Fund objective and performance

As at 31 August 2026 | **This is a marketing communication**

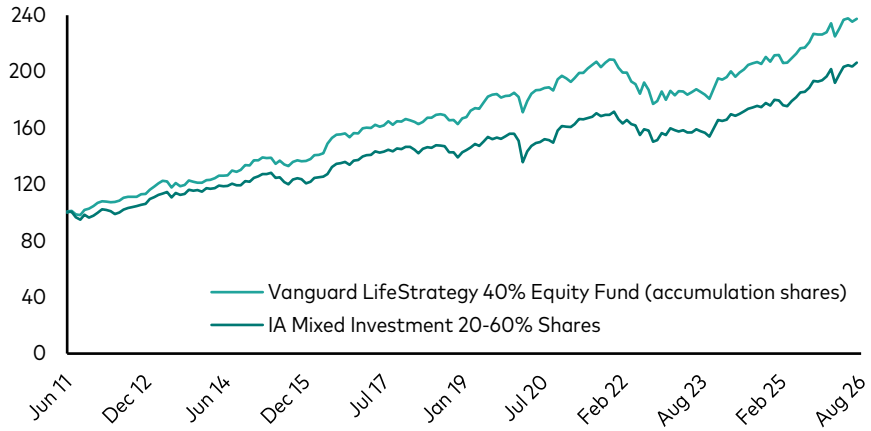
Investment objective and policy summary

- The Fund aims to grow your investment (through an increase in the value of, and income received from, assets held by the Fund) over the medium term (3 years or more) by investing within a pre-defined mix of assets.
- It does this by investing at least 90% of its assets in a diversified portfolio of funds that seek to track the performance of an index.
- This means the Fund can invest in funds that, in turn, invest globally in either company shares or government and corporate bonds.
- The UK will generally be one of the largest single country exposures for both shares and bonds.

Fund performance

Cumulative performance (since inception)

%, GBP, after OCF[2], 23 June 2011 to 31 August 2026



Annualised performance*

%, GBP, after OCF[2], as at 31 August 2026

	Year to date	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Since inc.
LifeStrategy 40% Equity Fund-Acc.	4.96	0.88	0.24	1.34	9.39	8.53	2.78	4.34	5.73

12-month return to:

%, GBP, after OCF[2]

	31 Aug 2017	31 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2019	31 Aug 2020	31 Aug 2021	31 Aug 2022	31 Aug 2023	31 Aug 2024	31 Aug 2025	31 Aug 2026
LifeStrategy 40% Equity Fund-Acc.	6.09	3.14	8.09	2.63	9.84	-9.65	-0.69	10.82	5.44	9.39
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	7.35	2.16	3.08	-0.05	12.12	-7.21	-0.34	10.78	6.37	11.07

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Source: Vanguard data as at 31 August 2026.

*Figures in the table above for periods less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent annual returns.

Performance figures are calculated by comparing the fund's net asset value at the start and end of the period, assuming all income and capital gains are reinvested.

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Fund information

Asset allocation

59.77% Bonds **40.23%** Equities

Fund facts

Total fund assets	£5,653mn
Share class assets	£5,184mn
Inception date	23 June 2011
Use of income	Reinvested
ISA eligible	Yes
Domicile	UK
UK Reporting Status	Yes
Investment structure	NURS
SRRI[1]	4
IA Sector	Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

Fees

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF[2])	0.20%

Risk ratings[3]

Defaqto (of 10)	4
Dynamic Planner (of 10)	4
EV (1-10, 15 years)	4
Finametrica (of 100)	41-53
Oxford Risk (of 5)	2
Oxford Risk (of 7)	3
Synaptic (1-5)	3
Synaptic (1-10)	5

Fund identifiers

ISIN	GB00B3ZHN960
SEDOL	B3ZHN96
Bloomberg ticker	VGLS40A
Base currency	GBP

[1]Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is used to indicate the level of risk of a NURS fund on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 representing low risk and 7 representing high risk.

[2]The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers administration, audit, depository, legal, registration and regulatory expenses incurred in respect of the Funds.

[3]Risk ratings are independent measures that indicate how much risk a fund is expected to take, based on what it invests in and how much its value may rise and fall. Different providers use different methodologies, but higher ratings indicate higher risk within a given scale.
Defaqto data as at April 2026; Dynamic Planner data as at Q2 2026; EValue data as at Q2 2026; FinaMetrica data as at 24 February 2026; Oxford Risk data as at 26 January 2026; Synaptic data as at Q2 2026.

What the fund invests in

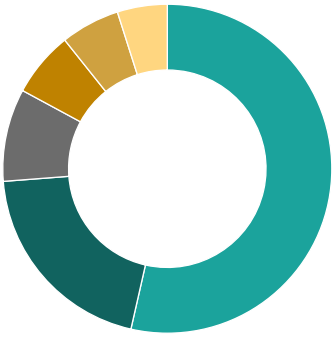
Underlying funds and their proportion of the portfolio

Equity funds	
Vanguard FTSE Developed World ex-U.K. Equity Index Fund	28.9%
Vanguard FTSE U.K. All Share Index Unit Trust	8.1%
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund	3.2%

Bond funds	
Vanguard Global Bond Index Fund	32.7%
Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF	17.2%
Vanguard U.K. Government Bond Index Fund	5.5%
Vanguard U.K. Inflation-Linked Gilt Index Fund	2.2%
Vanguard U.K. Investment Grade Bond Index Fund	2.2%

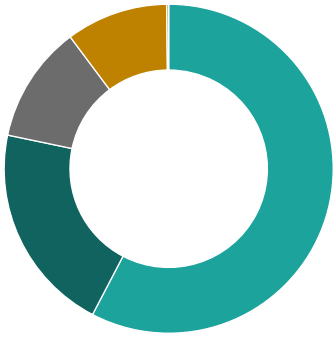
Investment breakdown

Equity investments by region



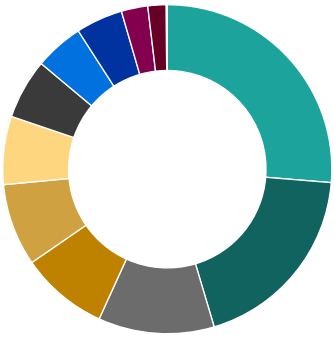
- **53.5%** North America
- **20.2%** UK
- **9.1%** Europe ex-UK
- **6.4%** Emerging Markets
- **5.8%** Asia ex-Japan
- **4.9%** Japan

Bond investments by type of issuer[1]



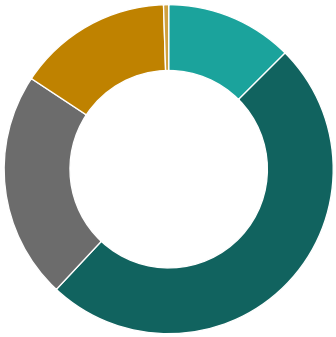
- **57.6%** Government
- **20.6%** Corporate
- **11.5%** Government-related
- **10.0%** Securitised
- **0.2%** Other

Equity investments by industry



- **26.3%** Information Technology
- **19.1%** Financials
- **11.4%** Industrials
- **8.6%** Health Care
- **8.1%** Consumer Discretionary
- **6.7%** Communication Services
- **5.9%** Consumer Staples
- **4.8%** Energy
- **4.6%** Materials
- **2.6%** Utilities
- **1.8%** Real Estate
- **0.1%** Other

Bond investments by credit rating



- **12.5%** AAA
- **49.4%** AA
- **22.3%** A
- **15.2%** BBB
- **0.5%** Not rated

Investments by currency

- **69.0%** British pounds
- **19.7%** US dollars
- **2.5%** Euros
- **1.9%** Japanese yen
- **1.4%** South Korean won
- **5.4%** Other

Source: Vanguard data as at 31 August 2026.
[1] Issuer breakdown: Sovereign / Government includes Sovereign, Treasury. Government Related includes Provincials, Municipals, Agencies, Local Authority, Supranational. Corporate includes Financial Institutions, Industrials, Utilities. Securitised includes ABS (asset-backed securities), CMBS (commercial mortgage-backed securities), Mortgage Backed Pass through.
Note: Fund and asset class weights should add up to 100%; however, there may be differences due to rounding. Equity and bond breakdowns are based on what the underlying funds invest in. Holdings are provided at the fund level.

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Fund characteristics

This section provides a snapshot of the types of investments held within the fund. The information below is designed to help you understand the fund's structure, diversification, income potential, and sensitivity to market conditions. It does not predict future returns.

Equity funds

Characteristic[1]	Value	Explanation
Number of companies	3,503	The fund holds shares in many companies to help spread risk.
Median company size*	£100.01mn	Shows the size of a typical company in the fund, based on its stock market value.
Dividend yield (%)	1.75%	Shows how much income the companies pay out as dividends as a percentage of the share price each year.
Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio (x)	19.93x	Compares a company's share price with its earnings, helping investors judge whether the shares offer good value relative to current performance and future prospects. A higher P/E ratio may suggest that investors expect strong growth, while a lower ratio could suggest more modest expectations.

Bond funds

Characteristic[2]	Value	Explanation
Number of bonds	20,299	The fund holds many different bonds for diversification.
Yield to worst (%)	4.45%	The lowest yield you could get from a bond assuming the issuer doesn't fail to repay the loan. It looks at all the ways the bond could be paid back early and takes the outcome that gives you the least favourable return.
Average duration	6.40 years	Shows the average time it takes to get a bond's value back through interest payments and the final repayment. The longer the duration, the more sensitive the bond is to changes in interest rates.

Additional information

All data reflects the fund's holdings as of the date of this document and may change over time.
The fund holds a mix of government, public sector, company and mortgage-backed bonds, along with a broad range of shares. The figures shown are averaged across all holdings to give a clear overall picture.

Key investment risks

- The value of equities and bonds can be affected by factors such as stock market movements, interest rates, credit spreads and volatility.
- Other driving factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
- Movements in currency exchange rates can adversely affect the return of your investment.

Counterparty risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily. This could cause the Fund to incur higher costs when buying or selling investments or could mean that the Fund is not able to buy or sell investments when it would like to do so.

Credit risk. The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.

Inflation risk. The value of your investments may not be worth as much in the future due to changes in purchasing power resulting from inflation.

Use of derivatives. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value.

Source: Vanguard data as at 31 August 2026.
[1] Calculated as the average across the equity holdings, weighted by the size of each holding.
[2] Calculated as the average across the bond holdings, weighted by the size of each holding.
* To work out the median company size, we first calculate the median company size of each underlying fund held in the LifeStrategy portfolio. We then combine those figures, giving more weight to the underlying funds that make up a larger share of the portfolio. This differs from an approach that combines all the individual companies held across the portfolio into a single group and calculates the median company size from those holdings directly.

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Active fund management

This is an approach to investing that sees an investment manager select shares and other assets in accordance with the fund's investment objectives.

Annualised performance

Shows the average return per year over a period, assuming returns are compounded each year (i.e. the investor earns a return on their return as well as the original capital).

Asset allocation

This refers to the mix of different assets (or investments), such as shares and bonds, in a portfolio.

Asset, asset class

A category of investment that displays similar characteristics, for example, shares, bonds or property.

Bonds

Bonds are a type of loan issued by governments or companies, which typically pay a fixed amount of interest and return the capital at the end of the term.

Corporate bonds

Corporate bonds are loans to companies, used to fund business activities. They usually pay higher income than government bonds, reflecting the higher level of risk.

Credit rating (bonds)

Indicates how likely a bond issuer is to meet its debt payments. Higher ratings, such as AAA, typically mean lower risk, while lower ratings, such as BBB or below, indicate higher risk but potentially higher returns.

Cumulative performance

Shows the return over a period of time, reflecting the overall change in value from the start to the end of the period.

Derivatives

A financial contract whose value is linked to another asset, such as a share or bond.

Diversification

This is a strategy designed to reduce the risk in an investment portfolio by holding a wide range of assets. This helps to manage risk because better-performing investments can help to offset those that perform less well, over time.

Equities/shares

Equities – also known as shares – are a way to own a stake in a company.

Fund

An investment product that pools the money of many investors to buy shares and/or other assets.

Fund manager

This is the person or company who manages a fund. In an active fund, they will make the investment decisions. In an index fund, they will make sure the fund is closely tracking the index.

Government bonds

Government bonds are loans to a government. They are generally seen as lower risk than corporate bonds, but usually provide lower income in return.

Government-related bonds

Bonds issued by organisations owned or supported by government, rather than by the government itself. They typically offer higher income but slightly higher risk than government bonds.

Inception date

The date when the fund began operating and recording its performance.

Index

An index typically measures the performance of a basket of investments that are intended to replicate a certain area of the market. Indices are often used as benchmarks against which to evaluate the performance of an investment, such as a fund.

Index fund

An index fund aims to follow the performance of a market index by investing in the same or similar assets.

Index-linked bonds

Bonds where the interest payments and the amount repaid at maturity are adjusted in line with inflation.

Index provider

An index provider is a company that designs and calculates an index (as defined above). They set the rules on what is included in the index, how it is managed and how constituents will be added or removed over time.

Inflation

Inflation is the rise in prices for goods and services over time, meaning your money buys less than it used to.

Investment risk

The likelihood that the return on an investment will differ from what is expected. There are different types of risk, including market risk (the chance that returns will fluctuate) and shortfall risk (the possibility that a portfolio will fail to meet its longer-term objective). Different investors have different tolerances for risk based on factors such as their personal circumstances and their investment timeframe.

Maturity (bonds)

Maturity is when a bond is due to be repaid and the investor receives their original investment back.

Monthly volatility

A measure of how much an investment's returns vary from month to month. A monthly volatility of 3% means the monthly return will be 3 percentage points above or below the average monthly return most of the time, but there's a smaller chance it will fall outside that range.

NURS (Non-UCITS retail schemes)

Non-UCITS Retail Schemes (NURS) are a type of UK investment fund that can invest more flexibly than UCITS funds. They can hold a wider range of investments, such as property or private companies, and they can invest more heavily in certain areas, including other funds.

OCF (ongoing charges figure)

The ongoing charges figure (OCF) covers administration, audit, depository, legal, registration and regulatory expenses incurred in respect of the Funds.

Portfolio

This is a collection of individual investments or funds that is usually created to meet specific goals, such as long-term capital growth. A model portfolio is a pre-built collection of investments – a model portfolio manager or financial adviser selects the investments (usually funds) within the model portfolio.

Rebalancing

Rebalancing is the process of adjusting the balance of assets in a portfolio (such as shares and bonds) to maintain its target asset mix over time.

Recession

A recession is typically defined as two consecutive quarters (three-month periods) of negative economic growth.

Securitised bonds

Bonds that are backed by a pool or loans or other assets, such as mortgages or credit card debt. The income paid to investors comes form the repayments made on those underlying loans, rather than from a single issuer.

SRRI (Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is used to indicate the level of risk of a NURS fund on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 representing low risk and 7 representing high risk.

UK investment-grade bonds

Investment-grade bonds are considered to have a lower risk of default and receive higher rates by credit rating agencies – typically BBB or above. The opposite to an investment-grade bond is a high-yield or 'junk' bond.

Valuations

A measure of how well company share prices are justified by important measures such as their earnings.

Volatility

The extent to which investment values fluctuate over time. When investors are uncertain about the economic environment or geopolitical events, short-term volatility tends to increase.

Investment risk information

Investing gives your money the opportunity to grow over time, but market movements mean values can rise and fall along the way.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Some funds invest in emerging markets which can be more volatile than more established markets. As a result the value of your investment may rise or fall.

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