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

#### **Identification Codes**

Sedol Code	BVYTZY8
Mex Code	_
Isin Code	GB00BVYTZY88
Citi Code	MELT

### **Fund Overview**

Mid (20/05/2024)	121.46p
Historic yield	2.12%
Fund size (30/04/2024)	£229.48m
Number of holdings	17964
Ongoing Charges	0.29%
Launch date	09/09/2015

#### **Fund Charges**

Entry Charge	0.00%
Ongoing Charges	0.29%

## 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	£500000
Minimum Top Up	£25000
Minimum Regular Saving	-
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

	30/04/19 to 30/04/20	30/04/20 to 30/04/21	30/04/21 to 30/04/22	30/04/22 to 30/04/23	30/04/23 to 30/04/24
Fund	-0.7%	13.2%	-4.9%	-1.8%	5.6%
Benchmark	-3.6%	15.9%	-1.2%	-2.6%	6.4%

## Annualised performance

	Annualised		
	3 Years to 30/04/24	5 Years to 30/04/24	10 Years to 30/04/24
Fund	-0.5%	2.1%	n/a
Benchmark	0.8%	2.7%	3.7%

## **Fund Managers**



Name: Philip Butler Manager for: 7 years, 6 months

#### Ratings

Fax number

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#### Important Information

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Portfolio data accurate as at: 30/04/24

## **Top 10 Fund Holdings**

Name	% Weight
1 BlackRock iShares Corporate Bond Index Class X	23.91%
2 BlackRock (Dublin) iShares US Corporate Bond Index Fund	14.05%
3 M&G (LUX) FCP Sterling Liquidity Fund Z6A Acc	8.80%
4 BlackRock iShares UK Equity Index Class X	7.74%
<sup>5</sup> BlackRock (Dublin) iShares ESG Screened Euro Corporate Bond Index Fund	7.33%
6 BlackRock iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Class X	4.17%
7 M&G Emerging Markets Bond Class PP GBP	3.21%
8 Legal & General European Index Trust C	2.98%
9 M&G Global High Yield Bond Class A GBP	2.80%
10 M&G (LUX) FCP Asian Local CCY Bond Class ZI	2.76%

# Asset Allocation



International Bonds	41.05%
International Equities	16.85%
UK Corporate Bonds	8.97%
Alternative Trading Strategies	7.61%
Money Market	7.42%
UK Equities	7.08%
Property	1.87%
Cash and Equivalents	0.47%
Investment Trusts	0.42%
Other Assets	8.26%

### Sector Breakdown

Bonds	50.02%
Non-Classified	9.01%
Cash and Equivalents	7.88%
Alternative Trading Strategies	7.61%
Financials	4.63%
Industrials	3.48%
Technology	3.28%
Other Sectors	14.08%

### Breakdown By Market Cap (%)

Mega	13.54%
Large	5.76%
Medium	2.95%
Small	0.48%
Micro	0.10%
Non-Classified	19.25%
Bonds	50.02%
Cash	7.88%

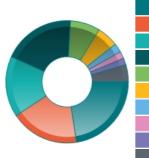
## **Fixed Interest Quality Profile**

AAA	6.62%
AA	3.93%
A	13.90%
BBB	16.21%
Sub-Investment Grade	2.47%
Unknown Quality	6.89%
Cash and Equivalents	7.88%
Other Asset Types	42.10%

## Top 10 Holdings

Name	% Weight
1 iShares iShares plc European Property Yield UCITS ETF EUR (Dist)	0.66%
2 TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED	0.64%
3 SHELL	0.55%
4 L&G FREEHOLD PROPERTY	0.54%
5 ASTRAZENECA	0.50%
6 HSBC HOLDINGS	0.40%
7 UNILEVER	0.33%
8 MEP G A EUR NPV	0.32%
9 BP	0.26%
10 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD	0.25%

#### **Regional Allocation**

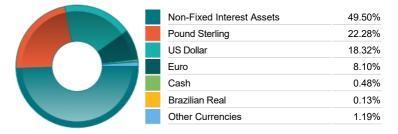


North America	22.52%
Developed Europe - Excl UK	18.15%
UK	16.06%
Non-Classified	19.18%
Cash and Equivalents	7.88%
Emerging Asia	5.66%
Japan	2.36%
Property	1.86%
South & Central America	1.82%
Other Regions	4.51%

## **Top Country Breakdown**

United States	20.72%
United Kingdom	16.06%
Non-Classified	19.18%
Cash and Equivalents	7.88%
France	4.20%
Germany	3.18%
Netherlands	2.96%
Other Countries	25.81%

## **Fixed Interest Currencies**



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

< 5Yr Maturity	25.46%
5Yr - 10Yr Maturity	12.62%
10Yr - 15Yr Maturity	3.72%
> 15Yr Maturity	8.21%
Cash And Equivalents	7.88%
Unknown Maturity	3.75%
Other Asset Types	38.36%

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#### Commentary

April 2024 Investment Summary

A negative month for the Passive range with returns ranging from -1.05% for Passive 1 to 0.00% for Passive 5. \*P Acc share class with data sourced from FE analytics as at 30 April 2024.

April 2024 was a mixed month for portfolios generally.

Most major equity markets declined in April as global stock market sentiment reversed after five consecutive positive months, led by the revaluation of interest rate cuts and current geopolitical threats. Although stocks retraced some losses in the latter half of the month. Utilities and Financial Services led the sector-wise performance while Healthcare lagged.

Government bond prices were lower as the ten-year Treasury yield edged up to 4.69% from 4.33% over the month. Resilient economic data has whittled away hopes for imminent interest rate cuts, as investors continue to revise lower their expectations on the number of cuts from the Fed in 2024.

The US labour market decelerated from its strong start to 2024 as government data fell short of expectations to show payrolls increased by 175,000 in April, demonstrating a softening of the US labour market and boosting hopes of interest rates cuts. US consumer confidence retreated slightly in April, as households are still concerned on the impact of inflation, and future business conditions, job availability and income. Unemployment data ticked up slightly to 3.9% surprising market expectations for it to remain unchanged at 3.8%. \*

Conflict in the Middle East continues as the US has paused shipment of bombs to Israel amid hopes of positive negotiations on a ceasefire and hostage release deal. The conflicts Impact remains limited on the global economy. Shipping companies continue to divert vessels to avoid the possibility of attack, as Brent Crude dropped to over \$80/barrel from \$87/barrel in April.

Central banks' continue to keep monetary policy tight enough to drive inflation back towards the 2% target, there is growing evidence of a continued softening in prices. Central banks may be in a position to ease policy rates later this year, but employment activity and inflation data over the next few months will be critical to the evolution of their thinking. The US economy continues to look strong, but other regions, including the Eurozone, face more challenging conditions.

While recent central bank meetings have suggested the next move in interest rates will be downwards, officials have been cautious to confirm when these cuts will be implemented, with a careful eye on data to ensure a sustainable route back to the inflation target.

WS Prudential Risk Managed Passive - Tactical asset allocation activity

We maintain our 1% overweight to Equities, diversified across the US, Europe, Asia, GEM. This is funded from a small net fixed income and cash underweight.

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