

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

#### **Identification Codes**

| Sedol Code | BVYTZX7      |
|------------|--------------|
| Mex Code   | -            |
| Isin Code  | GB00BVYTZX71 |
| Citi Code  | MELS         |
|            |              |

#### **Fund Overview**

| Mid (03/05/2024)       | 138.20     |
|------------------------|------------|
| Historic yield         | 1.58%      |
| 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<br>to<br>30/04/20 | 30/04/20<br>to<br>30/04/21 | 30/04/21<br>to<br>30/04/22 | 30/04/22<br>to<br>30/04/23 | 30/04/23<br>to<br>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<br>30/04/24 | 5 Years to<br>30/04/24 | 10 Years to<br>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, 5 months

#### Ratings

| Ratings           |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| FE Crown          |                                  |
| Group Details     |                                  |
| Group name        | Waystone Management (UK) Limited |
| Group address     | PO Box 389, DARLINGTON, DL1 9UF  |
| Group telephone   | 0345 9220044                     |
| Dealing telephone | 0344 3358936                     |
| Email             | investorservices@linkgroup.co.uk |
| Homepage          | w w w.waystone.com               |
| Fax number        | 0113 2246001                     |

#### Important Information

- Source of portfolio data: Broadridge. Source of performance data: FE fundinfo. We can't predict the future. Past performance isn't a guide to future performance. The figures shown are intended only to demonstrate performance history of the fund, after allowing for the impact of ongoing charges, but take no account of product charges. Ongoing charges may vary in the future and may be higher than they are now. Fund performance is based upon the movement of the daily price and is shown as total return in GBP with income reinvested. The value of your client's investment can go down as well as up and the amount your client gets back may be less than they put in.
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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

#### March 2024 Investment Summary

A positive month for the Passive range with returns ranging from +1.83% for Passive 1 to +2.44% for Passive 5. \*P Acc share class with data sourced from FE analytics as at 28 March 2024.

March 2024 was a positive month for portfolios generally.

Most major equity markets continued to rise in March as global stock markets recorded their best first-quarter performance in five years, led by the growing optimism for a global 'soft landing' and enthusiasm about artificial intelligence. Energy and Basic Materials led the sector-wise performance while Real Estate and Technology lagged.

Government bond prices were lower as the ten-year Treasury yield edged up to 4.20% from 4.25% over the month. Strong 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 continued its strong start to 2024 as government data surpassed expectations to show payrolls increased by 303,000 in March, demonstrating the strength of the US labour market despite high interest rates. US consumer confidence remained stable in March, although households are still concerned on the impact of inflation, particularly around food and gas prices and the domestic political environment. Unemployment data cooled slightly to 3.8% surprising market expectations for it to remain at 3.9%. \*

Conflict in the Middle East continues and has escalated further following suspected Israeli air strikes, raising fears of a wider conflict in the region. Shipping companies continue to divert vessels to avoid the possibility of attack, as Brent Crude increased to over \$87/barrel from \$84/barrel in March.

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 in the second half of 2024 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, with the prospect of a soft landing more likely.

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.

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With continued disinflation traction, setting the scene for the beginning of monetary policy loosening, alongside strong fundamentals in the US especially, the portfolio managers remain moderately overweight equities (+2.00%), with funding from European investment grade (-1.00%) and Cash (-1.00%).

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