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Troy Multi-Asset Strategy Q4 2025 Commentary

Annualised Performance %	Q4	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception*
Troy Multi-Asset Strategy (gross GBP)	3.0	9.9	7.2	6.2	8.0
UK Retail Price Index (RPI)	-0.1	3.4	4.0	6.5	3.5
FTSE All-Share Index (TR)	6.4	24.0	13.6	11.7	6.3

Top 5 Contributors	%
Alphabet	1.2
Chubb	0.2
Unilever	0.2
Nestlé	0.2
Agilent Technologies	0.2

Bottom 5 Contributors	%
VeriSign	-0.2
Diageo	-0.2
Experian	-0.2
Microsoft	-0.1
Pernod Ricard	-0.1

Asset Allocation	%
Equities	41
US TIPS	16
UK Index Linked	12
Gold-related Investments	12
Japanese Government Bonds	10
Short-dated Gilts	7
Cash	2

Currency Exposure (net of hedging)	%
GBP	62
Gold	12
JPY	10
USD	8
EUR	4
CHF	4

10 Equity & Gold-related Holdings	%
Invesco Physical Gold	8.4
Unilever	4.4
Alphabet	4.2
Visa	3.9
iShares Physical Gold	3.6
Agilent Technologies	2.6
Diageo	2.6
Heineken	2.4
Nestlé	2.3
LSEG	2.3
Total	**36.8**

*31 May 2001. Source: FactSet and Troy Asset Management Limited – gross of fees GBP, 31 December 2025. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Fees will have the effect of reducing performance. Contribution is provided as gross absolute returns and does not include charges and fees. International assets are reported in local currency. Any FX impact is reported net of the GBP/USD hedge separately. All references to benchmarks are for comparative purposes only. Asset allocation and holdings subject to change. The information shown relates to a mandate which is representative of, and has been managed in accordance with, Troy Asset Management Limited's Multi-Asset Strategy. Performance is shown in GBP as this is the base currency of the representative mandate, which has historically been compared to the FTSE All-Share Index.

Portfolio Review

The Troy Multi-Asset Strategy (the "Strategy") returned +3.0% (gross) over the most recent quarter. For comparative purposes, the FTSE All-Share Index (TR) (the "Index") returned +6.4% over the same period. The UK Retail Price Index ("UK RPI") return was -0.1% during the quarter.[1]

Quarter in Review

Equities (+1.8%), Gold (+1.4%) and modest returns from US TIPS and short-dated government bonds contributed to positive performance during the quarter. Non-sterling currency exposure (Japanese Yen and US dollar) was a modest detractor.

US and UK equity markets finished the quarter, and the full calendar year, strongly. In local terms, the S&P 500 rose by +2.7% in Q4 and +17.9% for 2025, whilst the FTSE All-Share Index returned +6.4% and +23.9% over the same timeframes. Major central banks (US and UK) played their role by cutting interest rates again during the quarter. This continues the interest rate easing cycle, despite inflation remaining stubbornly above target in both economies. Fiscal matters were front and centre in the UK during the quarter with the arrival of the long-trailed November Budget. The announcement passed the immediate test, eliciting a muted market reaction to a heavily leaked package. Certain actions, such as reducing energy bills, should mechanically serve to ease some drivers of inflation. However, we would be cautious on declaring victory – tax rises and minimum wage increases will further burden the private sector, potentially putting upward pressure on services inflation which can be stubbornly sticky. We remain cautious on inflation risks globally, informing the portfolio's c.30% holding in short-duration inflation-linked bonds[2].

Although we do not have much exposure to the UK economy, we do take a view on the currency. Being a sterling-reporting Strategy, we will never be 'long' the pound[3], but we can retain exposures to overseas currencies where we favour their prospects against sterling. As longstanding investors will know, we actively manage currency risk, hedging back significant currency exposures where we lack conviction. Whilst the weak outlook for the UK economy is not heartening for residents, the potential for foreign currencies to outperform sterling is a tailwind for UK investors in overseas assets. At quarter-end, the Strategy had net exposures to the US dollar and Japanese yen of 8% and 10% respectively.

Gold

Precious metal demand continued during the quarter with the gold price rising by c.+12% in dollar (and sterling) terms. Looking at the full calendar year, the precious metal increased by +65% in dollar terms, representing its best return since 1979. Recent price strength over the last few months has prompted suggestions that investor flows are overly driving the market, raising the risk of a reversal in more speculative positioning. Volatility is inevitable; however, we believe a more structural force has underpinned gold's resilience in recent years: sustained central bank accumulation as they increase

[1] Source: FactSet and Lipper, gross of fees.
[2] Bonds whose interest and repayment amounts rise in line with inflation, helping to protect investors from increases in the cost of living.
[3] Being 'long' a currency means holding it in a way that benefits if that currency strengthens in value relative to others.

bullion's share within their reserves. With fiscal concerns, inflation, diversification away from the dollar, and geopolitics likely to remain prominent on central bank/government agendas, we believe that gold will continue to catch a bid as investors seek out dependable safe havens.

Alphabet

Alphabet, the largest equity contributor last quarter and over the full year, reported strong results during the reporting period with sales growth accelerating across all its major units. Search and YouTube Ads grew 15%, whilst Cloud growth accelerated to 34%.[4] We added to the holding both in December 2024 and April 2025. Since April, the shares have doubled as concerns over AI disruption gave way to an appreciation of Alphabet's advantages. It is unsurprising, for a company which has been investing in AI for years, that its own large language model, Gemini, is proving highly competitive versus peers. Alphabet has the added benefit of network effects built up over years; Google Maps recently became the company's seventh platform to house over two billion users. Alphabet's operating performance suggests it is well placed to evolve its business model for an age of AI. The shares' valuation has risen from just under 15x forward earnings to around c.26x forward earnings at the end of 2025. We do not think this is an egregious valuation given the company's prospects, but we have taken some profits, conscious of the risks to large-cap technology stocks should the market correct.

Portfolio Activity

There were no new holdings added to the Strategy during the quarter. American Express, LVMH and The Magnum Ice Cream Co were sold owing to a combination of valuation and company-specific concerns on future growth. Additions to existing holdings included Hubbell, Experian, LSEG and Visa whilst Alphabet and Verisign were reduced following strong share price returns during the year.

The Magnum Ice Cream Company ('MICC') completed its separation from Unilever during December and we sold the inherited holding across all of Troy's Multi-Asset mandates. We were supportive of the separation from the rest of Unilever; ice cream is a tough staples category – mature, low growth, high seasonality in sales, and reasonably capital intensive. It was also an awkward fit alongside the other parts of the group. We prefer to hold the remainder of Unilever, which we think offers more attractive diversification, quality, and potential growth.

Investment Outlook

We have written in the past about the fragility to equity markets owing to the concentration risk. It has worsened in recent months. The top 10% of companies listed in the US make up a record 78% of the US stock market capitalisation, this compares to 75% at the peak in 1932 and 73% at the 2000 high. This risk is accentuated by the dominance of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) theme that has driven so much equity market activity in recent months and years. Heightened equity valuations and rising geopolitical tensions add to this fragility. We remain focused on the companies we believe will navigate this period owing to the strength and durability of their business models such as Alphabet or Microsoft.

[4] Alphabet Annual Report

Over 2025 as a whole, the strategy's equity exposure increased from c.30% to c.40%. Much of the increase occurred in early April during the Trump tariff-driven sell-off – continuing our discipline of acting dynamically during market dislocations. The volatility of that period and its much-feared ramifications may feel like a distant memory. However, it is worth recalling that when expectations are high not much is required to throw equity markets off course. Cognisant of the ongoing risks to markets, we retain around a third of the Strategy's value in safe-haven assets and liquidity, and a further 30% in index-linked bonds with the aim to preserve and grow our investors capital, in real terms, over the long term.

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