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Benchmark	
Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares
Benchmark Category	Comparator
IA Sector	Volatility Managed

#### **Identification Codes**

Sedol Code	BVYV016
Mex Code	-
Isin Code	GB00BVYV0168
Citi Code	MELR

## **Fund Overview**

Mid (27/08/2025)	127.09p
Historic yield	2.05%
Fund size (31/07/2025)	£234.43m
Number of holdings	23562
Ongoing Charges	0.55%
Launch date	09/09/2015

### **Fund Charges**

Entry Charge	0.00%
Ongoing Charges	0.55%

# Fund Background

Valuation frequency	Daily
Valuation point	12:00
Fund type	OEIC
Launch price	£1.00
Fund currency	Pound Sterling
Fund domicile	United Kingdom
ISA allowable	Yes
SIPP allowable	Yes

## Dealing

Minimum Investment	£500
Minimum Top Up	£250
Minimum Regular Saving	£50
Settlement Period: Buy	4 days
Settlement Period: Sell	4 days
Pricing Basis	Forward
Dealing Decimals	2

# **Distribution Dates**

Ex dividend date(s)	Income payment date(s)
01 November	31 December

## Aims

The Sub-fund aims to achieve long-term (in excess of 5 years) total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing in a mix of assets from around the world and aims to limit the average volatility per annum over rolling 5 year periods to 10%. There is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over any time period and the actual volatility, at any time, may be higher or lower than 10%. Capital invested is at risk. There is no guarantee that the volatility target will be met and at any time the actual volatility may be higher or lower than the long-term target.

#### Performance



## Discrete performance - to last month end

	31/07/20 to 31/07/21	31/07/21 to 31/07/22	31/07/22 to 31/07/23	31/07/23 to 31/07/24	31/07/24 to 31/07/25
Fund	8.0%	-8.2%	0.5%	8.0%	6.6%
Benchmark	12.9%	-5.2%	0.0%	8.9%	6.7%

# Annualised performance

	Annualised		
	3 Years to 31/07/25	5 Years to 31/07/25	10 Years to 31/07/25
Fund	5.0%	2.8%	n/a
Benchmark	5.2%	4.5%	4.0%

## **Fund Managers**



Name:M&G Treasury & Investment OfficeManager for:8 years, 9 months

### Ratings

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#### Important Information

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Portfolio data accurate as at: 31/07/25

## **Top 10 Fund Holdings**

Name	% Weight
1 BlackRock iShares Corporate Bond Index Class X	22.72%
2 BlackRock (Dublin) iShares US Corporate Bond Index Flexible	11.68%
3 M&G (LUX) FCP Sterling Liquidity Fund Z6A Acc	9.87%
4 BlackRock iShares UK Equity Index Class X	7.37%
<sup>5</sup> BlackRock (Dublin) iShares ESG Screened Euro Corporate Bond Index Class Flexible Hedged	7.17%
6 BlackRock iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Class X	3.92%
7 M&G (Lux) Asian Local Currency Bond Class ZI	3.85%
8 BlackRock iShares US Equity Index Class X	3.33%
9 Legal & General European Index Trust C	3.17%
10 M&G Emerging Markets Bond Class PP GBP	1.67%

## **Top 10 Holdings**

Name	% Weight
1 TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED	0.79%
2 L&G FREEHOLD PROPERTY	0.48%
3 HSBC HOLDINGS	0.46%
4 SHELL	0.45%
5 ASTRAZENECA	0.45%
6 UNILEVER	0.32%
7 ROLLS-ROYCE HLDGS	0.24%
8 MICROSOFT CORPORATION	0.24%
9 NVIDIA CORPORATION	0.23%
10 BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO P.L.C.	0.23%

## Asset Allocation



International Bonds	41.77%
International Equities	19.19%
UK Corporate Bonds	10.26%
Alternative Trading Strategies	9.71%
UK Equities	7.17%
Cash and Equivalents	3.29%
Property	1.54%
Investment Trusts	0.35%
Money Market	0.21%
Other Assets	6.49%

#### Sector Breakdown

Bonds	52.03%
Alternative Trading Strategies	9.71%
Non-Classified	6.61%
Financials	5.83%
Technology	4.28%
Industrials	3.72%
Cash and Equivalents	3.50%
Other Sectors	14.31%

## Breakdown By Market Cap (%)

Mega		14.17%
Large		6.39%
Medium		3.44%
Small	I	0.69%
Micro		0.10%
Non-Classified		19.67%
Bonds		52.03%
Cash		3.50%

#### **Fixed Interest Quality Profile**

AAA	5.72%
AA	4.54%
A	12.91%
BBB	14.55%
Sub-Investment Grade	1.56%
Unknown Quality	12.75%
Cash and Equivalents	3.50%
Other Asset Types	44.46%

#### **Regional Allocation**



North America	20.76%
Non-Classified	17.87%
Developed Europe - Excl UK	17.78%
UK	17.43%
Emerging Asia	10.66%
Cash and Equivalents	3.50%
Japan	2.79%
Middle East & Africa	2.09%
Australia & New Zealand	1.72%
Other Regions	5.40%

## **Top Country Breakdown**

United States	19.04%
Non-Classified	17.87%
United Kingdom	17.44%
France	4.34%
Cash and Equivalents	3.50%
Germany	3.02%
Japan	2.79%
Other Countries	32.01%

## **Fixed Interest Currencies**



#### **Fixed Interest Maturity Profile**

< 5Yr Maturity	24.27%
5Yr - 10Yr Maturity	14.05%
10Yr - 15Yr Maturity	4.70%
> 15Yr Maturity	9.01%
Cash And Equivalents	3.50%
Unknown Maturity	6.51%
Other Asset Types	37.95%

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#### Commentary

#### June 2025 Investment Summary

A positive month for the Passive range with returns ranging from +0.97% for Passive 1 to +1.13% for Passive 2. \*P Acc share class with data sourced from FE analytics as at 30 June 2025.

June 2025 was a positive month for markets and the portfolios, in absolute terms.

Most major equity markets continued their recovery, driven by tech strength and easing geopolitical tensions. Emerging Markets strong performance continued, supported by a weaker US dollar. Latin American equities, specifically Mexico and Brazil outperformed after resilient domestic economic data. FTSE 100 returns flatlined at 0.05%, subdued by weaker domestic data, with lower retail sales and economic growth. Higher exposure to underperforming sectors such as healthcare and energy also provided headwinds. The Stoxx 600 fell around 1.5%, as investors rotated back into US stocks, while advancements in US-EU trade talks stalled ahead of the July deadline. Top performing sectors included energy, technology and industrials with consumer defensive the lowest. The S&P 500 increased over 4.9% and Nasdaq climbed 6.6% with technology, energy and communication services sectors the top performers, the largest fall came from consumer defensive. A US and China trade truce has been 'signed' according to President Trump to de-escalate global trade tensions, although details of the deal are still to be confirmed.

US stocks reached new record highs, bouncing back from Trumps tariff shock. The S&P has increased more than 23% since its 15-month low on April 7. The Federal Reserve held interest rates in June, as Fed chair Jay Powell stated "for the time being, we are well positioned to wait to learn more about the likely course of the economy before considering any adjustment to our policy stance". 10 year US Government bond yields decreased, yields closed at 4.24%, from 4.41% reaching highs of 4.51%.

June's US labour market data showed payrolls increased by 147,000, above forecasts highlighting continued resilience from the jobs market, however a slowdown could happen with uncertainty surrounding tariffs, trade and immigration policies where employers could adopt a more cautious hiring stance. Unemployment edged down to 4.1%. US consumer confidence rose for the first time in six months, but households remain worried over tariffs, inflation and persistently high prices.

The Middle East conflict intensified, with Israel and Iran trading missiles across borders, before US intervention in striking Iranian nuclear facilities led to a ceasefire being brokered. It was immediately broken, before relative calm was restored to the situation. Conflicting reports have followed regarding the amount of damage US strikes have caused on Iranian nuclear facilities. Market reaction was relatively considered, but crude oil prices were volatile with Iran a key exporter of oil across the globe. Prices rose from \$63 a barrel pre conflict, to almost c.\$90 at the height of the tensions before falling back to around \$68.

The economic environment has remained resilient, but rising geopolitical tensions and trade uncertainty may begin to weigh on sentiment. The recent escalation between Iran and Israel has heightened global risk, with legal challenges to the U.S. administration's proposed tariffs have slowed their rollout. This delay offers a temporary reprieve for policymakers and trade partners, but markets remain sensitive to developments.

#### WS Prudential Risk Managed Active - Tactical asset allocation activity

We maintain a small equity overweight of +1.5%, made up of a basket of US, Europe, Asia and GEM. We hold overweight positions in US Treasuries, UK Gilts and Real Estate (REITs), with underweights in US and European Corporate bonds.

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