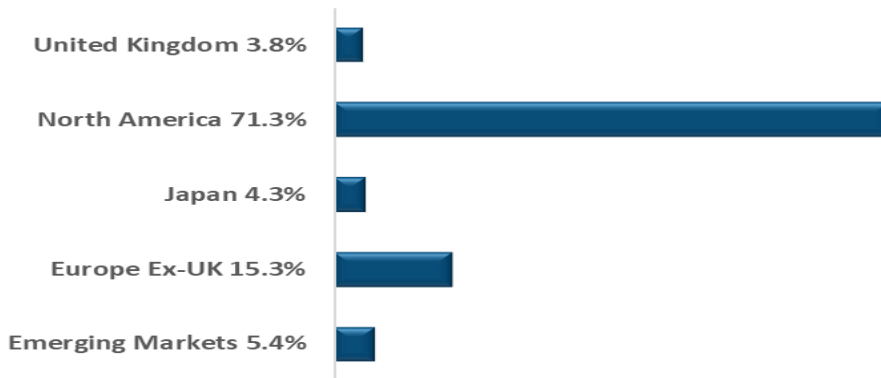




## Geographic Equity Allocation



This chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various geographic regions.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2024

Top 10 Key Holdings	%
SARASIN RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE BOND-Z INC	10.1
MICROSOFT CORP	3.9
APPLE INC NPV	3.9
UK TSY GILT 4.5000% 07/09/34 GBP	3.8
AMAZON.COM INC	3.5
UK TSY GILT 3.5000% 22/07/68 GBP	3.3
NVIDIA CORP	3.2
META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	2.5
MASTERCARD INC-A	2.1
COMPASS GROUP PLC	2.1

Fund Performance can be viewed online at [www.Mainstone.net](http://www.Mainstone.net) or alternatively visit [www.TrustNet.com](http://www.TrustNet.com) Search: DMS Stirling House Growth

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2024

## Fund Facts

<b>Fund Structure</b>	NURS (Non-UCITS Retail Fund)	<b>Acc Class</b>	<b>Inc Class</b>
<b>Fund Launch Date</b>	18 February 2013	<b>Launch Price</b>	£1.00
<b>Fund Currency</b>	GBP	<b>Minimum Investment</b>	£5,000
<b>Registered for Sale</b>	Authorised in the UK by the FCA	<b>Annual Management Fee</b>	0.70%
<b>Initial Charges*</b>	5%	<b>Codes</b>	
<b>Ongoing Charge**</b>	1.28%	<b>Acc Class</b>	<b>Inc Class</b>
<b>Fund Dealing</b>	Daily	SEDOL	B99R145
<b>Cut-Off Point</b>	12 noon on a Dealing Day	ISIN	GB00B99R1450
<b>Pricing Frequency</b>	Daily		GB00B99R1567
<b>Comparator Benchmark</b>	CPI +4%		
<b>IA Sector</b>	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares		

## Fund Performance Commentary

The fund's performance benefited from its holding in Amazon. Its retail business was strong, with Black Friday week helping deliver record sales. Progress in artificial intelligence (AI), including the introduction of Amazon's latest AI chip, bolstered investor confidence. In addition, Apple delivered strong returns after the firm's fourth-quarter results exceeded expectations. Revenue growth from the app store and services was robust. New AI applications should support sales of its new iPhone. Demand for AI and the integration of Apple Intelligence remains a long-term growth driver.

In contrast, Zoetis an American animal health company, detracted from returns. There were concerns that its arthritis drug may have adverse effects on pets. ASML, a leading lithography machine manufacturer, was weaker. Investor sentiment was tempered by events in the US, where geopolitical tensions with China could pose risks to ASML's revenue.

The fund started a position in Linde, a leading global industrial gas and engineering company. The company has demonstrated stable revenue growth and high margins. Its leadership in clean energy solutions gives the portfolios exposure to the climate transition theme.

In addition, the fund started a position in Emerson Electric, a global manufacturing and technology specialist in process automation solutions. The company is well placed to capitalise on the trends driving automation demand. Its move away from lower-growth businesses is good for overall profitability.

Finally, the fund sold Air Liquide, a French multinational supplier of industrial gases and services to various industries. We preferred Linde, which operates in more resilient markets.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2024

**Notes**  
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\* Under normal circumstances this charge will be waived, contact Stirling House Financial Services Ltd for further clarification.

\*\*This figure was calculated as of 30/06/2024 for the A ACC share class and includes the annual management fees and the fund administration charges.

## Global Market Review from *Sarasin & Partners*

Stock markets were volatile early in the quarter due to concerns among investors about economic growth, coupled with uncertainty surrounding the US election. However, US markets recovered in November and posted strong gains, with technology stocks reaching all-time highs. Expectations of further tax cuts and nationalist policies helped the S&P 500 and US small-cap indices alike to perform well. The stock market stumbled in December after the Federal Reserve signalled a slower pace of rate cuts in 2025, but recorded positive returns for the quarter overall.

UK and European markets delivered modest negative returns, while emerging markets were also weaker, reflecting softer demand and a post-election dollar strength.

Progress on inflation stagnated and resulted in weaker bond markets, while 10-year Treasury yields rose (meaning prices fell). Geopolitical tensions persisted and oil prices were lower due to weaker global demand. The price of gold also declined because of US dollar strength.

We look to 2025 with a mix of optimism and caution. Rather than causing the turmoil expected by many, Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election calmed stock markets. Most major markets – except Brazil – were positive for the year overall, creating optimism for investors in 2025. However, the incoming Trump administration's policies come with a number of risks: tax cuts could see inflation rise and tariffs could trigger trade wars. Other risks include a potential correction to high valuations of US technology stocks, and an escalation of ongoing geopolitical tensions. Fears of recession in the US and UK appear to be receding, but 'sticky' inflation means fewer cuts in interest rates are being forecast.

Our cautious stance on global bonds will continue. The asset class faced a difficult year, with yields rising sharply in the fourth quarter as expectations for interest rate cuts from central banks faded. Markets now anticipate three fewer rate cuts in the US by the end of 2025 than a year ago, and four fewer in the UK. We moved underweight compared with the fund's benchmark, with a preference for equities. We continue to hold gold as a 'safe haven' asset against possible market volatility.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31 December 2024

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\*Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2024

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