Cumulative performance

(% total return)

	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr
CSI Income	4.7%	6.5%	15.4%	17.9%	37.4%
MSCI PIMFA Income	4.4%	6.0%	13.4%	17.6%	38.9%

Source: Cadelam and Factset

Discrete 12 month performance

(% total return)

	31.03.17 31.03.16	31.03.18 31.03.17	31.03.19 31.03.18	31.03.20 31.03.19	31.03.21 31.03.20
CSI Income	10.7%	5.3%	5.3%	-3.1%	15.4%
MSCI PIMFA Income	11.3%	6.2%	4.6%	-1.0%	13.4%

+Please note that the PIMFA performance data included is blended to reflect the FTSE WMA Series up to 1 March 2017 and the PIMFA MSCI Series thereafter.

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*The yield reflects historic distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market unit price, as at the date shown and after the deduction of the funds expenses.
**Ongoing charge represents the direct costs of running a fund, which are deducted from the assets of the fund and provide a comparable number for the cost of investing. The annual management charge is included in the ongoing charge.

Fund manager commentary

If the first quarter of 2021 was the start of a return to normality, the second quarter was more of a false start.

Amongst great progress on vaccines in much of the developed world, there was a new peak in global daily Coronavirus cases during the quarter and continued threats from new variants which appear to spread more easily and, at some point, carry the risk of evading vaccine efficacy.

What happens next is, as ever, uncertain. Whilst Coronavirus cases remain stubbornly high, the link between cases and deaths appears to be weakening and politicians appear firm in their view now that any reopening will not be reversed. That is likely to further spur on consumer demand and a quickly improving labour market; the risk remains that supposedly 'transitory' inflation is not so.

Against this backdrop, we continue to find opportunities to invest and we see competition for capital amongst the businesses in which we invest as high at present. We follow the philosophy on when to sell that Philip Fisher sets out in his seminal book, 'Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits'. In it he says that, "I believe that there are three reasons and three reasons only, for the sale of any common stock…when a mistake has been made…[adverse] changes resulting from the passage of time…to switch into a situation with seemingly better prospects."

In June 2021 we, for the first time, had an opportunity to act based on the third reason. Victrex we have always felt has been a good UK engineering business with great cash generation on its core business but had been disappointed at progress with its high barrier-to-entry 'mega-programmes' strategy. The fund recently reviewed another engineering business, Strix, which we concluded was a better UK business proposition. . It had similarly strong cash generation on its core business (they are the global leader in producing kettle controls), but with progress on its strategy to develop critical elements in other appliances and to increase its exposure to the structural growth within water filtration and take on Brita as the global number one. We felt that Strix offered seemingly better prospects at a more attractive valuation and we switched our holding.

It is a good sign when the tough decisions are on which businesses you like more.

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