## True Potential Close Brothers Balanced

31 January 2025

## **Fund objective**

The Fund aims to generate capital growth with some income.



### January Investment Manager commentary

Major stock markets began the year strong. European and UK equities outperformed, driven by a better eurozone outlook and a weaker US dollar. US Treasury yields spiked due to higher inflation expectations from President Trump's policies (including tariffs and tax cuts), but later eased, with sovereign bonds showing modest returns. Elsewhere, gold prices rose.

The True Potential Close Brothers Balanced Fund returned 4.56% (net of fees). The fund's overweight to equities was beneficial in a month of solid equity returns. In addition, our strong selection within the UK equities segment also boosted relative performance. At the stock level, key contributors included British information and analytics firm RELX, private equity and infrastructure company 3i Group and Dublin-based building material supplier CRH. Less positively, the fund's US equity bias proved unfavourable as US shares lagged their global peers in January, dragged down by technology sector weakness towards the end of the month. In fixed income, the fund's duration positioning was beneficial, with exposures to long-dated UK Gilts and shorter maturity US Treasuries adding value. Elsewhere, a modest allocation to gold was also favourable as prices rose on the back of Trump's tariffs threats.

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



- True Potential Close Brothers Balanced Acc\*
- Morningstar UK Moderate Target Allocation Index\*\*

#### % Growth

	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since launch
True Potential Close Brothers Balanced Acc*	13.8%	12.4%	21.4%	59.0%
Morningstar UK Moderate Target Allocation Index**	11.7%	13.4%	25.5%	66.5%

#### **Annual % Growth**

	Jan '20	Jan '21	Jan '22	Jan '23	Jan '24
	Jan '21	Jan '22	Jan '23	Jan '24	Jan '25
True Potential Close Brothers Balanced Acc*	2.3%	5.6%	-4.6%	3.5%	13.8%
Morningstar UK Moderate Target Allocation Index**	4.2%	6.1%	-3.7%	5.5%	11.7%

<sup>\*</sup>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 Moderate 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 balanced approach of the fund strives to provide both growth and income, while managing short-term losses through a diversified mix of assets that moderate risk.

<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	Income shares
ISIN	GB00BV9FR456	GB00BV9FR233
12 month yield*	1.28%	1.31%
Launch Date	16/03/2015	16/03/2015
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)**	0.66%	0.66%
Risk profile	Balanced	Balanced
Investment Manager	True Potential Investments	True Potential Investments
Sub-Investment Manager	Close Brothers Asset Management	Close Brothers Asset Management
Minimum Recommended holding period	5 years	5 years
Income payment frequency	Annual	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 Jan 2025. Source: True Potential Administration LLP.

#### Who is this fund suitable for?

This fund is suitable for all 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 0.66%. This means that if you invest £1000 in the fund, you can expect to pay £6.60 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

Asset class	% of total exposure***	
<ul> <li>US Stocks</li> </ul>	35.64%	
<ul> <li>UK Stocks</li> </ul>	15.64%	
Global Treasury Bonds	8.27%	
<ul> <li>UK Gilts</li> </ul>	8.16%	
<ul> <li>Europe ex UK Equity Stocks</li> </ul>	7.74%	
<ul> <li>Global Corporate Bonds</li> </ul>	7.51%	
<ul><li>Gold</li></ul>	5.24%	
<ul> <li>UK Corporate Bond</li> </ul>	3.86%	
Global High Yield Bond (GBP Hedged)	3.20%	
Cash and Cash Equivalents****	2.07%	
<ul> <li>Emerging Markets Stocks</li> </ul>	0.91%	
<ul> <li>Alternatives</li> </ul>	0.70%	
Asia Pacific Stocks	0.63%	
<ul><li>Property</li></ul>	0.43%	

<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

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{****}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{Cash}}$  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
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.
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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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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