



## **FUND INFORMATION**

### Investment objective

To achieve capital growth and income over the long term (5 years or more).

#### Performance Benchmark

A benchmark is a metric or baseline to judge a fund's performance against. The BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Growth Fund uses the UK Investment Association Flexible Investment NR Sector average as an appropriate benchmark for comparison.

This benchmark is a collection of funds with different investment managers. Both the Fund and the constituents of the benchmark will typically have a range of different investments. Although, up to 100% of the funds' portfolios may be invested in company shares.

As an actively managed fund, the Investment Manager can make investment decisions (whether to buy, sell or hold assets) at its discretion. These decisions are made in line with the Fund's objective and investment policy as disclosed in the Prospectus.

### Your investment report

This report covers the performance of the Fund over the past three months. It includes:

- A video update from the Fund's manager.
- Performance summary and insights into what the Fund bought and sold over this period.
- Data showing the performance of the Fund against its benchmark.
- How, and where, the Fund is currently invested.

If you have any questions about the Fund, please speak to your financial adviser. With their knowledge of your savings goals and appetite for investment risk, they will be best placed to discuss how investing in the Fund can support your financial objectives.

For any investment-related terms that you are unsure of please refer to the glossary which can be found on page 7

## **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

BNY Investments Newton seeks to deliver strong investment outcomes to its clients by taking an active, multidimensional and engaged approach, applied across four key disciplines: income and value equities, growth and core equities, specialist equities and multi-asset strategies.



# **QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS**

April to June 2025

Watch Fund update



In this short video, Paul Flood, portfolio manager of the BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Growth Fund, shares his insights into how the Fund performed over the last quarter.

### Performance summary (%)

|                       | 3 months | Year-to-date | 1 year | 3 years annualised | 5 years<br>annualised |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Fund                  | 4.80     | 4.38         | 5.82   | 7.95               | 10.07                 |
| Performance Benchmark | 4.14     | 2.54         | 5.42   | 7.23               | 6.65                  |
|                       | 2020     | 2021         | 2022   | 2023               | 2024                  |
| Fund                  | 10.97    | 19.55        | -3.00  | 5.72               | 9.71                  |
| Performance Benchmark | 6.74     | 12.27        | -9.74  | 7.86               | 9.82                  |

### 5 years cumulative performance (%)





Source for all performance: Lipper as at 30 June 2025. Fund performance for the Institutional Shares W (Accumulation) share class calculated as total return, including reinvested income net of UK tax and charges, based on net asset value. All figures are in GBP terms. The impact of an initial charge (currently not applied) can be material on the performance of your investment. Further information is available upon request.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

# **SECOND QUARTER 2025**

## **MARKET BACKDROP**

Global stock markets rose steadily between the months of April and June 2025. The trade policies of the US's Trump administration were without doubt the most influential factor moving markets in the three months under review. On 2 April (dubbed 'Liberation Day' by President Trump), the US imposed high trade tariffs on more than 80 countries, among them China, the UK and Canada. This sent stock markets down before trade talks and a delay in the implementation of these levies boosted investor sentiment and sent company share prices higher. Most regions of the world saw stock prices rise through May and June, even as an Israeli attack on Iran gave rise to fears about war in the Middle East. Still, given the uncertain environment, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) kept interest rates on hold as policymakers waited to see what lasting effects tougher trade policies will have on the country's economy. The Bank of England (BoE) cut rates only once, while the European Central Bank lowered rates twice.

In bond markets, US Treasury yields moved very little as investors waited to see how trade policy would affect the health of the US economy. Yields on 10-year UK, German and Japanese government bonds fell. So-called 'safe haven' investments held appeal thanks to uncertainty about conflict in Iran, slowing growth and trade. In this environment, UK stocks fared well. The FTSE All-Share Index rose into the end of April and throughout May and June. The FTSE 100 Index, which contains shares from some of the UK's biggest companies, hit an all-time high in June when oil prices rose thanks to conflict in the Middle East. UK inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, increased from 2.6% at the end of March to 3.4% in May.

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## **PERFORMANCE**

The Fund's return for the three months to the end of June was positive (after fees), and it outperformed its benchmark.

#### Reasons for performance

Shares in US technology companies did very well in the three months under review, and so the Fund's shares of Microsoft added to returns. Microsoft's cloud business showed strong growth over the quarter.

Chipmakers boosted returns, too. The Fund benefited from owning shares in Taiwan Semiconductor, which issued a strong earnings report and forecast record profits for 2025. Its South Korean peer SK Hynix also did well after it beat earnings expectations.

Shares from the industrials sector also proved helpful. The Fund's holding of GE Vernova did very well on the expectation that more electrification will be needed to develop artificial intelligence (AI) platforms. Aerospace and defence firm BAE Systems saw its share price rise as countries like the UK and US vowed to spend more on defence. Ferguson Enterprises, a heating and ventilation firm, saw its share price bounce back after a challenging start to the year.

On the other hand, not holding shares in Nvidia and Broadcom hurt returns. Both technology firms reported high earnings, which was unexpected thanks to trade restrictions on exports to China.

Healthcare companies did not do particularly well in the second quarter, and so the Fund's shares in Sanofi and Alcon were unhelpful. Investors seemed unsure about how new product launches will fare against new trade policies. Similarly, shares of Yum China, which operates fast food chains, fell on an uncertain outlook for consumer demand in China.

## **ACTIVITY**

In the financials sector, a new holding in shares of insurance company Aon was introduced. The manager believes the company looks poised to grow thanks to increasing risks from natural disasters and aging populations in need of more health services.

In the consumer sectors, additional shares of BJ's Wholesale Club, a US-based discount retailer, were purchased. BJ's reported strong first-quarter earnings, and the manager believes it could benefit from cautious consumers in a time of economic uncertainty.

Some changes were made to the Fund's holdings in the mining industry. Shares of Valterra Platinum were sold, and the proceeds were used to buy more shares of copper miner Freeport McMoran. In the manager's opinion, demand for copper will be high thanks to the clean energy transition and greater investment in infrastructure. Copper is used in things like wind turbines, electric vehicles and solar panels.

Elsewhere, the manager sold the Fund's shares in industrials business Hubbell and reduced the Fund's holding in shares of GE Vernova in order to earn profits. A holding in Schneider Electric shares was introduced. Schneider, which is based in France, could benefit from an improving European economy as well as more demand for electrification.

In the technology sector, the manager sold some shares of Samsung Electronics and used the

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proceeds to buy shares of SK Hynix. Shares of Relx, a business analytics firm, were sold as well.

## **OUTLOOK**

It is very likely that financial markets will experience volatility into the next quarter. While equity markets responded well to the US pausing tariffs, that reprieve will end on 1 August. Furthermore, geopolitical conflict persists in both Europe and the Middle East.

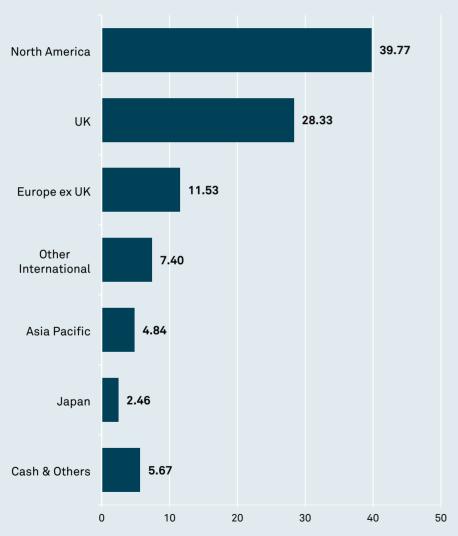
The US economy shrank for the first time in three years in the first three months of 2025, and growth in other developed markets was subdued. Going forward, changing relationships between the US and its major trading partners could further stunt economic growth.

Inflation and interest rates will remain key considerations, too. The manager expects further interest rate cuts from the Fed and BoE this year, and will remain mindful of how this could affect both markets and investor sentiment.



## WHERE THE FUND IS INVESTED

### Geographical allocation (%)

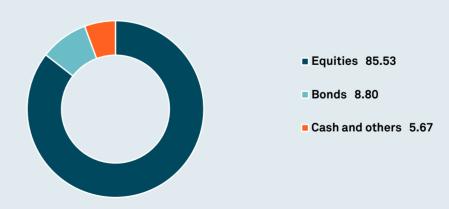


Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Ltd. Data as at 30 June 2025

### Largest fund holdings (%)

| Microsoft Corporation   | 4.22 |  |
|---|------|--|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.                   |      |  |
| RELX PLC  | 2.80 |  |
| Barclays PLC  | 2.49 |  |
| Alphabet Inc. Class A   | 2.48 |  |
| BAE Systems plc   | 2.41 |  |
| SAPSE   | 2.30 |  |
| Shell Plc   | 2.22 |  |
| Government Of The United States Of America 2.875% 15-May-2043 | 2.13 |  |
| Government Of United Kingdom 3.5% 22-Jan-2045                 | 2.13 |  |
|   |      |  |

### Fund allocation (%)



#### **GLOSSARY**

**ACTIVE MANAGEMENT:** A process whereby an investment professional actively makes buy, hold and sell decisions and aims to outperform the overall market. Also, known as active investing.

ALTERNATIVES: An alternative is a financial asset that does not fall into one of the conventional investment categories, such as equities or bonds.

ASSET(S): In this context, investments held in a portfolio, for example stocks, bonds, property and cash.

ASSET CLASS: A grouping of investments that exhibit similar characteristics and are subject to the same laws and regulations.

BENCHMARK: A baseline for comparison against which a fund can be measured.

**BOND(S):** A loan of money by an investor to a company or government for a stated period of time in exchange for a fixed interest rate payment and the repayment of the initial amount at its conclusion.

CAPITAL GROWTH: When the current value of an investment is greater than the initial amount invested.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI):** An index used to measure inflation, based on the prices in a basket of goods and services, meant to be representative of those we typically spend our money on.

**DEVELOPED MARKETS:** A country that is most developed in terms of its economy and financial markets.

**DIVIDEND(S):** A sum paid regularly by a company to its investors as a reward for holding their shares.

**EARNINGS:** Money obtained in return for labour or services.

**EQUITY/EQUITIES:** Shares issued by a company, representing an ownership interest.

EMERGING MARKET (S): Countries in the process of becoming developed economies.

FINANCIALS: A sector made up of companies that provide financial services.

FIXED INCOME: Broadly refers to those types of investment security that pay investors fixed interest or dividend payments until their maturity date.

**GOVERNMENT BONDS:** A loan of money by an investor to a government for a stated period of time in exchange for a (generally) fixed rate of interest and the repayment of the initial amount at its conclusion.

INDEX/INDICES: A portfolio of investments representing a particular market or a portion of it. For example: The FTSE 100 is an index of the shares of the 100 largest companies on the London Stock Exchange.

INDUSTRIALS: The industrial goods sector includes stocks of companies that mainly produce capital goods used in manufacturing, resource extraction, and construction.

**INFLATION/INFLATIONARY:** The rate of increase in the cost of living. Inflation is usually quoted as an annual percentage, comparing the average price this month with the same month a year earlier.

MULTI-ASSET: An investment containing more than one asset class, such as cash, equity or bond.

**OUTPERFORMANCE:** To have a greater performance/return to a comparator.

PORTFOLIO: A collection of investments.

**RETURN(S)/RETURNED:** The gain or loss from an investment over a stated period of time - expressed in either percentage or cash terms.

SAFE HAVEN: Refers to assets that investors perceive to be relatively safe from suffering a loss in times of market turmoil.

SHARE(S): Also known as equity, is a security representing the ownership of a fraction of a company listed on the stock market.

**SECTORS:** An area of the economy in which businesses share the same or related business activity, product, or service.

STOCK: Also known as equity, is a security that represents the ownership of a fraction of the issuing corporation.

TARIFFS: Taxes imposed by a government on goods and services imported from other countries

TREASURY/TREASURIES: US government debt security with a maturity of more than 10 years. Treasury bonds make interest payments semi-annually.

VOLATILE/VOLATILITY: Large and/or frequent moves up or down in the price or value of an investment or market.

YIELD: Income received from investments, either expressed as a percentage of the investment's current market value, or dividends received by the holder.



The value of investments can fall. Investors may not get back the amount invested. Income from investments may vary and is not guaranteed.



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