

Introduction

At the end of the second quarter, our exposure remained largely unchanged from where it started the year. We have minimal exposure to interest rates and credit markets and the bulk of our liquid market exposure is in a basket of COVID recovery stocks. We continue to expect a gradual return to normal as vaccination rates pick up globally. The current environment is very unusual in that we come out of a recession with pent-up consumer demand and savings running into a supply-side full of bottlenecks.

The big question is to what extent the current rise in inflation will prove to be temporary. Central bankers globally insist that base effects from last year and the supply side problems will be transitory, and that inflation will subside later this year. While this is certainly a plausible scenario, there is clearly a level of temporary inflation that will create asset-liability mismatches that can last in the medium term.

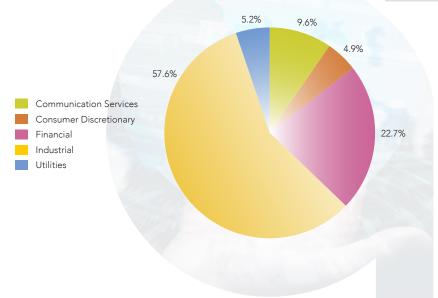
The inflation conundrum is of fundamental importance to the equity and credit markets through the impact of long-dated interest rates on government bonds. For now, long-dated government bond yields in the G7 remain very well-anchored. If this were to turn, we do not believe that the growth stocks that have been driving equity indices higher will sustain their momentum and could very well be the accelerator for a move lower.

At the end of June, the Book Value Per Share was \$0.34 (equivalent to £0.25) at the end of the period, compared to \$0.40 (£0.29) at the end of last year. The entire move in performance was driven by our equity market exposure. The Company maintained a very healthy cash position of 52.9% of the liquid market portfolio assets.

The chart below shows the breakdown of the equity exposure by sector. The largest exposure at the end of June was to Industrials (57.6%), followed by Financials (22.7%).

KEY FACTS

APQ Global Ltd
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Bart Turtelboom Wayne Bulpitt Wadhah Al-Adawi Philip Soulsby
Guernsey
The International Stock Exchange - TISE London Stock Exchange - AIM
US Dollar
Appr. \$14m
£0.25 (\$0.34*)
The Company reviews the dividend quarterly. Currently on hold.
Singer Capital Markets Limited
Credit Suisse AG Barclays (Guernsey)
Stephenson Harwood Mourant Ozannes
Parish Corp. Services Limited
BDO LLP
LINK Registrars (Guernsey) Limited





At the end of June 2021, 95.1% of the Company's exposure (excluding cash and FX hedges) was to equities, whilst the rates exposure accounted for a further 4.9%.

Asset Class	Exposure as % Total as of 30 June 2021
Credit	0.0%
Equity	95.1%
FX ¹	0.0%
Rates	4.9%
TOTAL	100.0%

Direct Investment Portfolio

As of June 30, the Company held majority investment stakes in five private businesses, following its acquisition of Delphos FMA in Canada for approximately 1.09% of book value in January. The valuation of the Direct Investment Portfolio was otherwise unchanged over the period.

Following the acquisition of Delphos FMA, the Company continues to expand the Delphos brand worldwide, and has begun to seek close relationships with select partners across emerging and frontier markets.

In June, the Company received a £70k (\$97k) dividend from its investment in New Markets Media & Intelligence (NMMI), representing a high single digit dividend yield.

The Company is currently in active discussions with regard to acquisitions in the corporate services and financial sectors and will update shareholders on these discussions at the appropriate time.

Corporate Overview

APQ Global (Ticker: APQ LN) is a listed investment company based in Guernsey. The Company focuses its investment activities globally (in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Channel Islands particularly).

The Company's business strategy will be implemented through three core activities.

The Company manages a liquid markets portfolio of bonds, equities and currencies with a focus on global emerging markets.

The Company is building a portfolio of strategic stakes in emerging markets focused companies at an equity or debt level. In doing so, it aims to be a constructive stakeholder to the management of those companies within the context of a multi-year investment horizon.

The Company plans to, selectively, acquire management control in companies with the aim of generating sustainable cash distributions and long-term growth for the Company's shareholders.

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