

July 2017

Portfolio manager's commentary

After a slow start to the quarter sentiment picked up as we entered the final third and despite a fall off towards the end prompted by falls in oil prices, the portfolio finished up almost 2% and ahead of its benchmark.

Although a large number of articles were written to discuss the effect of oil prices and central bank decisions, the broad economic outlook remains largely unchanged and we are still in a situation where markets are high and yields are low. We continue to be focused on maintaining the diversification of the portfolio to strike a balance between risk and returns.

At a sector level we have adjusted our global fixed interest positions to introduce a holding which we believe has a greater chance of generating a greater total return. We have also sought to increase our UK allocation, which is prudent given the current situation with sterling. Our holding in natural resources has been removed as despite offering better value it adds too much volatility.

Indicative risk rating



Portfolio mandate

Indicative risk rating	Asset classes	Asset allocation				Benchmark
		Cash	Fixed interest	Equities	Other	
5-6	Minimum	0	15	40	0	UT Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares Retail
	Maximum	20	60	85	15	
	Normal alloc.	0	25	70	5	

5 year fund performance versus benchmark



■ A - **IMS Balanced (July 2010) 01/04/2017 TR in GB [65.46%]
 ■ B - UT Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Retail TR in GB [53.04%]

03/07/2012 - 03/07/2017 Data from FE 2017



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Portfolio objective

To provide a long-term capital return in excess of the Balanced Managed Sector.

Investment approach

The objective is achieved by using a balanced investment approach gaining exposure to a number of different asset types including shares and bonds across a broad range of international markets enabling a better trade-off between risk and return. The performance of all the funds in the portfolio is constantly monitored and formally reviewed on a quarterly basis by an investment committee.

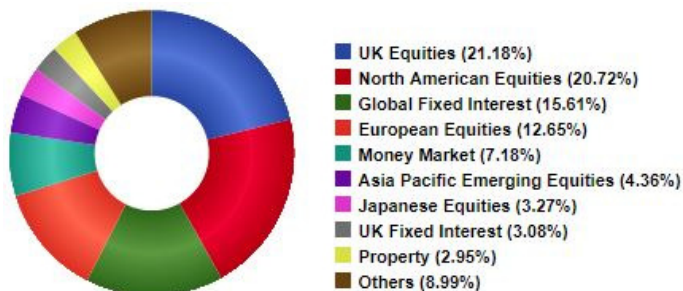
Holdings

Asia ex Japan/emerging markets	8%
Fidelity - Emerging Markets	
Invesco Perpetual - Asian	
European Equities	10%
Jupiter - European	
Invesco Perpetual - European	
Global Fixed Interest	10%
M&G - Global Macro Bond	
M&G - Emerging Markets Bond	
Global Growth/specialist	19%
AXA Framlington - Global Technology	
Fundsmith - Equity	
Threadneedle - Global Equity Income	
Japan	3%
Man GLG - Japan Core Alpha	
UK Equities	23%
AXA Framlington - UK Smaller Companies	
Invesco Perpetual - High Income	
Rathbone - Income	
UK Fixed Interest	12%
Baillie Gifford - Corporate Bond	
Schroder - High Yield Opportunities	
US Equities	8%
Fidelity - American Special Situations	
Property	4%
Threadneedle - UK Property	
Cash	3%
Aberdeen - Cash/ Blackrock - Cash*	

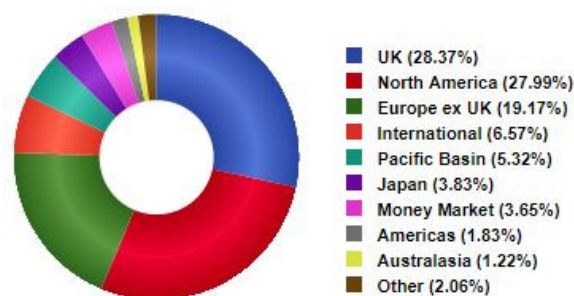
*Dependant on platform availability

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Asset allocation



Regional breakdown



Important notes

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Key facts

Ongoing charge figure (OCF)	1.23%
ISA qualification	Yes
Twelve month historical yield	2.03%
Volatility*	10.42 (Benchmark 6.36)
Sharpe ratio**	1.38 (Benchmark 1.75)

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*Volatility measures how much an investment deviates from its average over a period.

**The Sharpe Ratio measures the trade-off between risk and return.

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