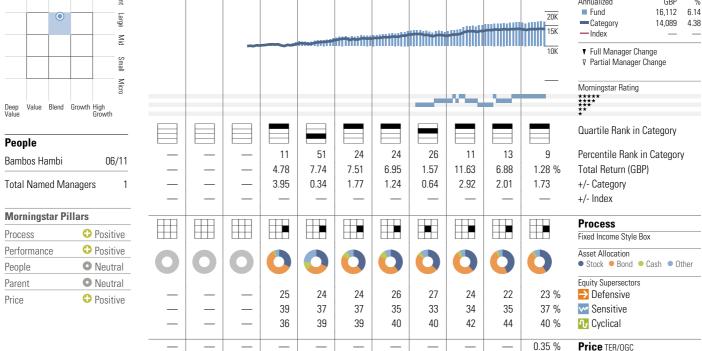
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Analyst View

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Competitively priced risk-targeted fund offering.

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MyFolio's investment approach has three key inputs--strategic allocation, tactical allocation, and fund selection--and makes broad use of SLI's resources. Strategic asset allocation is concerned with setting model portfolio allocations for each risk band. This stage is primarily quantitative, analysing long-term return data for all of the major asset classes with the aim of delivering the best long term-return potential for each risk band. The final model portfolio allocations are agreed to by a strategic allocation committee that includes experienced fund manager Bambos Hambi and other senior members of SLI. Tactical positioning

around the model portfolio allocations of each risk level is managed by SLI's well-resourced multiasset investing team, which is also responsible for the group's high-profile GARS strategy.

Hambi is head of SLI's fund solutions team, which provides the third key input into the process. For MyFolio Market, which is the fund of passives range, the fund selection input is relatively limited and focused on identifying low-cost and low tracking error index funds.

MyFolio Market II has been running for about eight years and has been managed consistently with its objective over this period, showing lower drawdown and volatility than Market III but higher volatility than Market I, while delivering strong performance that is helped by its low ongoing charge of 35 basis points. Overall, we consider that SLI's MyFolio Market II fund serves investors well and have awarded it a Morningstar Analyst Rating of Bronze.



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