

HSBC OpenFunds

Global Sustainable Multi-Asset Balanced Portfolio

Monthly report 31 March 2024 | Share class Acc C



Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide growth in line with its risk profile in the long term, which is a period of five years or more. The Fund's risk profile is rated as 3 where 1 is a lower level of risk and 5 is a higher level of risk. The Fund invests in a range of sustainable investment strategies which aim to consider financial returns alongside environmental, social and governance factors. Please see the Prospectus for an explanation of the HSBC risk levels and sustainable investment strategies.



Investment strategy

This is one of a range of actively managed Global Sustainable Multi-Asset Portfolios offered at different risk levels. The asset allocation of each fund in the range reflects the risk level. The Fund is managed with the aim of maximising returns in line with its agreed long term risk profile therefore any potential returns are likely to be limited by the risk profile of the Fund. The exposure to each asset class may be achieved by investing in collective investment schemes, investing directly in asset classes and investing in derivatives. The focus on sustainable investment strategies is taken into consideration when deciding which asset classes the Fund will invest in and how the Fund achieves exposure to those asset classes. The Fund is not managed with reference to a benchmark.



Main risks

- The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- Where overseas investments are held the rate of currency exchange may cause the value of such investments to go down as well as up.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless. The value of investible securities can change over time due to a wide variety of factors, including but not limited to: political and economic news, government policy, changes in demographics, cultures and populations, natural or human-caused disasters etc.

Share class details

Key metrics

NAV per share	GBP 1.36
Performance 1 month	2.29%
Sharpe ratio 3 years	0.06

Fund facts

UCITS V compliant	No
UK reporting fund status (UKRS)	No
ISA eligible	Yes
Dividend treatment	Accumulating
Dealing frequency	Daily
Valuation time	12:00 United Kingdom
Share class base currency	GBP
Domicile	United Kingdom
Inception date	24 October 2018
Fund size	GBP 717,444,182
Managers	Camilla Searle Justin Turner

Fees and expenses

Minimum initial investment ¹	GBP 1,000,000
Ongoing charge figure ²	0.590%

Codes

ISIN	GB00BF1H4F75
Bloomberg ticker	HSGSBCA LN
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¹Please note that initial minimum subscription may vary across different distributors

²Ongoing Charges Figure is an estimate due to a change of fee structure.

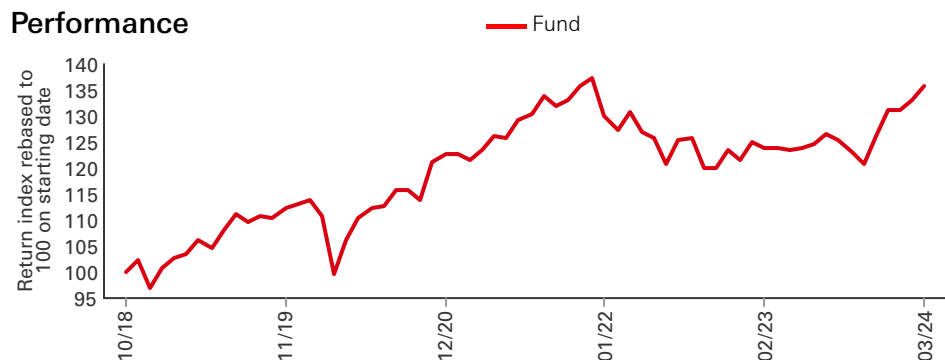
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For definition of terms, please refer to the Glossary QR code and Prospectus.

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Performance



										Since inception ann
Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	10 years ann		
Acc C	3.51	2.29	3.51	10.48	9.77	3.25	5.57	--		5.84
Rolling performance (%)	31/03/23-31/03/24	31/03/22-31/03/23	31/03/21-31/03/22	31/03/20-31/03/21	31/03/19-31/03/20	31/03/18-31/03/19	31/03/17-31/03/18	31/03/16-31/03/17	31/03/15-31/03/16	31/03/14-31/03/15
Acc C	9.77	-5.30	5.88	24.12	-4.01	--	--	--	--	--

Carbon footprint	Fund	Broad market index	MSCI ESG Score	ESG score	E	S	G
Carbon intensity emissions	126.99	202.35	Fund	7.3	6.8	6.1	6.4
			Broad market index	6.5	6.5	5.6	5.9

Carbon Intensity measures the quantity of carbon emission of a company (tonnes CO₂e/USD million revenue)
Source: S&P Global Trucost

Currency Allocation (%)

Pound Sterling	44.52
US Dollar	33.69
Euro	4.71
Japanese Yen	3.32
Mexican Peso	1.60
Norwegian Krone	1.26
Hong Kong Dollar	1.08
Swiss Franc	0.89
Canadian Dollar	0.79
Danish Krone	0.71
Other Currencies	7.43

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Sustainable investment style (%)

	Fund
Equities - Positive Screening	38.02
Equities - Sustainable Thematic	15.34
Bonds - Positive Screening	35.64
Bonds - Sustainable Thematic	4.01
Alternatives - ESG Integration	2.38
Cash	1.61
Alternatives - Sustainable Thematic	3.00

Top 10 holdings

	Weight (%)
HSBC GFI-GSGB UCS ETF-ZQHUSD	20.87
HSBC RIF SRI Global Equity JC	11.22
HSBC USA Sustainable Equity ETF	8.19
HSBC Developed World Sustainable Eq ETF	7.95
HSBC GIF Global Eq Climate Change ZQ1	7.71
HSBC GIF-GL LW CAR EQ-ZQ1	7.63
HSBC-GLOBAL ESG CORP-ZQ1USD1	6.88
HSBC GIF GEM ESG Local Debt ZQ1USD	3.92
UBS ETF Fact MSCI USA Qual ESG USD A dis	3.08
HSBC FTSE EPRA DEV CPA USD A	3.00

The MSCI ESG Key Issue Score is the numerical, weighted average of MSCI's E, S, and G pillar scores. A higher number indicates a more favourable ESG profile in the view of MSCI.

The weighted averages of the Key Issue Scores are aggregated and companies' scores are normalized by their industries. After any overrides are factored in, each company's Final Industry-Adjusted Score corresponds to a rating.

For more information, see MSCI ESG Ratings Methodology @ <https://www.msci.com/esg-and-climate-methodologies>

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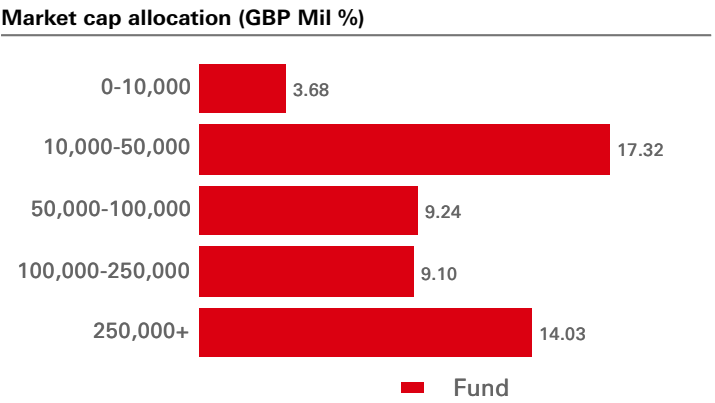
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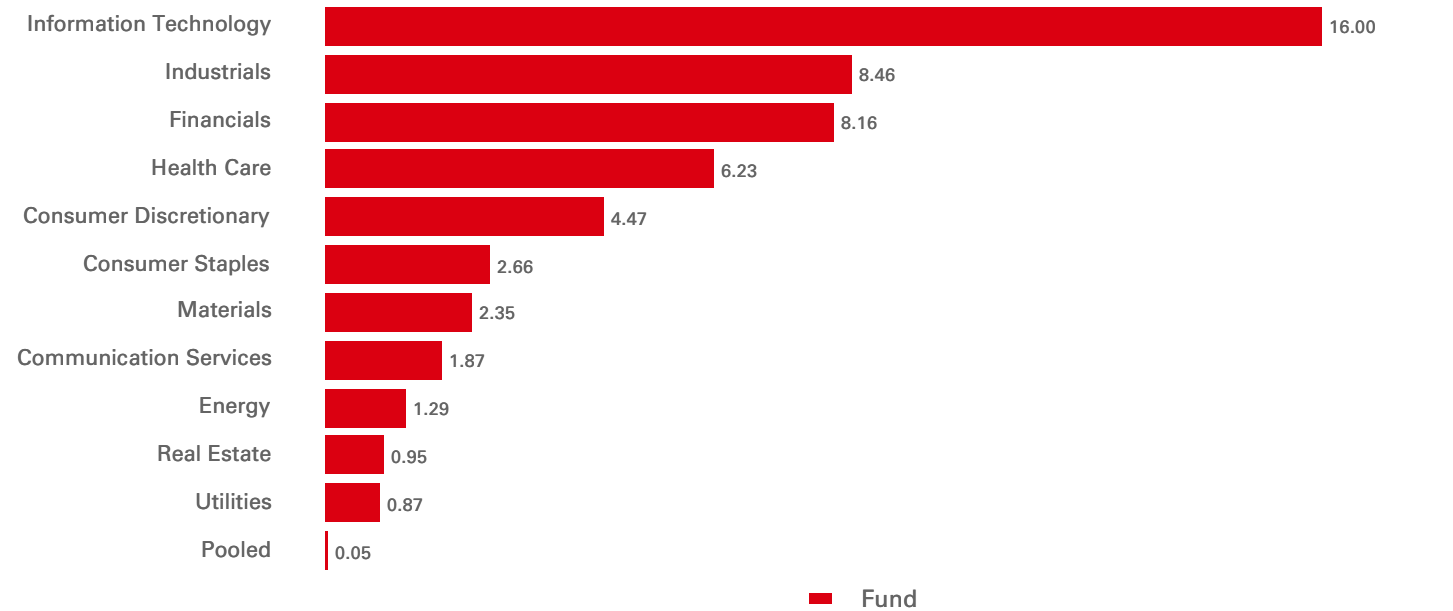
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Equity top 10 holdings	Location	Sector	Weight (%)
Microsoft Corp	United States	Information Technology	3.56
NVIDIA Corp	United States	Information Technology	1.74
Apple Inc	United States	Information Technology	1.55
Johnson & Johnson	United States	Health Care	1.22
Visa Inc	United States	Financials	1.21
Cisco Systems Inc	United States	Information Technology	0.80
Trane Technologies PLC	United States	Industrials	0.73
Ecolab Inc	United States	Materials	0.55
Home Depot Inc/The	United States	Consumer Discretionary	0.53
Schneider Electric SE	United States	Industrials	0.51

Equity characteristics	Fund	Reference Benchmark
Average market cap (GBP Mil)	397,276	--
Price/earning ratio	17.52	--
Portfolio yield	1.90%	--

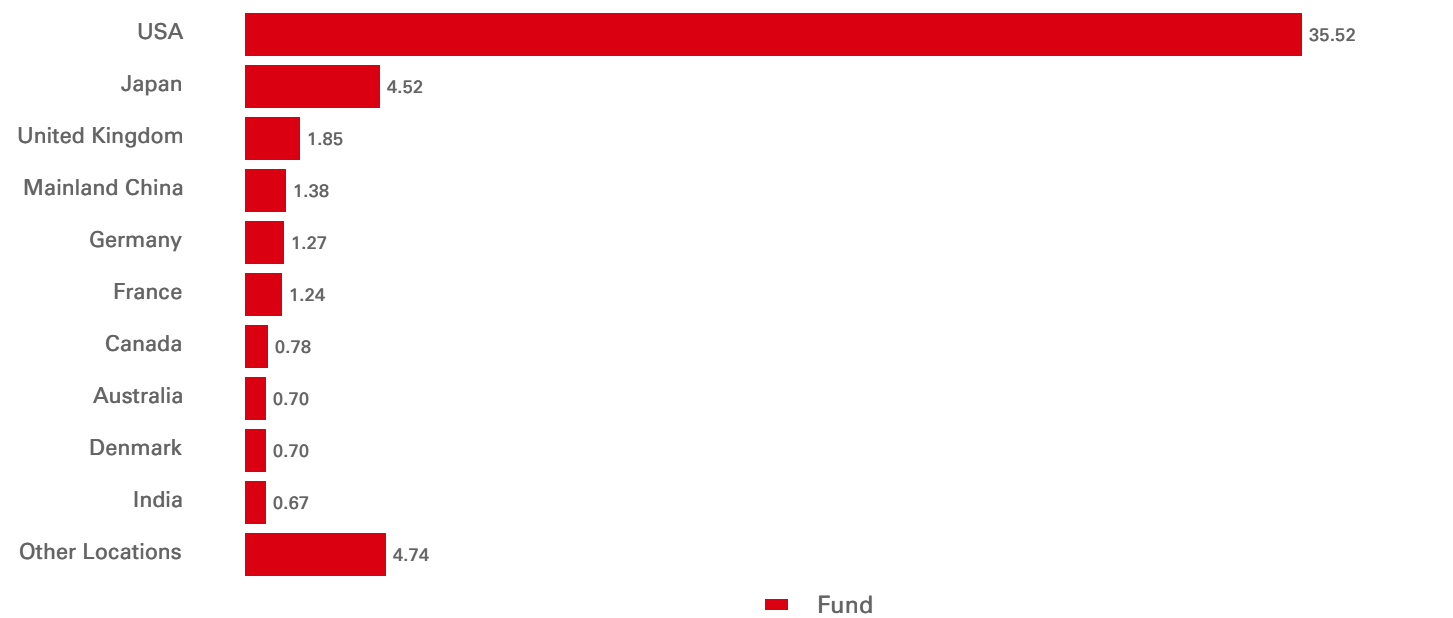


Equity sector allocation (%)



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Equity geographical allocation (%)

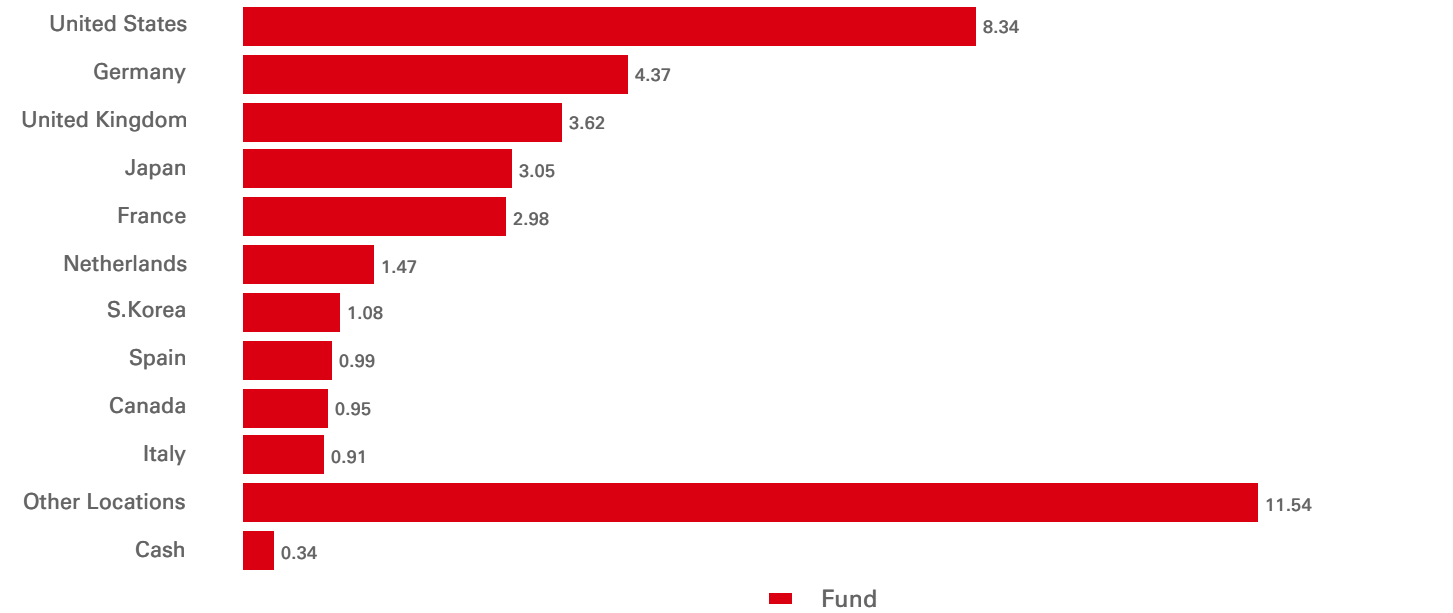


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Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative	Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
Yield to worst	5.26%	--	--	AAA	7.82	--	--
Yield to maturity	5.29%	--	--	AA	11.39	--	--
Option adjusted duration	6.88	--	--	A	8.87	--	--
Rating average	A+/A	--	--	BBB	7.88	--	--
				BB	2.21	--	--
				B	0.76	--	--
				CCC	0.19	--	--
				CC	0.03	--	--
				D	0.07	--	--
				NR	0.09	--	--
				Cash	0.34	--	--

Fixed income top 10 holdings	Location	Instrument type	Weight (%)
UNITED KINGDOM GILT 0.375 22/10/2026 GBP	United Kingdom	Government Bond	0.21
UNITED KINGDOM GILT 4.625 31/01/2034 GBP	United Kingdom	Government Bond	0.17
TITULOS DE TESORERIA 7.000 26/03/2031 COP	Colombia	Government Bond	0.17
MEX BONOS DESARR FIX RT 7.500 03/06/2027 MXN	Mexico	Government Bond	0.16
United Kingdom Gilt 0.875% 22/10/2029 GBP 0.01	United Kingdom	Government Bond	0.15
NOTA DO TESOURO NACIONAL 10.000 01/01/2033 BRL	Brazil	Government Bond	0.14
THAILAND GOVERNMENT BOND 1.585 17/12/2035 THB	Thailand	Government Bond	0.14
NOTA DO TESOURO NACIONAL 10.000 01/01/2029 BRL	Brazil	Government Bond	0.14
US TREASURY N/B 3.875 30/04/2025 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.14
BUNDESREPUB. DEUTSCHLAND 0.250 15/02/2027 EUR	Germany	Government Bond	0.13

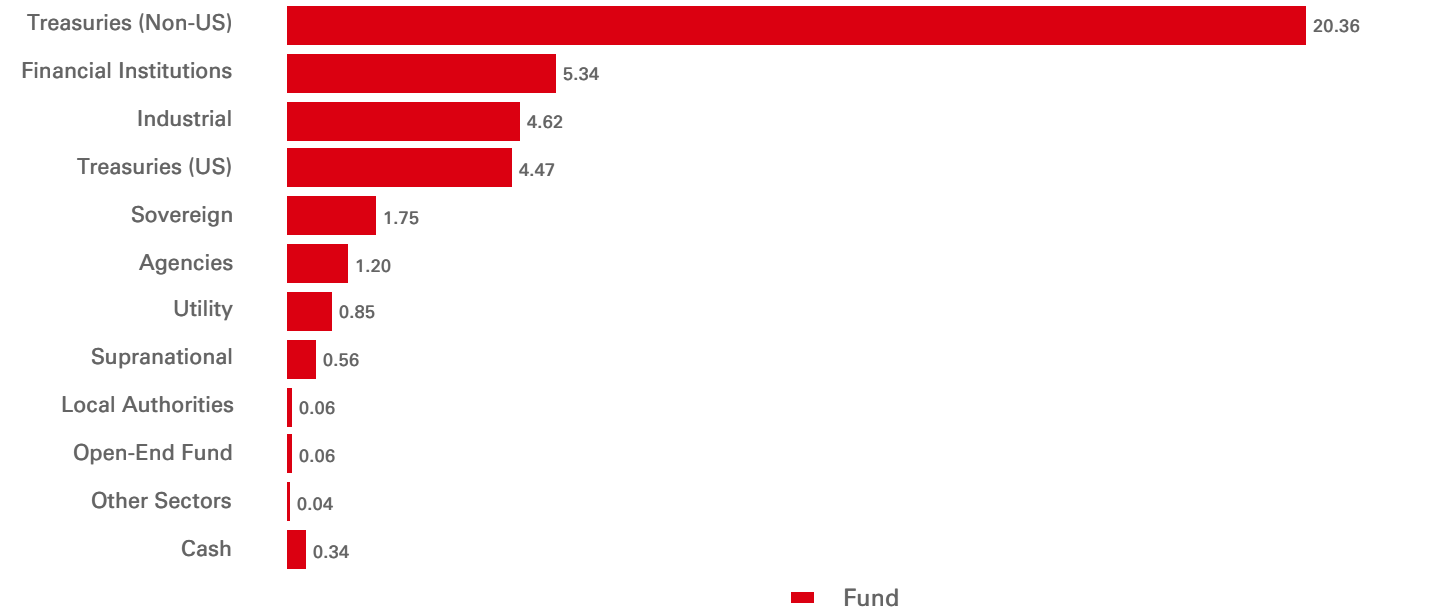
Fixed income geographical allocation (%)



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Geographical allocation (Option adjusted duration)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
United States	1.43	--	--
Germany	0.78	--	--
Japan	0.73	--	--
United Kingdom	0.68	--	--
France	0.47	--	--
S.Korea	0.26	--	--
Netherlands	0.25	--	--
Italy	0.15	--	--
Spain	0.13	--	--
Canada	0.13	--	--
Other Locations	1.86	--	--
Cash	0.00	--	--

Fixed income sector allocation (%)



	3 year total return (%)	Amount based on GBP 1000 invested	3 Year Volatility (%)
Global Sustainable Multi-Asset Balanced Portfolio Accumulation C	3.25	1,100.65	8.24
Peer Group Average - EAA Fund GBP Moderate Allocation	2.11	1,064.49	7.30
Lowest Returning Fund in Peer Group	-2.62	923.47	5.00
Highest Returning Fund in Peer Group	6.21	1,198.10	12.81
Cash	2.85	1,088.03	0.63

HSBC OpenFunds offer a choice of five different risk levels, to be selected by investors depending on factors like their financial goals, time horizon and capacity for loss. Typically, the more risk investors take, the more return they would expect to see. At HSBC Asset Management, we measure risk by volatility – how sharply a Portfolio’s share price moves in any given time period (up or down). The higher the volatility, the higher the risk. The table above shows the Portfolio’s return (for the primary share class or hedged currency share class) per year over the last three years (known as annualised) and the level of volatility over the same period. This can be compared against other funds in the peer group, as defined by an independent research company*. An example of a good outcome would be that the HSBC Portfolio return is higher than the peer group’s average return and the volatility (risk taken) is lower. However investors should consider their own priorities when it comes to returns and the risk taken to achieve them.

*Morningstar Categories are used to define the peer group comprising funds they deem similar based on fund objectives and holdings. The average is a median.

Monthly performance commentary

Market Review

Global equities delivered another month of strong returns in March; supported by encouraging economic data, sustained enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence, and the prospect of interest rate cuts. Fixed income markets also experienced a positive month, with government bonds, corporate bonds and high yield bonds all rising in value. Within equities, developed markets outperformed emerging markets. The UK was the standout performer over the month, driven by positive GDP growth in January and the latest business sector survey in expansionary territory. European stocks also delivered strong returns, as inflation continued to fall and business confidence data remained firm. Japanese equities gained over the month as the Bank of Japan ended their negative interest rate policy after eight years. China's subdued performance acted as a drag on emerging markets returns, despite better than expected economic data, which investors took as a sign that any significant government stimulus may be delayed. In the bond markets, US Treasuries rose modestly, supported by dovish comments from Chairman Powell. In the UK, Gilts also experienced a modest rally following a softer than expected inflation print. Conversely, Japanese bond markets slipped marginally lower in March as the Bank of Japan removed their negative interest rate and yield curve control policies. The US dollar rallied over the month, driven by upward revisions in the US growth rate and some increase in support for interest rate cuts from other central banks. The Euro fell against the dollar given the relative strength of the US economic data and the persistent weakness in manufacturing data in the Eurozone. Sterling was flat against the dollar over the month. In the commodity markets, Gold rallied to all-time highs, driven by the prospect for rate cuts while Oil pushed higher, on elevated geopolitical tensions.

Portfolio performance

All major asset classes experienced positive returns during March, which also resulted in positive absolute returns across all of the Global Sustainable Multi Asset range, with higher risk profiles outperforming lower risk profile solutions. The Global Sustainable Multi-Asset portfolios are actively positioned against a long-term asset allocation. During March, our active positioning detracted slightly. The biggest negative contribution came from our preference for US Quality equity, followed by our tilt away from Global High Yield. Conversely, our government bond positioning added value, as did the tilt away from emerging market equity.

Investment Team Views and Portfolio Positioning

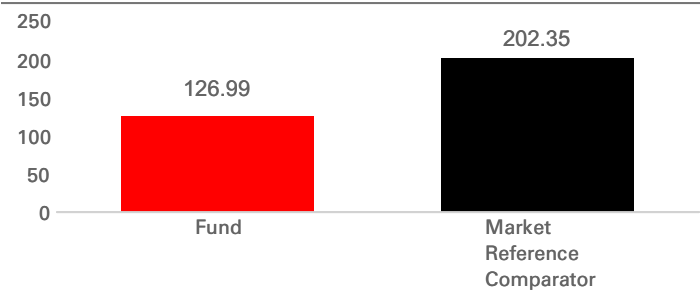
There are three key themes that we are positioned to capture within the Global Sustainable Multi Asset portfolios:

Recession concerns easing - The likelihood of a recession in the West has fallen, with the US economy looking particularly strong; providing support for equity markets. As a result, we hold a neutral position in global equity markets with a preference for higher quality companies, where profits are likely to remain resilient in the face of slowing growth and persistent inflation. We are still tilted away from High Yield bonds and Property, as we believe the full impact of higher borrowing costs has yet to be priced in for these asset classes. In March, we moved some of our allocation to Property into a new security, which is aligned with the Paris agreement goals on tackling climate change.

The rate cuts are coming... - In our view, the major central banks are likely to start cutting interest rates in the second half of 2024 as inflation continues to ease and economic growth slows. This encourages us back into government bonds, which are (for the first time in almost a decade) delivering an appealing stream of income for investors. We are holding increased exposure to the Norwegian Krona versus Euro as inflation in Norway remains elevated, and we expect to continue receiving high interest payments as their central bank delays cutting interest rates.

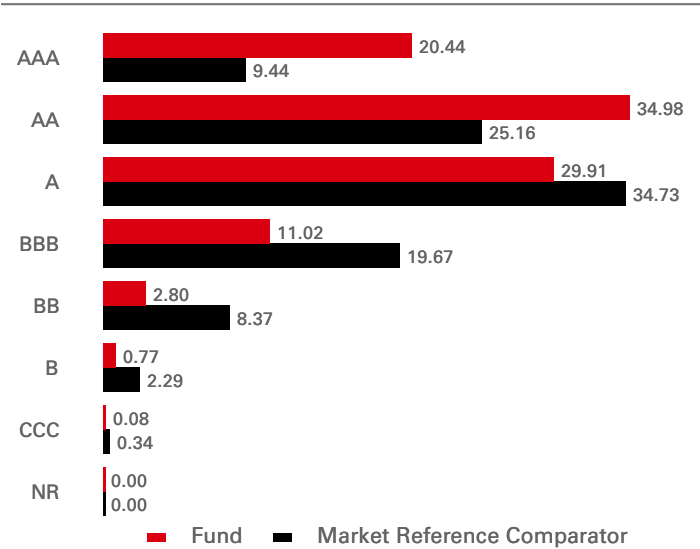
Outperformance in Eastern markets - The economic backdrop in markets such as Japan is very strong, monetary policy settings are accommodative and there is room for fiscal support. Portfolios are tilted towards Japan versus developed market equity given attractive valuations, strong flows from foreign investors, improved corporate governance, and a weakening Yen supporting exports.

Carbon intensity emissions (%)



Over the month, the average carbon intensity of the market benchmark was measured at 202.3 tCO₂e. Our investment approach resulted in a reduction of 38%, meaning the carbon intensity of the portfolio was measured at 125.8 tCO₂e.

ESG score distribution (%)



85% of the underlying issuers held by the fund are rated AAA-A, compared to 69% of those in the reference benchmark. The average ESG score for the underlying issuers held by the fund is 7.34, while that of the reference benchmark securities was 6.45.

Fund vs reference comparator (%)

Fund	Weight	ESG score	Carbon intensity emissions	Index	Weight	ESG score	Carbon intensity emissions
Developed Equity	53.58%	4.23	23.36	MSCI World	53.58%	3.78	54.17
Global Government Bond	20.87%	1.48	46.64	Bloomberg Global Agg Treasuries	20.87%	1.28	63.86
Global Corporate Bond	10.89%	0.86	5.57	Bloomberg Barclays Global Agg Corporates	10.89%	0.75	15.76
GEM Debt - Local Currency	3.92%	0.23	20.80	JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified	3.92%	0.19	30.77
Emerging Market Equity	2.78%	0.18	10.34	MSCI Emerging Markets	2.78%	0.16	10.78
GEM Debt - Hard Currency	2.66%	0.12	15.73	JPM EMBI Global Diversified	2.66%	0.10	21.25
Global Property	2.38%	0.15	1.99	FTSE EPRA NAREIT	2.38%	0.14	2.23
Global High Yield	1.23%	0.08	1.33	BoAML Global High Yield BB-B	1.31%	0.06	3.46

To demonstrate the performance of the fund against its sustainable investment aim the ESG and carbon intensity scores of the fund are shown compared to the scores of a reference comparator. The reference comparator represents the ESG and carbon intensity scores the fund might have achieved if it did not have a sustainable investment aim.

The reference comparator is a combination of market indices that represent the asset classes held by the fund and in the same proportions (weighting) as the fund, as shown in the table above. The composition of the reference comparator varies over time in line with the asset classes and proportions held by the fund.

The table above shows that the various asset classes contribute differently to the ESG and carbon intensity scores although it is important to consider the weighted average scores of the overall fund and those of the reference comparator.

Stewardship

Stewardship in Action – Our plan for engaging with companies in 2024

Our stewardship plan for 2024 focuses on engaging with companies through active dialogue aimed at delivering positive social and environmental outcomes, as well as driving growth for asset owners and managing risks in the process.

For 2024, we have identified key themes that we plan to discuss with companies to foster positive change: Addressing climate change; Promoting human rights; Ensuring inclusive growth and shared prosperity; Safeguarding biodiversity and nature; Trusted technology and data; Embracing diversity, equity and inclusion

These key themes for engagement do not exist in silo but may impact and depend on each other. Below is an example of the relationship between the human rights theme we identified and other core themes.

Climate change is linked to human rights through the need for a just and inclusive transition that does not leave any community behind

Biodiversity and nature is linked to the human rights theme through any harms that can affect local communities as a result of adverse environmental impacts

Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity theme also targets right to decent work, fair wages and safe working conditions, as well as freedom of association

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is also linked to freedom from discrimination and equal opportunities offered by human rights

Trusted Technology and Data is linked to the human rights theme through the need for user data privacy and cybersecurity

In our engagement and voting process, we aim to address all these issues and any others that can come up as we navigate the year ahead.

For details of the broad market index, please refer to the prospectus.

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Risk disclosures

- Investing in other funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Governance of underlying assets can be the responsibility of third-party managers.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.
- Derivatives may be used by the Fund, and these can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
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This fund is Sustainably Invested in line with one or more of the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance (GSIA) sustainable investment styles (positive/best-in-class screening, norms-based screening, sustainability themed investing, impact/community investing). It does not invest in companies involved in the manufacture of cluster munitions or anti-personnel mines. The fund is not guaranteed to outperform those which do not meet sustainability criteria.

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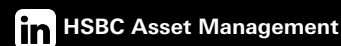
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