

Unicorn AIM IHT & ISA Portfolio Service



Q1 2022

Responsible Growth Focus Portfolio

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

Investments will be made in companies that operate across a range of sectors in order to provide diversification. The Responsible Portfolio Options follow Unicorn's company-wide Sustainable Investment Policy and goes further to remove businesses with revenues that are derived from excluded activities, such as weapons and gambling

- Unicorn Asset Management 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

Product Details

Launch date

March 2021

Structure

Discretionary portfolio service

Minimum investment

Dividend portfolio £50,000

Growth portfolio £50,000

Weighted Average Market Cap

£574m

Initial charge (advised)

2.0% plus VAT

Annual management charge (advised)

1.25% plus VAT

Custody fee

0.25% per annum

Dealing fee

0.85%

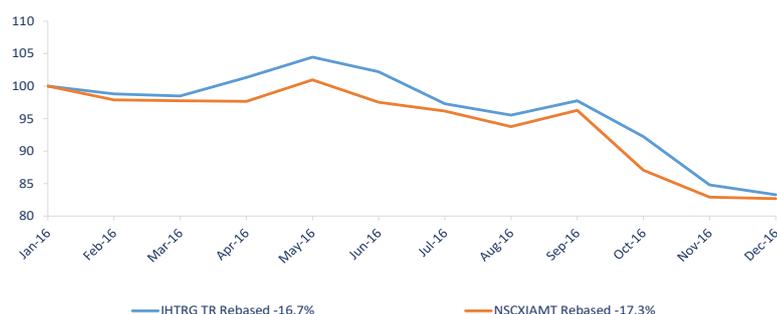
Exit fee

1.0% (not payable on death)

Performance

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Calendar Year	Since 1 May 2021
2021	-	-1.5%*	+3.8%	-4.4%	-2.2%*	-16.27%*
2022	-14.8%	-	-	-	-	-

% return rebased



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

Quarterly Manager Commentary

The AIM IHT Responsible Growth Portfolio registered a total return of -14.8% in the first quarter of 2022. In comparison, the benchmark Numis Alternative Markets Index recorded a total return of -14.1% over the same period. Underlying portfolio returns for individual clients will vary depending on the timing of their investment.

AIM shares experienced broad-based selling pressure during Q1 2022. Investors became increasingly risk averse as economic threats increased in magnitude, including the greater likelihood that central banks would be forced to raise interest rates sharply in response to persistently high levels of inflation. Geo-political risk was also brought into focus by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. First and foremost, the event is a tragic cost to humanity. However, from a financial perspective, the situation has also accelerated inflationary trends brought about by higher commodity, food and energy prices.

We are mindful of the risks posed to UK equity markets by the challenges that companies are currently facing, namely higher input costs, geopolitical tensions and an uncertain demand outlook. Despite the inevitable uncertainties, we remain encouraged by the delivery of robust underlying trading performances across the model portfolio. The investee companies are in sound financial health and are delivering resilient and healthy rates of growth, which we believe ought to be sustainable over many years.

Top Performers:-

Tracsis (+1.0%), released a positive trading update during the quarter indicating that performance was in line with unchanged expectations. The company also announced the acquisition of RailComm, a North American based rail technology software and services provider. RailComm provides mission critical automation and control solutions that reduce costs, increase safety, and improve operational efficiency for rail passenger/freight operators and rail served ports/industrials.

Emis (-1.9%) released full year results, which were slightly ahead of expectations. The outlook remains positive underpinned by increased investment in NHS technology and ongoing scope for self-help margin improvement.

Curtis Banks (-2.3%) released full year results, which were broadly in line with expectations. The company reported +18% growth in revenues to £63 million, largely influenced by the inclusion of the two acquisitions completed last year.

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*Q2 2021 and Calendar Year 2021 excludes the month of January to 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 Responsible Growth Portfolios where the contribution of each portfolio to the total return is weighted by portfolio size. The returns take into account all portfolio management fees but do not include initial portfolio or adviser 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.

Commentary Continued:

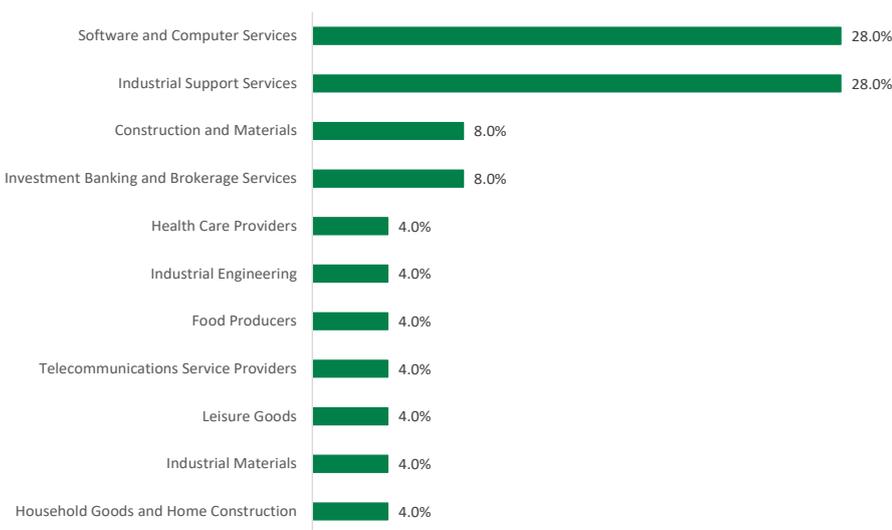
Bottom Performers:-

RWS (-42.0%), announced an updated growth plan including new medium-term targets. However, the company warned that it was trading behind analysts' expectations in the current financial year, principally due to its clients delaying patent applications in order to benefit from the EU Unitary Patent, which is due to be introduced in the second half of 2022. Despite this short-term disappointment, RWS remains well placed to grow via its technology-led translation services over the longer-term.

Alpha FMC (-30.2%) announced that it had experienced strong levels of client demand for its asset management and insurance consulting services. Management also reported that Lionpoint, which it had recently acquired, was performing well. Alpha FMC's share price declined despite this strong performance.

Victorian Plumbing (-58.9%) released a trading update, which reported that margins were under pressure due to ongoing inflationary cost pressures in combination with a careful approach to price rises. The compression of group profit margins resulted in material downgrades to earnings forecasts. The position was exited during the quarter as we expect the challenging cost and demand environment to continue for the foreseeable future.

Sector Allocation



Source: Unicorn Asset Management as at 31/03/2022

Manager

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Investment Adviser

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Company Case Study

Restore

Restore is the UK's leading provider of organisational solutions; including information and data management, digitalisation, secure recycling of paper and technology assets and commercial relocation services. Restore has expanded via a combination of organic and acquisitive growth to record over £234 million of sales in its latest financial year. The business generates strong levels of recurring cash flow through its annuity revenue model and has an attractive opportunity to gain further scale in a large addressable market which is valued at £1.9 billion in total.

Price (p): 460.00

Market cap (£m): 629

Data from London Stock Exchange - 13/04/2022

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*typical allocation for new investors

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