#### True Potential UBS Defensive

31 December 2024

# **Fund objective**



The Fund aims to achieve growth over the long term (5 years or longer) through active management of a diversified investment portfolio whilst seeking to control the overall level of portfolio risk.

#### **December Investment Manager commentary**

Major stock markets ended the year on a negative note, weighed down by a stronger US dollar and weakened expectations for further interest-rate cuts in the US. The Federal Reserve cut rates by 0.25% but raised inflation forecasts for 2025. Government bonds struggled due to rising US Treasury yields and political instability in Europe. Gold prices fell, and a short-lived oil rally was impacted by weakening global demand.

The True Potential UBS Defensive fund fell -0.70% (net of fees) in December, with the overweight in equities detracting from performance in December. Allocations to index funds that track global equity factors delivered negative returns across the board, with the 'value', 'minimum volatility' and 'quality' factors all underperforming broader equities. Within the US equity segment, the US equal weight and small-cap positions fared worst, with the latter dragged down by worries of higher-for-longer interest rates. Conversely, the equity allocations to Japan and Europe delivered positive returns, helped by the weaker yen and euro. The fund's fixed-income holdings also proved a hindrance, with long duration sovereign bonds detracting the most from relative returns. In contrast, the fund's riskier holdings in European high-yield bonds outperformed, delivering positive returns in absolute terms. In alternatives, the long/short equity hedge performed well but gold assets fell, dragged down by a strengthening US dollar.

## Growth of £10,000 invested 5 years ago



- True Potential UBS Defensive Acc\*
- Morningstar UK Cautious Target Allocation Index\*\*

#### % Growth

	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since launch
True Potential UBS Defensive Acc*	5.8%	3.9%	10.8%	24.0%
Morningstar UK Cautious Target Allocation Index**	3.5%	-4.9%	0.1%	7.4%

# **Annual % Growth**

	Dec '19	Dec '20	Dec '21	Dec '22	Dec '23
	Dec '20	Dec '21	Dec '22	Dec '23	Dec '24
True Potential UBS Defensive Acc*	1.6%	5.0%	-6.3%	4.8%	5.8%
Morningstar UK Cautious Target Allocation Index**	5.6%	-0.3%	-13.3%	6.0%	3.5%

\*Source: True Potential Administration LLP. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

#### What is the benchmark for this fund?

The benchmark for this fund is Morningstar UK Cautious Target Allocation. The benchmark may be used as a guide to compare and assess the performance of the Fund. This benchmark tracks the performance of an index that represents assets or securities with a similar risk profile to the Fund. Our aim is to help you monitor how your investment is performing. This benchmark reflects the multi-asset nature and relative risk profile of the Fund. The Fund does not use the benchmark as a target, nor is the Fund constrained by it. The mix of assets in the Fund may vary from those of the benchmark (and its constituents). Accordingly, it should be used for reference purposes only.

# Why invest in this fund?

- For investors looking to invest for the long term (5 years or more).
- Diversifies risk by investing in stocks and bonds.
- The fund combines both active and passive management strategies for optimal returns.
- The fund's defensive risk profile aims to protect capital while delivering moderate growth, minimizing exposure to short-term losses by focusing on safer, more stable investments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Morningstar Inc.

### **Key fund information**

**Accumulation shares:** this type of share reinvests the income generated by its underlying assets (such as dividends or interest) back into the fund, rather than paying it out to shareholders as income.

**Income shares:** this type of share pays out the income generated by the fund's underlying assets (such as dividends or interest) directly to investors, rather than reinvesting it back into the fund.

Fund details	Accumulation shares		
ISIN	GB00BYM57X29		
12 month yield*	2.36%		
Launch Date	10/08/2016		
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)**	0.59%		
Risk profile	Defensive		
Investment Manager	True Potential Investments		
Sub-Investment Manager	UBS Asset Management		
Minimum Recommended holding period	5 years		
Income payment frequency	Semi-Annual		

<sup>\*</sup> The 12 month yield reflects distributions declared over the past 12 months, as a percentage of the latest share/unit price. Investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. Yield as at 31 Dec 2024. Source: True Potential Administration LLP.

### Who is this fund suitable for?

This fund may be suitable for investors under the advice of a professional adivser, or investing through the True Potential Portfolios. The minimum recommended holding period is 5 years. Please be aware there is no guarantee that the fund will meet its investment objectives. The Fund is available to those that do not need a capital guarantee and are aware that their capital is at risk. Clients who are unable to bear loss of capital should not invest in this Fund.

## What are the fees associated with investing in this fund?

The OCF of this fund is currently 0.59%. This means that if you invest £1000 in the fund, you can expect to pay £5.90 in fees over the course of a year. The fees you pay are pro-rata. If you hold the fund for less than a year you will only pay the proportional amount of fees applicable (based on the duration of your investment).

## Where is the money invested?

# Asset breakdown

UK Gilts

Asset class	% of total exposure***
Cash and cash equivalents****	45.32%
<ul> <li>US Stocks</li> </ul>	20.02%
Global Treasury Bonds	8.28%
Global High Yield Bond (GBP Hedged)	4.69%
Asia Pacific Stocks	4.02%
UK Stocks	3.73%
Emerging Markets Stocks	3.09%
UK Corporate Bond	2.08%
UK Corporate Bond	2.08%
Alternatives	1.82%
Gold	1.56%
Europe ex UK Equity Stocks	1.48%
Emerging Market Bond HC	1.04%

0.78%

<sup>\*\*</sup>OCF payable can fluctuate over time as the underlying investments are variable and can change. The OCF figure is sourced from the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) dated 01 Nov 2024 found at www.truepotential.co.uk/fund-documents.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Source: True Potential Investments LLP

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Cash and cash equivalents include bonds with a short time to maturity.

#### **Risks**

The following are some of the key risks associated with investing in this Fund. For a complete list of risks, please refer to the Fund's prospectus, available at www.truepotential.co.uk/fund-documents. **Please be aware that there is no guarantee that capital will be preserved.** 

Risk type	Description
Investment Fund Risk	This Fund invests into other investment funds, they may invest in different assets, countries or economic sectors and therefore have different risk profiles not in line with those of this Fund.
Performance Risk	Investment objectives express an intended result but there is no guarantee that such a result will be achieved.  Depending on market conditions and the macro-economic environment, certain investment types and styles may perform better than others and investment objectives may become more difficult to achieve.
Emerging Market Risk	Investments in emerging markets may involve greater risks due to political and economic instability, and underdeveloped markets and systems.
Counterparty Risk	There may be cases where the organisation from which we buy a derivative, or an asset, fails to meet its obligations. The Fund's cash deposits are also subject to counterparty risk.
Derivative Risk	The Fund is entitled to use derivatives. Derivatives may not achieve their intended purpose. Their prices may move up or down significantly over relatively short periods of time which may result in losses greater than the amount paid.
Operational Risk	The Fund faces non-market risk, relating to purchasing, holding and servicing the Fund's assets.
Credit Risk	Where the Fund invests in bonds, there is a risk the bond issuer may fail to meet its repayments. Changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer may also affect the bond's market value. This risk is particularly relevant where the fund invests in bonds with a lower credit rating.
Exchange Rate Risk	The Fund may invest in securities not denominated in GBP. The value of your investments may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.
Liquidity Risk	Certain market conditions could make sufficiently liquid assets difficult to sell quickly at a fair price. This could result in an unpredictable fall in the value, and overall liquidity of the Fund.

#### To find out more

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We can provide documents in various formats, including large print, braille, audio, and fonts designed for readability. Please email FundAdministration@tpllp.com if you require an alternative format.

Fund Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID) are available from www.truepotential.co.uk/fund-documents or by email to FundAdministration@tpllp.com.

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