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Managed Portfolio Service

Active Income MPS Quarterly Reports

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Market commentary:

The second quarter began against a backdrop of continued geopolitical uncertainty in the Middle East, with markets still assessing the implications of the conflict between Iran and the US. As the period progressed, however, those concerns eased as the two nations agreed to continue peace talks, reducing fears of prolonged escalation.

The easing in geopolitical tensions was most clearly reflected in oil markets. Crude prices fell back over the quarter, taking some pressure off inflation expectations and providing a more supportive backdrop for risk assets. This shift also moved investor attention away from energy and inflation towards the dominant market theme of artificial intelligence.

Bond markets remained volatile for much of the quarter, with government bond yields staying elevated as investors continued to weigh the path of inflation, central bank policy and fiscal risk. Central banks were an important driver of that volatility. In Europe, policymakers responded to the inflationary impulse from higher energy prices by raising rates, while in the UK the expected path for interest rates moderated considerably as oil prices fell back and growth concerns became more prominent.

The US saw a notable shift in Federal Reserve leadership, with Jay Powell giving way to Kevin Warsh. Markets interpreted the change as the start of a potentially different communication regime, with Warsh placing less emphasis on forward guidance. While the Fed left rates unchanged, the leadership transition contributed to uncertainty in rates markets. Towards the end of the period, however, bond markets rallied as yields moved lower into quarter end, providing some relief after a volatile start to the year.

Equity markets were increasingly led by the artificial intelligence theme as the quarter progressed. Emerging markets ex China delivered particularly strong returns, with South Korea a standout performer as investors continued to reward companies exposed to the AI memory and semiconductor supply chain.

In the US, the AI theme also remained highly influential, with renewed investor enthusiasm reinforced by market attention around major technology-related listings and the continued build-out of AI infrastructure. Returns were more muted in areas less directly exposed to this theme. China remained weaker as the domestic economy continued to face pressure, while the UK also lagged, with the earlier support from energy exposure fading as oil prices declined.

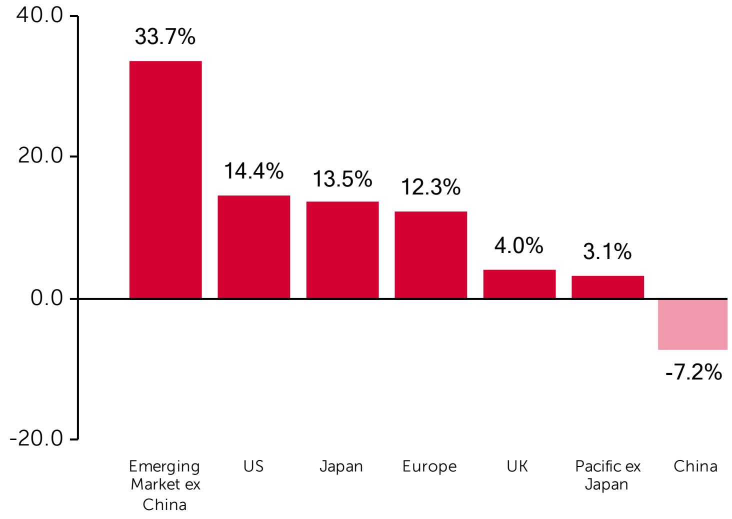
Looking ahead, the AI theme has returned to the centre of investor attention as geopolitical risk has faded somewhat into the background. Political risk appears somewhat heightened in the UK following turnover in the prime minister, but further afield investors are more focused on how best to gain exposure to the dominant AI trend and how much of that opportunity is already reflected in valuations.

For portfolios, returns were generally stronger than in the first quarter, helped by a more settled market backdrop as volatility subsided somewhat. While conditions remained far from straightforward, the easing in geopolitical concerns, lower oil prices and improved sentiment towards risk assets provided a more supportive environment for diversified portfolios.

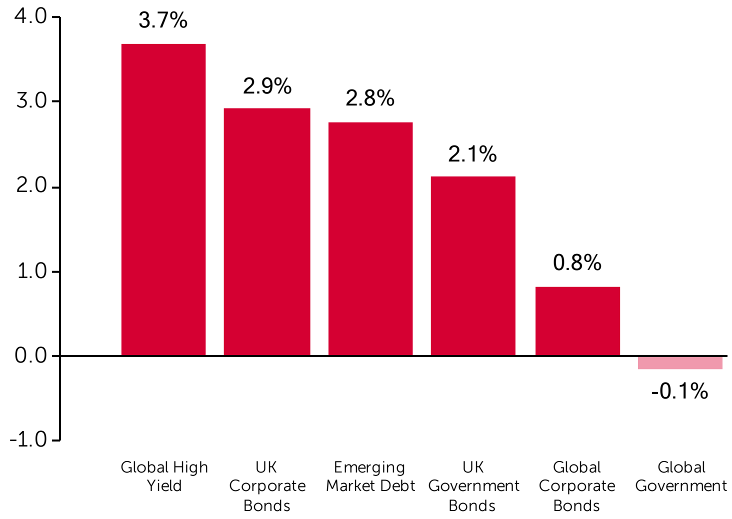
The key challenge now is balancing exposure to the powerful AI theme with appropriate risk control. Diversification remains essential, but the quarter has reinforced that it needs to be considered not just at a geographic level, but also across sectors and sources of return.

As we move into the second half of 2026, maintaining a balanced approach across asset classes, regions and sectors appears increasingly important. The opportunity set remains attractive, but with market leadership narrow and investor enthusiasm concentrated in a small number of themes, portfolio resilience and disciplined diversification are likely to remain central to delivering good client outcomes..

Equity performance - last quarter



Fixed income performance - last quarter



Active Income MPS 1

As at 30 June 2026

Portfolio commentary

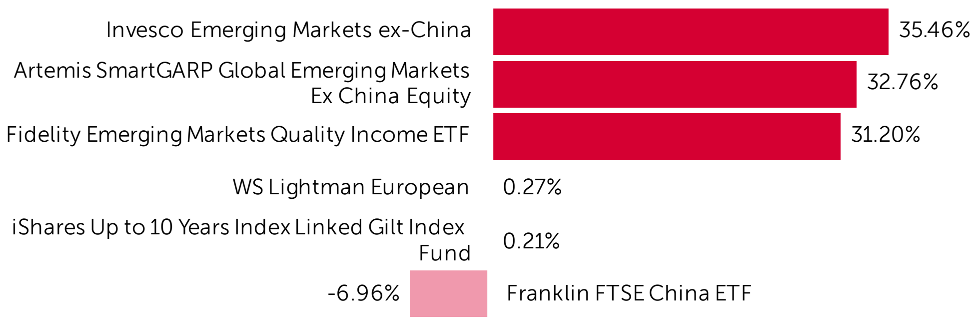
The second quarter of 2026 brought a welcome recovery across global markets, with equity markets finding their footing after a turbulent first quarter. The portfolio's income-oriented positioning delivered a solid set of returns, with strength across emerging markets and Japan the primary drivers of performance.

Within fixed income, M&G Emerging Markets Bond was the standout as returning risk appetite supported tight sovereign spreads across the emerging market universe. Invesco High Yield and Artemis Corporate Bond both contributed positively, with resilient credit spreads holding at historically tight levels despite the uncertain backdrop.

Within equities, the portfolio's three US allocations told an interesting story of income styles in a risk-on environment. JPMorgan US Equity Income was the strongest of the three, with its blend of dividend growth and quality characteristics proving well suited to a quarter driven by earnings momentum and AI capital expenditure commitments. The Fidelity US Quality Income ETF also performed well, while the Invesco High Dividend Low Volatility allocation lagged, its more defensive income tilt less suited to a market rewarding growth and quality over pure yield. Emerging markets ex-China was the standout across the broader equity allocation, with both the Invesco and Artemis GARP funds delivering exceptional returns driven by AI supply chain strength in South Korea and Taiwan. Japan added strongly across both active positions, and BlackRock Continental European Income contributed positively. WS Lightman European was relatively flat over the quarter as a result of its value bias, while China remained a drag on returns.

Overall, AJ Bell Active Income MPS 1 returned 7.7% over Q2 and 7.8% over the first half of the year.

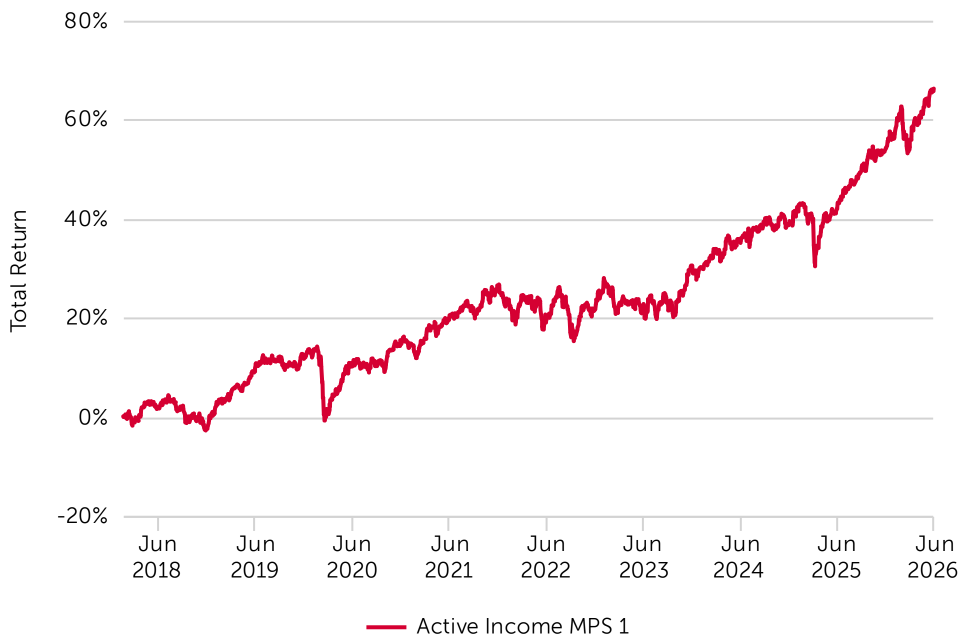
Q2 2026 best/worst performers



Performance

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Active Income MPS 1	7.66	7.80	17.02	36.13	38.97	66.48

The above table displays the total return of the fund on a cumulative basis. This is taken from the most recent month end.



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Active Income MPS 1

As at 30 June 2026

Portfolio snapshot

Number of holdings	22
Inception date	19 Feb 2018
Underlying OCF	0.47%
Annual Investment Management Charge	0.15%
Indicative Total OCF	0.62%

Top 10 holdings

Holding	Weight (%)
JP Morgan US Income	10.00
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	8.00
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	7.00
Invesco High Yield	7.00
iShares US TIPS 0-5yr	6.00
Jupiter Japan Income	6.00
IFSL Evenlode Income	5.00
M&G Emerging Markets Bond	5.00
Man Income	5.00
Artemis Corporate Bond	4.00

Lower risk **Higher risk**

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Typically lower rewards **Typically higher rewards**

Asset allocation (%)

Equity	**62.00**
North America equity	25.00
UK equity	14.00
Europe ex-UK equity	6.00
Japan equity	6.00
Emerging markets ex-China equity	5.50
China equity	3.50
Emerging markets equity	2.00
Fixed Income	**33.00**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	7.00
Global government bonds (GBP hedged)	6.00
UK corporate bonds	6.00
Emerging market debt	5.00
Global corporate bonds (GBP hedged)	4.00
UK index-linked gilts	3.00
UK government bonds	2.00
Cash	**5.00**

Fixed income breakdown (%)

GBP Bonds	**82.76**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	24.14
Global government bonds (GBP hedged)	20.69
UK corporate bonds	20.69
UK index-linked gilts	10.34
UK government bonds	6.90
International Bonds	**17.24**
Emerging market debt	17.24

Equity breakdown (%)

Sector	
Financial Services	19.17
Technology	16.98
Industrials	12.17
Consumer Cyclical	9.41
Consumer Defensive	7.83
Healthcare	7.24
Communication Services	7.10
Energy	5.64
Basic Materials	5.49
Real Estate	4.73
Utilities	4.23

Active Income MPS 2

As at 30 June 2026

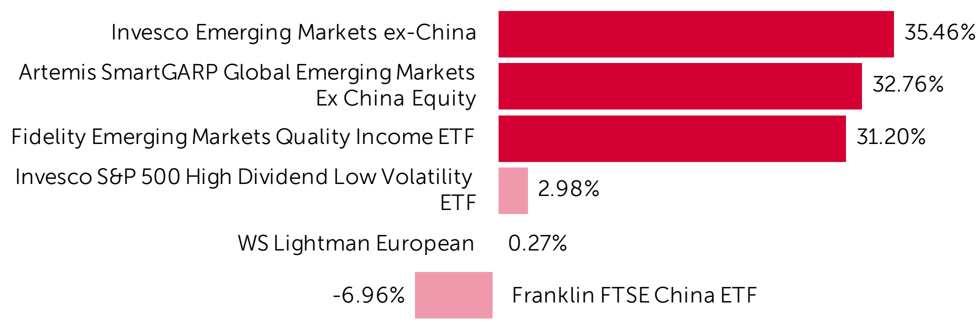
Portfolio commentary

The second quarter of 2026 brought a strong recovery across global equity markets, and the portfolio's income-oriented positioning delivered a solid set of returns, with emerging markets and Japan the standout contributors.

The Fidelity Emerging Markets Quality Income ETF was the headline performer as AI supply chain companies across South Korea and Taiwan drove extraordinary gains, especially in Samsung, which is overweight in the ETF. The portfolio's three US income allocations once again told a differentiated story. JPMorgan US Equity Income was the strongest of the three, its dividend growth and quality characteristics well suited to a quarter driven by earnings momentum and AI capital expenditure. Emerging markets was the standout allocation, with the Invesco and Artemis GARP EM ex-China funds delivering exceptional returns, driven by AI supply chain strength in South Korea and Taiwan. Jupiter Asian Income reinforced the broader Asian theme impressively, capitalising on the semiconductor driven rally across the region. Japan added strongly, and BlackRock Continental European Income contributed positively. The small fixed income allocation in Invesco High Yield and M&G Emerging Markets Bond both contributed steadily as credit spreads remained resilient.

Overall, AJ Bell Active Income MPS 2 returned 11.5% over Q2 and 12.0% over the first half of the year.

Q2 2026 best/worst performers



Performance

Cumulative (%)	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Active Income MPS 2	11.49	12.00	24.47	47.96	55.23	87.36

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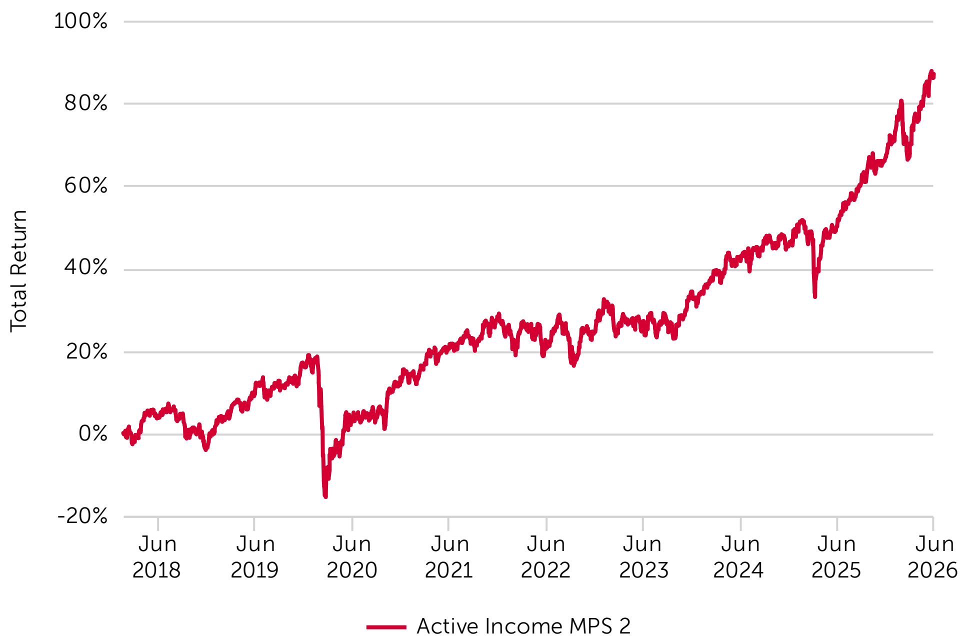

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Active Income MPS 2

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Portfolio snapshot

Number of holdings	16
Inception date	19 Feb 2018
Underlying OCF	0.57%
Annual Investment Management Charge	0.15%
Indicative Total OCF	0.72%

Top 10 holdings

Holding	Weight (%)
Fidelity US Quality Income ETF	10.00
Invesco S&P 500 High Dividend Low Volatility ETF	10.00
JP Morgan US Income	10.00
Man Income	8.00
Artemis SmartGARP Global Emerging Markets Ex China Equity	7.00
IFSL Evenlode Income	7.00
BlackRock Continental European Income	6.50
BlackRock UK Income	6.00
Jupiter Japan Income	6.00
Franklin FTSE China ETF	5.50

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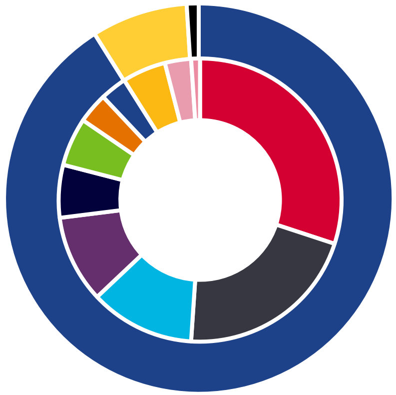
Asset allocation (%)



Equity	**91.00**
North America equity	30.00
UK equity	21.00
Emerging markets ex-China equity	12.00
Europe ex-UK equity	10.00
Japan equity	6.00
China equity	5.50
Asia Pacific ex-Japan equity	3.50
Emerging markets equity	3.00
Fixed Income	**8.00**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	5.00
Emerging market debt	3.00
Cash	**1.00**
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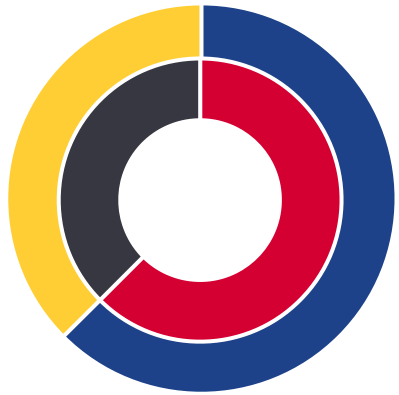
Fixed income breakdown (%)



GBP Bonds	**62.50**
Global high yield bonds (GBP hedged)	62.50
International Bonds	**37.50**
Emerging market debt	37.50

Equity breakdown (%)

Sector	
Financial Services	19.22
Technology	18.91
Industrials	11.98
Consumer Cyclical	9.06
Consumer Defensive	7.43
Communication Services	6.66
Healthcare	6.49
Basic Materials	6.18
Energy	5.84
Real Estate	4.28
Utilities	3.96

Due to its multi-asset nature, no financial instrument or index represents a fair benchmark for the portfolio. The portfolio does not aim to track the IA sector as a benchmark. Performance is calculated on a net of fees basis.

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Based on target weights at portfolio rebalance. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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