Thorntons Adventurous
Investor Factsheet Q3 2025

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Investment Objectives

The Thorntons Adventurous model portfolio aims to provide a higher risk investment, with equity type returns, primarily focused on capital growth, over a five-year investment period. The portfolio will primarily be invested in equity, with much of that international, but may also include some property, corporate bonds and alternative assets. The model is invested across a portfolio of funds and exchange traded instruments.

Five-year annualised volatility target of 12.6 to 14.7
This is consistent with a standard industry risk rating (1 to 10) of 7.

Risk Ranking 7

Key Facts

Historic Model Yield	2.1%
Five Year Monthly Volatility	9.5
Estimated OCF of model	0.39%
Investment fee	0.2% (VAT Exempt)
Comparison Benchmark	IA Flexible Investment

Date of Inception 31 December 2014

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Performance from Inception

Adventurous Model Total Return 31/12/14 -30/09/25

A - Thorntons Adventurous Model Portfolio
B - IA Flexible Investment

31/12/14 - 30/09/25
Data from FE fundinfo

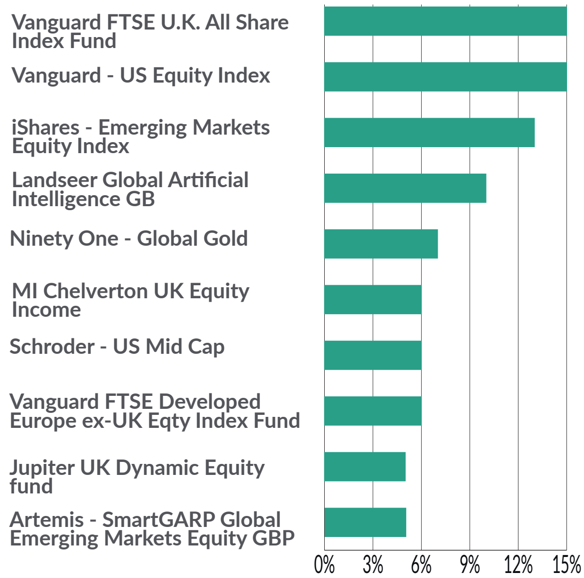
Performance -Cumulative	Q3	YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	Incept
Thorntons Adventurous Model Portfolio	11.8%	16.7%	19.0%	48.5%	51.4%	132.3%	128.9%
IA Flexible Investment	6.4%	8.5%	10.5%	30.3%	40.0%	97.7%	91.3%

Discrete Calendar Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Thorntons Adventurous Model Portfolio	12.3%	8.1%	-8.7%	9.4%	8.5%
IA Flexible Investment	9.4%	7.1%	-9.0%	11.3%	6.7%

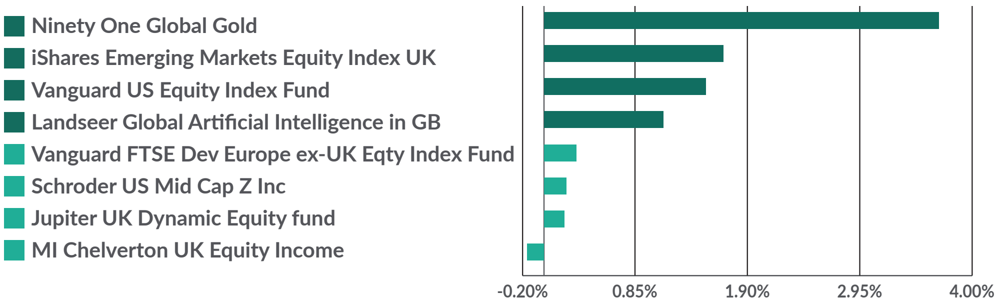
Industry Allocation

- 65.0% - International Equities
- 26.0% - UK Equities
- 7.0% - Other
- 2.0% - Cash

Top Ten Holdings



Top And Bottom Contributors To Performance Q3 2025



Platform Availability

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Market Commentary

The third quarter of 2025 provided some very strong market returns. Seemingly ignoring the many uncertainties that we all face, many stock markets raced to new all-time highs, spurred on by enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and expectations of interest rate cuts. The biggest gains, however, were in precious metals, with gold having just reached $4,000/oz for the first time ever and up 50% so far this year. This does throw up a dichotomy, as gold is traditionally a barometer of uncertainty and risk. If it is signalling heightened concerns, then it is at odds with stock markets, and to some extent bond markets, which indicate a positive view on economic outlook and limited risk.

Both the Bank of England and US Federal Reserve Bank cut interest rates in the quarter, as signs of weakening jobs markets outweighed inflation persistently sitting above target levels. However, this did not translate to long-term bonds, where growing concerns about rising government deficits in developed countries saw growing reluctance to buy their bonds, raising the yield they have to offer to rise. The rise in bond yields is neither helpful for governments nor large capital investment decisions, both of whom have to factor in a higher cost of borrowing. The higher yields did help cover off some of the price declines and gilts in aggregate generated a small negative total return over the quarter. Infrastructure and property, which are sensitive to long-term borrowing costs, saw some funds negatively impacted, although the property sector eked out a +1.2% total return, as there was some takeover activity.

Stock markets, meanwhile, took a glass half-full view, with investment in AI surging ahead, both through corporate spending commitments and in the rapid share price appreciation of companies central to the AI theme. The US stock market rose 10%, with most of the rise attributed to AI related companies, which experienced significantly greater gains. Japan, also up 10%, and Emerging Markets, up nearly 13%, similarly experienced surging stock markets. Both have significant exposure to the AI theme, but Japan is additionally benefiting from corporate restructuring and Emerging Markets from dollar weakness, as much of their debt is dollar denominated. The UK and European stock markets both rose 6%. Ordinarily this would be seen as a very strong quarterly return, but on this occasion has been somewhat overshadowed by exceptional returns elsewhere.

Which brings us to commodities, where the index of a broad spread of commodities rose 4%, but disguises some divergent individual moves. Oil, the most significant component, declined as OPEC+ committed to greater supply, as did copper, after being whipsawed by tariff uncertainty. However, the extraordinary increase in the price of gold ensured the positive index return. The recent US Federal government shutdown, due to a failure to agree a funding package between the Republicans and Democrats, political turmoil in France and Japan, rapidly rising government debt and expectations of lower interest rates, have all been supporting factors behind gold's rise. As many of these factors look unlikely to disappear quickly, we maintain an exposure to gold. We also remain invested in equities, as companies continue to grow profits despite all the uncertainties, but remain alert to the concentration on AI.

Portfolio Commentary Q3 2025

The Adventurous portfolio returned 11.8%, over the third quarter, a return more normally associated with a full year! The standout contribution came from Ninety One Global Gold, +53%, as gold mining companies played catch-up with the gold price and their profits begin to surge. The excitement around AI also contributed nicely to the portfolio, with Landseer Global Artificial Intelligence, +11.1%, and Vanguard US Equity Index, with significant AI exposure, +10.1%. However, both of these were trumped by the returns of Emerging Market funds, with iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index and Artemis SmartGARP Global Emerging Market Equity, returning 12.9% and 14.4% respectively. And despite being +9.9%, Vanguard Japan Stock Index didn't even make the top five.

Only one fund, Chelverton UK Equity Income -2.6%, had a negative return this quarter. This was due to the underperformance of smaller companies over the quarter and follows a very strong second quarter. Schroder US Mid Cap, +3.5%, similarly lagged behind its stock market as small cap underperformance was broadly experienced, not just in the UK. Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity, +3.7%, also trailed as value stocks underperformed growth stocks. Lastly Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Index fund, was one of the weaker performers, despite being +5%.

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