

# The Nevis Conservative Portfolio - a sub-fund of the Nevis Fund

## Short Report for the Interim period from 1st March 2009 to 31st August 2009

The information in this report is designed to enable investors to make an informed judgement on the activities of the Fund during the year. Copies of the Long-Form Interim Report & Accounts are available free of charge by calling Premier on 01483 306 090, or can be downloaded from the Nevis Fund website at [www.thenevisfund.co.uk](http://www.thenevisfund.co.uk).

### Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of the Nevis Conservative Portfolio is to provide a yield in excess of that offered by the FTSE All Share Index whilst, at the same time, offering the potential for capital growth over the medium to long term.

The investment policy of the Fund is to invest in units and/or shares in collective investment schemes, including (but not limited to) units and/or shares of collective investment schemes which themselves may invest in immovable property and unregulated collective investment schemes such as hedge funds. The Fund may also invest in equities, fixed interest securities, money market instruments, deposits and warrants. It is the intention to be near fully invested at all times, however, the fund has the facility to take tactical positions in cash or near cash.

Subject to the above, the Fund may invest in any asset class and adopt any investment technique or strategy permitted under FSA rules and as detailed in the full prospectus. The Fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes as well as for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

### Fund Facts

<b>Launch date:</b>	26th February 2008
<b>Ex-dividend dates:</b>	28th February, 31st May, 31st August, and 30th November
<b>Income dates:</b>	25th February, 28th May, 28th August and 27th November

### Total Expense Ratio (TER)

28/02/2009

2.31%

The TER shows the annual operating expenses of the Fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses to different schemes. The TER for income and accumulation shares is the same.

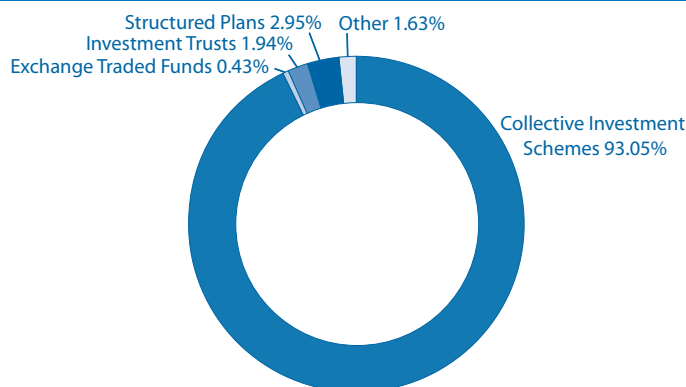
### Portfolio Turnover Rate (PTR)

28/02/2009

173.48%

The PTR is a ratio that reflects the volume of trading within the Fund over the course of a 12 month period. The PTR is calculated by taking the sum of all transactions in securities less the sum of all transactions in the Fund's shares and is expressed as a percentage of the sub-fund's average net asset value.

### Asset Allocation as at 31/08/2009



### Top Ten Holdings as at 31/08/2009

M&G Optimal Income	14.90%
Invesco Corporate Bond Income	14.41%
Goldman Sachs Sterling Liquid Reserves	10.51%
Schroders Income Maximiser 'A'	10.39%
Invesco Income Fund	10.12%
Insight Sterling Liquidity 5	9.42%
Artemis Income	7.34%
AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities	3.71%
Neptune Income 'B'	3.44%
Artemis Strategic Asset	1.89%

### Investment Risks

There is a market risk. This is the risk that the value of investments and any income from them, can fall as well as rise. Neither capital nor income is guaranteed.

This Fund may invest in derivatives for investment purposes. Although this may mean that the value of the Fund could be subject to volatility from time to time, investing in derivatives is not expected to alter the risk profile of the Fund.

Where a Fund's objective is to provide income, charges and expenses will usually be deducted from capital. This may result in the income paid by the fund being higher than would otherwise have been the case and the growth in the capital may be constrained. With the exception of ISA holders, as a higher level of income is paid out, your tax liabilities may increase.

The Fund may invest in unregulated collective investment schemes (including hedge funds) which do not offer the same level of investor protection as FSA regulated schemes. These schemes may use leverage and have a higher liquidity risk as investments in them may not be readily realisable.

Since this Fund has been launched recently, or is small in size, there is a risk that the charges and expenses allocated to the Fund may be higher than expected if the Fund does not grow as much as planned. This would have an effect on the Fund's performance.

The Fund may have significant holdings in collective investment vehicles and these collective investment vehicles may also be subject to the other risks listed above.

### Performance Record

Year	Share Class	Highest Price (p)	Lowest Price (p)
2008 <sup>1</sup>	Income	103.52	81.92
	Accumulation	103.53	82.87
2009 <sup>2</sup>	Income	91.98	78.85
	Accumulation	95.98	81.05

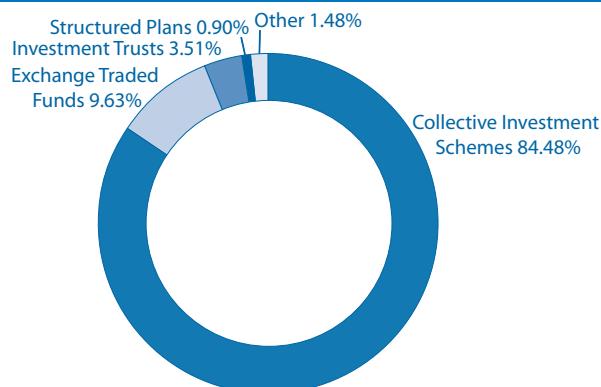
<sup>1</sup>26th February 2008 to 31st December 2008 <sup>2</sup>To 31st August 2009

Past performance is not an indication of future returns

### Net Asset Values

As at	Share Class	Net Asset Value Per Share (p)
28/02/2009	Income	81.15
	Accumulation	83.40
31/08/2009	Income	91.63
	Accumulation	95.65

### Asset Allocation as at 28/02/2009



### Top Ten Holdings as at 28/02/2009

M&G Securities Optimal Income	15.61%
Invesco IP Corporate Bond	14.87%
Goldman Sachs Sterling Liquid Reserves	12.83%
Insight Sterling Liquidity 5	10.96%
Invesco Income Fund	9.61%
Artemis Income	9.12%
iShares FTSE 100	9.02%
Neptune Income 'B'	4.30%
AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities	4.16%
FRM Credit Alpha	3.15%

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### Investment Review

#### Performance

The world's financial markets have staged a remarkable and dramatic rebound over the last six months with investor confidence improving significantly from the extreme lows in March. The global financial system which faced near collapse in late 2008 has been rescued by the concerted efforts of governments and central banks worldwide. With interest rates down to historic lows and unprecedented fiscal stimulus, liquidity has flooded the markets. In this environment, investors' appetite for risk assets has returned once more. Against this backdrop, the Nevis Conservative Portfolio rose by 14.65% for the period under review which compares to 17.84% from the Fund's composite benchmark.

#### Portfolio Activity

After a broad market rally, we believe dispersion in sectors and individual stocks will reappear. A market which is willing to reward winners will suit the active fund managers. As such we have begun to sell down our holdings in index tracking Exchange Traded Funds in favour of active stock pickers. We sold iShares FTSE 100 Index to buy Schroder Income Maximiser, a fund which can also provide downside protection in falling markets. Over the period the cash weighting has been significantly reduced as our confidence in the recovery grow. We remain negative on UK Gilts as further supply is required to a growing deficit. Our fixed interest holdings reflect this view in holding corporate bond and strategic bond funds. Strategic bond funds such as M&G Optimal Income allow an experienced fund manager to tactically asset allocate across all bond sectors. Finally, we have added some new names to absolute return holdings, Artemis Strategic Assets and Absolute Insight UK Equity Neutral Fund.

#### Outlook

There are signs of the emergence of more stable economic data and the markets are no longer anticipating a depression or a slump but rather a severe recession. Whilst many investors have decided that the fiscal and monetary stimulus will eventually succeed in leading to a recovery, the question now is how sustainable is this recovery when the economic fundamentals remain poor? Unemployment continues to rise against a background of high levels of indebtedness amongst the government, businesses and households. The fact that corporate earnings continue to surprise is more a reflection of the behavior of analysts who have swung from too optimistic to overly pessimistic in less than a year. For now, corporate earnings are being driven more by cost cutting than sales or revenue growth. However, we believe that we have seen the worst in terms of this economic slowdown and that next year will see the beginnings of a recovery. Interest rates will stay low for now and short term the risk is deflation rather than inflation. In this environment we continue to favour equities and corporate bonds.

Source: Premier Fund Managers Limited, August 2009. Performance data taken from Financial Express Analytics, total return, bid to bid, UK sterling. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

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### Dividend Distribution (in pence per share)

XD date	Paid on	Share Class	Distribution
31/05/2009	28/08/2009	Income	1.1298
		Accumulation	1.1325
31/08/2009	27/11/2009	Income	0.0235
		Accumulation	0.0249

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