹ Q2 2016 and Calendar Year 2016 exclude the month of April since the first monies received into the strategy were only fully invested for part of that period. Performance figures show the total return of the Unicorn AIM IHT & ISA Portfolio Service Dividend Focus Portfolios where the contribution of each portfolio to the total return is weighted by portfolio size. The returns are net of all ongoing fees. Individual portfolios are excluded during months when a portfolio is being invested, during months when withdrawals are made, where the investor has died and all portfolios where the initial investment is less than the minimums quoted in the terms & conditions of the service. The performance figures have been calculated by WM Capital Management based on the bid prices of holdings at the end of each month. Fees are subject to change.

Sector Breakdown



Manager

WM Capital Management Limited (WM) is the Discretionary Investment Manager responsible for the day to day management of investor portfolios.

WM is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is recorded in the Register under reference number 601025.

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- Investing in smaller companies, including AIM companies, can carry greater risks than those usually associated with large capitalisation companies. Smaller companies are likely to be less established and may not have access to the financial resources available to their larger counterparts. The shares of smaller companies are relatively illiquid and under-researched
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