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

#### **Identification Codes**

Sedol Code	B1P9ZS1
Mex Code	PUCMAI
Isin Code	GB00B1P9ZS17
Citi Code	Q648

## **Fund Overview**

Mid (17/04/2024)	149.53p
Historic yield	1.56%
Fund size (31/03/2024)	£530.81m
Number of holdings	17655
Ongoing Charges	0.54%
Launch date	16/02/2007

#### **Fund Charges**

Entry Charge	0.00%
Ongoing Charges	0.54%

## 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 12%. 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 12%. 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

	31/03/19 to 31/03/20	31/03/20 to 31/03/21	31/03/21 to 31/03/22	31/03/22 to 31/03/23	31/03/23 to 31/03/24
Fund	-5.8%	20.3%	1.3%	-4.2%	7.6%
Benchmark	-7.2%	19.8%	2.7%	-4.8%	7.7%

### Annualised performance

	Annualised		
	3 Years to 31/03/24	5 Years to 31/03/24	10 Years to 31/03/24
Fund	1.5%	3.4%	4.1%
Benchmark	1.7%	3.2%	

# **Fund Managers**



Name: Philip Butler Manager for: 7 years, 5 months

#### Ratings

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#### Important Information

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Portfolio data accurate as at: 31/03/24

## **Top 10 Fund Holdings**

Name	% Weight
1 BlackRock iShares Corporate Bond Index Class X	18.90%
2 BlackRock (Dublin) iShares US Corporate Bond Index Fund	11.53%
3 BlackRock iShares UK Equity Index Class X	10.81%
4 M&G (LUX) FCP Sterling Liquidity Fund Z6A Acc	7.99%
5 BlackRock iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Class X	5.95%
6 BlackRock (Dublin) iShares ESG Screened Euro Corporate Bond Index Fund	5.51%
7 Legal & General European Index Trust C	4.21%
8 BlackRock iShares US Equity Index Class X	3.64%
9 M&G Emerging Markets Bond Class PP GBP	3.08%
10 M&G Global High Yield Bond Class A GBP	2.79%

### Asset Allocation



International Bonds	33.52%
International Equities	23.02%
UK Equities	9.93%
Alternative Trading Strategies	7.63%
UK Corporate Bonds	7.13%
Money Market	6.77%
Property	2.68%
Investment Trusts	0.59%
Cash and Equivalents	0.32%
Other Assets	8.42%

### Sector Breakdown

Bonds	40.65%
Non-Classified	9.53%
Alternative Trading Strategies	7.63%
Cash and Equivalents	7.08%
Financials	6.38%
Industrials	4.71%
Technology	4.42%
Other Sectors	19.60%

## Breakdown By Market Cap (%)

Mega	18.45%
Large	7.97%
Medium	4.21%
Small	0.68%
Micro	0.13%
Non-Classified	20.82%
Bonds	40.65%
Cash	7.08%

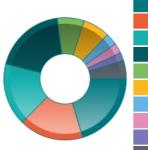
#### **Fixed Interest Quality Profile**

AAA	5.29%
AA	3.12%
A	11.10%
BBB	13.02%
Sub-Investment Grade	2.28%
Unknown Quality	5.84%
Cash and Equivalents	7.08%
Other Asset Types	52.26%

## **Top 10 Holdings**

Name	% Weight
1 USD/GBP GBP	1.75%
2 iShares iShares plc European Property Yield UCITS ETF EUR (Dist)	1.02%
3 TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED	0.86%
4 SHELL	0.76%
5 L&G FREEHOLD PROPERTY	0.75%
6 EUR/GBP GBP	0.74%
7 ASTRAZENECA	0.73%
8 HSBC HOLDINGS	0.57%
9 UNILEVER	0.45%
10 BP	0.36%

#### **Regional Allocation**



North America	20.36%
UK	17.07%
Developed Europe - Excl UK	16.50%
Non-Classified	19.02%
Emerging Asia	7.14%
Cash and Equivalents	7.08%
Japan	3.15%
Property	2.66%
Australia & New Zealand	2.15%
Other Regions	4.86%

## **Top Country Breakdown**

United States	18.58%
United Kingdom	17.07%
Non-Classified	19.02%
Cash and Equivalents	7.08%
France	3.68%
Japan	3.15%
Germany	2.86%
Other Countries	28.55%

## **Fixed Interest Currencies**



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

< 5Yr Maturity	20.49%
5Yr - 10Yr Maturity	10.41%
10Yr - 15Yr Maturity	2.90%
> 15Yr Maturity	6.84%
Cash And Equivalents	7.08%
Unknown Maturity	3.78%
Other Asset Types	48.50%

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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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