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WEALTH

# ACUMEN

## PROGRESSIVE

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### MANAGER COMMENTARY

The ACUMEN Progressive Portfolio returned -4.08% in January and the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector fell -3.79%. The Acumen Portfolio has returned -4.08% year to date and 1.67% since inception on 9th October 2014.

It has been an extremely difficult start to the New Year as investors struggle to come to terms with the wider ramifications of the economic slowdown in China and lower energy prices. Volatility surged amidst the steep sell-off in equities and the "safe haven" inspired rally in government bonds. Central banks around the world remain on standby to counter the ongoing downturn in emerging markets and near term fallout from weaker oil prices. This commitment was highlighted at the end of January when the Bank of Japan unexpectedly cut interest rates to minus 0.1 percent, which helped fuel a short covering rally in risk assets. Despite the latest monetary policy initiative, the Nikkei 225 closed down -7.96% and China's Shanghai Composite declined -22.65%. The MSCI World fell -6.05% and the S&P 500 lost -5.07%. The FTSE 100 staged a partial recovery during the last few trading sessions of the month to close at 6,083 and lost -2.54%. Government bond prices in the UK, US and Germany rose, but this is likely to be a short term phenomenon given that the Federal Reserve has already embarked on the road to higher interest rates. Commodity markets remain unsettled by the slowdown in China and the GSCI fell -4.87% with most of the losses attributable to the energy sector. Oil reached a 12 year low of \$26.50 per barrel and closed down -9.23%. This precipitous decline in prices is a problem for oil exporting nations, but it's potentially very good news for consumer spending in oil importing countries such as China and Japan. The currency markets were relatively subdued when compared to equities with the exception of sterling, which lost -3.35% versus the US dollar on the growing fears of a "Brexit".

### TOP 5 HOLDINGS

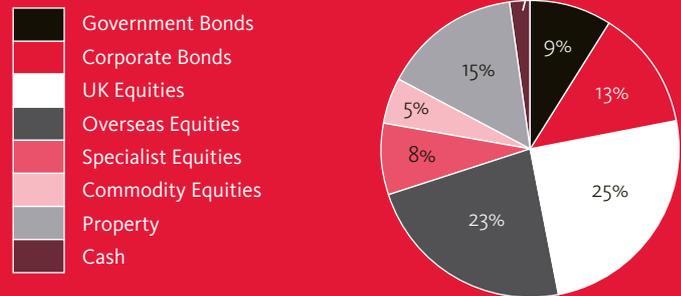
- iShares Core £ Corporate Bond ETF
- iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF
- iShares Developed Markets Property ETF
- iShares FTSE 250 ETF
- iShares S&P 500 GBP Hedged ETF

Top 5 holdings comprise 52% of Portfolio

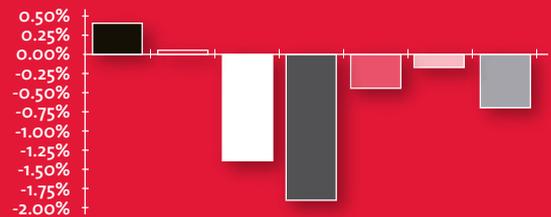
### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the ACUMEN Progressive Portfolio is to seek to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The Fund is progressively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments.

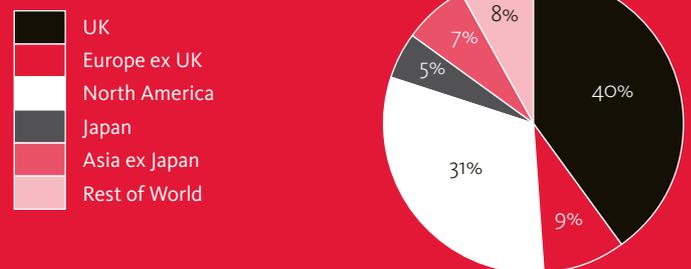
### ASSET ALLOCATION



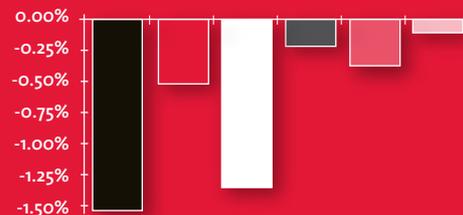
### MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION:



### REGION ALLOCATION



### MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION:



January 2016 Return

**-4.08%**

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Year to Date : **-4.08%**

Inception to Date : **1.67%** †

## ACUMEN FEATURES

- IA Sector – Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares
- eValue Risk Level 7.5 – Moderate to Adventurous Risk
- Target volatility – 9.1% to 11.0%
- Daily liquidity
- Daily pricing
- Settlement T+4
- Minimum investment of £1,000
- NISA Compliant
- No initial fees
- No exit fees
- No performance fees
- No bid/offer spread
- No CGT tax event on trades
- No Stamp Duty on holdings within portfolio

## ABOUT TAVISTOCK WEALTH

Tavistock Wealth manages the investment solutions provided to clients of the Tavistock Partnership. The investment company specialises in the management of a series of risk progressive “model portfolios” designed to meet the long term needs of investors. Tavistock Wealth is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom.

## ACUMEN PORTFOLIOS

The ACUMEN Portfolios are low cost sub-funds of the ACUMEN OEIC and are comprised solely of passive index tracking ETFs. The funds provide multi-asset, global coverage with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. The funds are regulated to the “gold” standard of European regulation – UCITS IV. The ACUMEN Portfolios are constructed and optimised by Tavistock using



## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Asset allocation, rather than stock selection, is the key driver of risk and returns and the ACUMEN Portfolios are structured accordingly, in line with the Investment Association’s IA Sector guidelines. Equities will tend to outperform bonds and cash over the long term but they are subject to higher volatility so to spread risk and smooth returns, a basket of investments is required. This diversification across and within asset classes is sensible and valuable. The ACUMEN Portfolios passively track global markets and also cost significantly less than typical funds and for this reason are likely to outperform their sector.

## INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment policy of the ACUMEN Progressive Portfolio is to gain exposure through investment in a diversified portfolio comprised of passive index tracking regulated collective investment schemes (ETFs) and cash. There is no minimum exposure to bonds and/or cash and the equity exposure ranges between 40-85%.

## RISK PROFILE

The ACUMEN Progressive Portfolio is progressive and targets a risk profile of 7.5 on a scale from 1-10, which can be characterised as “moderate to adventurous risk”. The portfolio is typically comprised of higher risk investments such as equities and commodities but will also contain a few medium risk investments such as bonds and property. The portfolio aims to produce annualised volatility in the range of 9.1% to 11.00%.

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## PORTFOLIO FACTSHEET

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## BENCHMARKS

The benchmarks for the ACUMEN Progressive Portfolio are 2 times three month British Pound Sterling Libor and the Investment Association’s “Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares” sector over a rolling 12 month investment cycle.

## SHARE CLASS

Class X Shares  
Annual Management Charge - 0.75%  
Ongoing Charges Figure – 1.16% (estimate)  
Sedol Code – B87LP73  
ISIN Code – GBooB87LP737  
Bloomberg Code – ACUPGXA:LN

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Christopher Peel is the Chief Investment Officer of Tavistock Wealth and carries direct responsibility for all investments in the Centralised Investment Proposition at the firm. Together with the research and investment team he manages the TAVISTOCK PROFILES, TW PROFILES and the ACUMEN Portfolios. Christopher has more than 28 years’ experience in financial markets, working with both traditional and alternative asset managers, having held senior positions at both Citibank and Salomon Brothers. Christopher holds a B.A. degree in Economics from Colorado College.

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Competent Authority – Financial Conduct Authority  
Investment Manager - Tavistock Wealth Limited  
Authorised Corporate Director - Investment Fund Services Limited  
Depository - National Westminster Bank plc  
Administrator & Custodian - BNP Paribas Securities Services  
Registrar – Investment Fund Services Limited  
Auditor - Ernst & Young LLP

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HARGREAVES LANSDOWN • NOVIA • NUCLEUS  
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