

# Fairstone Liontrust Growth 7

## Investment Aim

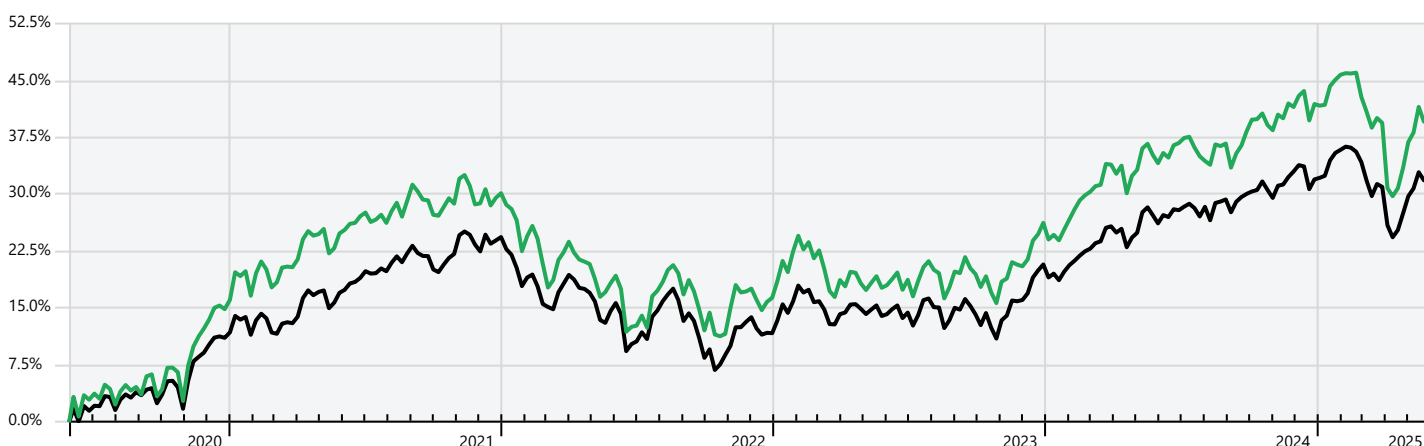
The portfolio is designed to provide risk adjusted returns. It aims to achieve capital appreciation and reduce investment risk through diversification across asset classes and geographies.

This portfolio is managed to maximise risk adjusted returns within a target volatility range of 11.8% and 15.4% over rolling 10-year time periods. This is not guaranteed, and actual volatility may fluctuate outside of these boundaries.

Ranking the risk on a scale of between 1 and 10, where 1 is the lowest, we place this portfolio as 7.

## Investment Growth

Time Period: 01/06/2020 to 31/05/2025



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40.4% — IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

32.8%

### Cumulative Performance

|                                   | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Fairstone Liontrust Growth 7      | 4.68%  | 17.09%  | 40.41%  |
| IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares | 5.20%  | 14.47%  | 32.77%  |

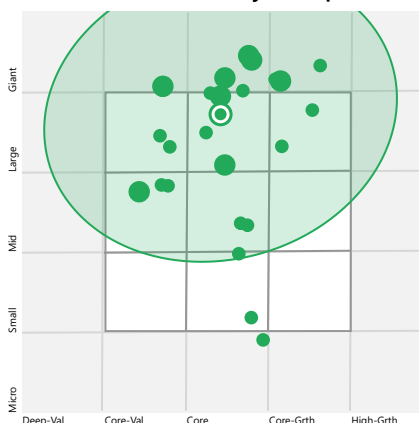
### Calendar Year Returns

|                                   | YTD   | 2024  | 2023 | 2022   | 2021  | 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|
| Fairstone Liontrust Growth 7      | -0.41 | 11.66 | 8.48 | -10.58 | 12.09 | 5.43 |
| IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares | 0.95  | 8.88  | 8.10 | -10.18 | 11.22 | 5.50 |

## Portfolio Overview

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Portfolio Manager      | Liontrust        |
| Investment Universe    | Open Ended Funds |
| Yield                  | 1.63%            |
| Portfolio Start Date   | 31/05/2019       |
| Last Rebalance Date    | 31/05/2025       |
| Ongoing Fund Costs     | 0.49%            |
| DFM Fee                | 0.25%            |
| Total Portfolio Charge | 0.74%            |

## Investment Style Map



## Risk Scale

7

Target 10 Year Volatility

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## Investment Adviser's Market Commentary



### Investment Adviser

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Equities continued to recover in May from their April lows as confidence returned. But May had its fair share of challenges to navigate, adding to an extraordinary flow of news this year that has created enough uncertainty to challenge the conviction of even the most resolute investors.

The shock and awe of President Trump's global tariff assault dissipated in May, with a tentative de-escalation of the trade tensions announced with China and limited deals signed with the UK, EU and India. This helped to assuage some fears of recession, but the longer-term impacts of this vacillation on consumers and businesses we believe remain to be seen. Trade tensions remain far from resolved, and the progress by one vote of President Trump's officially titled 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025' in Congress heightened concerns about the sustainability of the US's debt levels. We are seeing tentative signs of concern here, with the US dollar weakening and treasury yields rising as a result.

We believe the tribulations seen this year will likely have some ramifications for the US economy in terms of business and consumer confidence, but we do not believe that on its own this will be sufficient to tip the US into a substantive recession. It is possible that it will be enough to trigger a technical recession (which is two consecutive quarters of negative growth) but the impact of that sort of relatively minor slow down should not be overstated. In this complex and fluid political and geopolitical environment, we expect more uncertainty, possibly higher volatility and undoubtedly more twists and turns providing plenty of headlines.

May was a strong month for equities across the board, with the US leading the way with a 5.5% return in sterling terms. Growth style stocks returned a notable 7.8%, although year to date, value has outperformed. Furthermore, the US has been a negative performer year to date, and our underweight exposure to the region was a leading contributor to relative performance from a tactical viewpoint in our funds and portfolios in the first quarter. Another key contributor was our overweight to UK equities which, together with Europe ex-UK, have been the two best performing equity regions in 2025. Investors appear to have become less negative about the UK's prospects and it has proven to be less sensitive to sentiment driven by tariffs and AI.

Performance was more mixed in fixed income markets. Rising US treasury yields weighed on global government bonds. Concerns over the US' debt levels, which has been growing recently, were compounded by the progress to the Senate of the Big Beautiful Bill, which would slash US taxes and increase federal debt.

However, global high yield bonds fared more positively, adding to the strong returns they have delivered over the past year and their double-digit returns over three years. High yield bonds have been significant contributors to our funds and portfolios, and we continue to rate them a positive four out five in our TAA ratings. We view their nominal yields to be currently attractive at close to 8.0%, which is indicative of long-term returns and analogous to those of equities.

## Fund In Focus

### Federated Hermes Asia ex-Japan

When investing in Asian equities, blending complementary strategies is essential to balance the region's potential with its inherent risks. Our approach combines the defensive, value-driven philosophy of Federated Hermes Asia ex-Japan with the high-conviction, quality-focused strategy of Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities, creating a diversified blend aimed at delivering consistent, long-term returns.

The Federated Hermes Asia ex-Japan fund follows a contrarian strategy, aiming to find quality companies trading at significant discounts to their intrinsic value. Its flexible framework spans the quality spectrum, ensuring investments are underpinned by compelling risk-reward profiles. Capital preservation lies at the core of its approach, focusing on mitigating permanent capital loss rather than reacting to short-term volatility. This discipline is reflected in its largest positions, reserved for opportunities offering low downside risk and strong margins of safety.

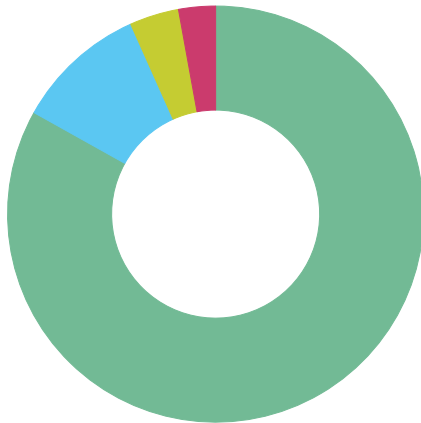
In contrast, Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities takes a concentrated, high-conviction approach, targeting stable, low-leverage companies with strong return potential. The fund's ability to invest beyond traditional benchmarks allows it to uncover opportunities in under-researched or off-benchmark stocks, delivering a differentiated return profile. With the stock selection process supported by Fidelity's extensive global research network, the fund leverages deep market insights to identify high-conviction opportunities, benefiting from a disciplined and research-driven approach to portfolio construction.

Together, these strategies offer a well-rounded exposure to Asian equities. Federated Hermes provides stability and downside protection through its defensive, value-oriented approach, while Fidelity captures growth opportunities with its dynamic, quality-driven philosophy. Their minimal overlap in holdings and low style correlation enhance diversification, ensuring resilience across market cycles. This thoughtful blend of capital preservation and growth potential delivers a robust platform for long-term success in the region.

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## Asset Allocation

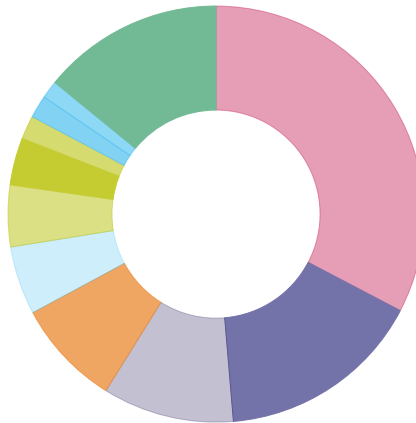
Portfolio Date: 23/05/2025



|              | %            |
|--------------|--------------|
| Equities     | 83.1         |
| Fixed Income | 10.2         |
| Alternatives | 3.8          |
| Cash         | 2.9          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

## Equity Breakdown

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2025



|                | %            |
|----------------|--------------|
| United States  | 32.7         |
| United Kingdom | 16.0         |
| China          | 10.2         |
| Japan          | 8.3          |
| India          | 5.3          |
| Taiwan         | 4.8          |
| South Korea    | 3.6          |
| Switzerland    | 1.8          |
| France         | 1.8          |
| Germany        | 1.4          |
| Other          | 14.1         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |

## Portfolio Breakdown

|  | Sub Asset Class         | Portfolio Weighting % |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Equities</b>                          | —                       | <b>83.1</b>           |
| abrdn Asia Pacific ex-Japan TrkrN£Acc    | Asia Pacific Equity     | 5.3                   |
| Artemis SmartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP    | Emerging Markets Equity | 4.3                   |
| BA Beutel Goodman US Val SI GBP Acc UnH  | US Equity               | 5.1                   |
| Baillie Gifford Japanese B Acc           | Japanese Equity         | 1.4                   |
| Barings Europe Select I GBP Inc          | European Equity         | 1.3                   |
| BlackRock European Dynamic FD Acc        | European Equity         | 1.9                   |
| CT American Smaller Coms(US) Z Acc GBP   | US Equity               | 1.7                   |
| Federated Hermes Asia exJpn Eq F GBP Acc | Asia Pacific Equity     | 2.6                   |
| Fidelity Asia Pacific Opps W GBP Acc     | Asia Pacific Equity     | 2.6                   |
| Fidelity Index Emerging Markets P Acc    | Emerging Markets Equity | 10.9                  |
| Fidelity Index Europe ex UK P Acc        | European Equity         | 2.2                   |
| Fidelity Index Japan P Acc               | Japanese Equity         | 3.4                   |
| Fidelity Index US P Acc                  | US Equity               | 13.6                  |
| GQG Partners US Equity I GBP Acc         | US Equity               | 1.7                   |
| Invesco UK Opports (UK) Z (Acc)          | UK Equity               | 2.7                   |
| JOHCM UK Dynamic Y GBP Acc               | UK Equity               | 2.7                   |
| Liontrust European Dynamic I Inc         | European Equity         | 1.9                   |
| Liontrust Special Situations I Inc       | UK Equity               | 3.0                   |
| Liontrust UK Growth I Inc                | UK Equity               | 3.3                   |
| Liontrust UK Smaller Companies I Acc     | UK Equity               | 1.7                   |
| M&G Japan GBP I Acc                      | Japanese Equity         | 2.0                   |
| Polar Capital Em Mkts Stars SX Acc       | Emerging Markets Equity | 2.9                   |
| TM Natixis Loomis Sayles US Eq Ldrs I/A£ | US Equity               | 5.1                   |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                      | —                       | <b>10.2</b>           |
| HSBC Global Government Bond ETFS2CHGBP   | Global Fixed Income     | 0.7                   |
| iShares Corporate Bond Index (UK) D Acc  | UK Corporate Bonds      | 1.8                   |
| iShares UK Gilts All Stks Idx (UK) D Acc | UK Gilts                | 3.0                   |
| Liontrust GF High Yield Bond C5 Acc GBP  | Global Fixed Income     | 3.5                   |
| Liontrust Sust Fut Mn Inc Bd B Grs Acc   | UK Corporate Bonds      | 0.6                   |
| Man Sterling Corp Bd ProfI Acc C         | UK Corporate Bonds      | 0.6                   |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                      | —                       | <b>3.8</b>            |
| Liontrust Diversified RI Assts A Acc     | Lower Risk Alternatives | 2.6                   |
| Liontrust GF Glb Shrt Dtd CorpBdC5AccGBP | Lower Risk Alternatives | 1.2                   |
| <b>Cash</b>                              | —                       | <b>2.9</b>            |
| BlackRock ICS Sterling Liq Premier Acc   | Cash & Money Market     | 2.6                   |
| CASH                                     | Cash & Money Market     | 0.3                   |

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## Target Market

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**Investors' knowledge and experience:** Investors with basic, informed or advanced knowledge and experience of capital markets and investment risks and of funds and their characteristics.

**Clients' financial situation with a focus on the ability to bear losses:** Investors have a tolerance to fluctuations in capital invested and potential capital loss.

**Clients' risk tolerance and compatibility of the risk/reward profile of the product with the target market:** Due to the volatility of the markets in which the service may invest e.g. equity, bond and property markets the service has a risk and reward profile that is compatible with clients who have a risk tolerance aligned to the Investment Aim of the portfolio. Investors should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of possible higher returns.

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