



## ■ Market commentary

The nervousness which had been creeping into markets during July intensified in August, with growing fears of a more broadly based global economic slowdown than the manufacturing contraction evidenced in the past 9 months. Equities fell sharply across the board, with the largest falls in the most economically exposed sectors. In contrast, safe-haven government bond markets rose sharply, taking yields in many cases to new all-time lows.

Unsurprisingly, in a month when the economic news was almost universally gloomy, emerging markets led the falls. Whereas the developed world equity index fell by -1.7%, emerging markets were down by -4.5%, leaving them up only 8.9% year to date compared with a 20.6% rise in developed markets. In bonds, emerging markets were one of the very few sectors to fall in the month, with a return of -2.3%, compared to a 4.0% positive return from US Treasuries.

It was in fixed income that the most remarkable moves took place. Worries about recession and continuing low inflation, together with the change in interest rate expectations and shift to easier monetary policy across the world led to extraordinary moves in bond yields. The US Treasury yield curve inverted across most of the curve, including the widely watched 2 year-10 year, which is often seen as a reliable indicator of a forthcoming recession. Elsewhere yields fell to new all-time lows.

Less clear is how the ongoing issue of Brexit is ultimately resolved. The political situation in the UK is so fluid that predicting what might happen, is near impossible. However, it appears certain that the only way to resolve the impasse, now that the UK has a minority government with little prospect of enacting its policy objectives concerning either Brexit or domestic matters, is for a general election within the next few weeks. UK markets, as a result, have remained under a cloud of uncertainty and seem set to continue to underperform the rest of the world until some clarity finally begins to emerge.

We have pointed to the need for greater caution in our recent commentaries and that caution remains warranted. The economic backdrop has deteriorated, corporate earnings are under pressure especially in sectors most exposed to manufacturing, and markets are largely discounting sizeable policy easing by central banks in coming months. But the extent of the global slowdown needs to be kept in perspective; trade and manufacturing are contracting but the service sector continues to grow, albeit more slowly, employment remains strong and the consumer is generally in good shape. There are no signs of systemic financial problems nor capacity shortages, inflation and a sudden tightening of policy. With inflation subdued central banks have considerable flexibility in keeping policy ultra-loose for much longer, thereby extending this extraordinary cycle.

Source: Bloomberg, Momentum Global Investment Management. All returns in GBP, unless stated otherwise.

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Management and administration fee:		Investment management fee:	Other applicable fees:	
<b>NAV of the Fund</b>	<b>Fee (per annum)</b>	0.40% per annum	Custody fees (per annum):	
Up to GBP 20m	0.30%		Up to GBP 20m	0.05%
From GBP 20m to GBP 40m	0.25%		From GBP 20m to GBP 40m	0.04%
Over GBP 40m	0.20%		From GBP 40m to GBP 70m	0.03%
<i>subject to a minimum of USD 22,000 (or currency equivalent) per annum</i>			Over GBP 70m	0.02%
Performance fees are not applicable to this Fund			<i>subject to a minimum of GBP 5,000 per annum.</i>	
			(Custodian fee per transaction: USD 25)	
			Distribution fees:	0.00%
			Directors' fees:	0.00%

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