## Fortem Capital Progressive Growth Fund



### Quarterly Commentary - 28th June 2024

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Q2 began with a shadow of doubt over the soft-landing narrative as a reacceleration in consumer prices, particularly essential goods, caused policymakers to row back on their declarations of victory in the battle against inflation and investors to heavily discount their rate cut expectations for the year. Data in April proved strong and was received poorly as this provided confirmation in investors' minds that the turn in the rate cycle was indeed further away than was priced in and conditions would remain 'restrictive' for longer.

In reality, financial conditions remain loose and, as the quarter wore on, markets repriced higher, driven by an ever-shrinking cohort of very large companies. The more rate sensitive parts of the market struggled, namely bonds and smaller cap equities, as higher for longer took hold, but equity positioning remains extreme and the market remains squarely in the soft-landing camp at a time when data is weakening and revisions suggest that this began earlier than was initially believed or priced.

Bonds continue to struggle against stubborn price rises, monetary authorities that have been burned declaring inflation over early, and supply more akin to wartime than the end of the cycle. The assumption that duration is an investor's friend during times of slowing growth cannot be relied upon as previously given the dramatic fiscal difference in this cycle versus previous ones; this is likely the reason that investors are more cautious in their duration positioning than in previous cycles also.

The Fund increased in value by 1.7% over the quarter.

Total Return	2024	Q2	
UK 100	7.9%	3.7%	
US 500	15.1%	4.2%	
Europe 50	10.4%	-2.1%	
Japan 225	19.1%	-1.8%	
Hong Kong 50	6.2%	8.9%	
US 2000	1.5%	-3.3%	
Swiss 30	11.0%	4.0%	
Global Equity	11.8%	2.6%	
Global Bond	-3.2%	-1.1%	
Commodities	2.4%	1.5%	
PGF	4.0%	1.7%	
AGF	0.8%	0.0%	
DGF	3.4%	0.5%	
USI	14.3%	3.8%	
ARF	3.9%	-0.6%	

#### Beta

Within the Fund's underlying equity indices to which it takes exposure performance was positive on the whole, but Europe and Japan were slightly negative, having had recent periods of strong growth, while the US 2000 index, which carries more rates sensitivity, was down 3.3% and its YTD return of 1.5% illustrates the shift in investor sentiment to higher for longer.

During the period there were 8 investments that matured early all paying their full returns. Of those, 5 were investments struck in 2021 on equal weight indices at a time when volatility and rates were floored. The relative underperformance of the UK equal weight index since meant that the investments matured at the end of their third year. They were rolled into investments with 2-3% higher annual coupons with commensurate levels of risk, such is the current improvement in the pricing environment.

The Beta Portfolio of the Fund also carries significant levels of protection; there is on average around 40% of buffer to capital being at risk within the Fund's Beta investments.

#### **Diversifier & protection Overlay**

As investors will be aware, the Fund employs an overlay that is designed to dampen mark-to-market at the worst times for the investments in the Beta Portfolio without having a pronounced effect on the overall return profile of the Fund, as it has since launch.

The overlay was flat over the quarter, adding 0.04% and protection levels remain at their highest within the overlay.

The Fund continues to benefit from its 'pull to par', as it will as it returns to target in the absence of capital erosion in the Beta Portfolio. The high levels of protection within that part of the portfolio by virtue of the conservative setting of barriers at outset means the Fund is well set to continue to deliver above target returns over the medium term. However, as investors are aware the Beta Portfolio does experience shorter term fluctuations that are driven by the fortunes of the underlying equities and the Diversifier & Protection Overlay is positioned to provide some ballast here. The Fund and sector in general remain well positioned to provide investors with more predictable and stable returns in an environment that is becoming more uncertain as time passes.

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