# Certified Corporation

# DEFENSIVE BALANCED MIXED ASSETS

## BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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SYNAPTIC RISK PROFILE 5 | INCEPTION JUNE 2008

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide income and long term capital growth.

#### STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

The portfolio has a multi asset approach and will make use of different asset classes to achieve its objective.

The portfolio is managed with a moderate level of risk. The managers will employ the full range of actively managed Blenheim funds in the construction and running of the portfolio with the necessary risk controls to ensure the portfolio remains in line with its stated risk profile. The portfolio's exposure to equities will be limited to no more than 60% and the balance will be invested in a blend of other asset classes to maintain the moderate risk profile nature of the portfolio.

The portfolio is suitable for investors who are looking for income and longer term (5 years plus) capital growth, and are prepared to accept a moderate level of risk, which is a higher level than Defensive Mixed assets portfolio and with the commensurate higher potential return, but lower than Global Equities.

#### **MANAGEMENT**

The portfolio is managed by Beckett Asset Management's team of investment professionals: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian and Elliot Basford.

As well as deciding on asset allocation, the team also manages the underlying Blenheim range of funds. These are actively managed utilising a wide investment universe, in line with their investment objectives.

#### **BENCHMARK**

ARC Sterling balanced Assets Private Clients Index is a suitable benchmark. This index has a targeted volatility band of 40% - 60% relative to World Equities.

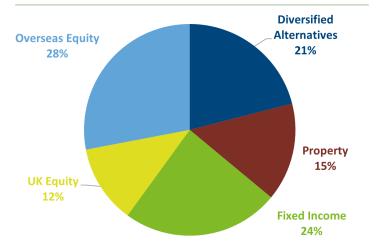
#### **YIELD**

Historic Distribution Yield: 2.25% Prospective Yield: 3.92%

## **ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF)**

0.79%

#### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



#### **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**

Blenheim Diversified Alternatives	21%
Blenheim Diversified Property	15%
Blenheim Fixed Income	24%
Blenheim UK Equity	12%
Blenheim Overseas Equity	28%

#### **PERFORMANCE**

	6M	1YR	3YR	5YR
Defensive Balanced Mixed Assets	0.06	-1.88	5.84	9.54
ARC Sterling Balanced Asset PCI	1.24	1.49	6.07	9.52

BAM MPS PERFORMANCE FIGURES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ONGOING CHARGES OF THE UNDERLYING HOLDINGS BUT EXCLUDE ADVISER CHARGES AND PLATFORM FEES. INCLUSION OF THESE WILL RESULT IN A LOWER RETURN TO THE END INVESTOR, DEPENDING ON THE CLIENT AGREEMENT AND THE PLATFORM USED. PROSPECTIVE YIELD IS NOT GUARANTEED AND DOES NOT INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS FOR EXPENSES, EQUALISATION, OR TAX. IT IS CALCULATED USING THE HOLDINGS' EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS (DATA AS AT 30 JUNE 2023). ANY VARIATION IN THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS PAID WILL IMPACT THE TOTAL YIELD. THIS IMPACT COULD BE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE.

ARC PCI: ASSET RISK CONSULTANTS (ARC) OPERATE THE PRIVATE CLIENT INDICES (PCI) ACROSS THE RISK SPECTRUM AS PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND YARDSTICKS FOR DISCRETIONARY PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. THIS DATA INCLUDES PLATFORM FEES AND MAY BE ESTIMATED AND SUBJECT TO REVISION.

#### **MANAGER COMMENTARY**

The quarter was marked by extreme exuberance around AI related stocks leading to a very narrowly driven US market back into bull market territory, while the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX- an indicator of risk sentiment) plummeted to a two year low in mid-June. The S&P 500 has been driven higher by just seven stocks this year with the other 493 barely positive. BAM have an allocation to an S&P 500 Index tracker fund as well as active managers. Active managers are often told by their risk managers that they cannot hold companies at index weights because their portfolios won't be diversified enough, leading to shorter term underperformance. Japan has also been on a tear this year with the Nikkei 225 index climbing to its highest level for 33 years.

The Overseas Equity Fund was the strongest contributor; however, the strategy produced only a small positive return for the quarter overall, outperforming the estimated return for the ARC Balanced. This highlights what a difficult period it was for traditional "lower risk" assets and alternatives as interest rates continued to rise. The Blenheim Alternatives Fund was the largest detractor.

While there were no high-level asset allocation changes this quarter, there was ongoing activity in the underlying Blenheim funds, and you can find more detail in the monthly Blenheim fact sheets.

So, what lies ahead in the second half of 2023? The global economy is not doing brilliantly but better than expected. Therefore, we think it means higher rates until something breaks, but we keep a watching brief. Is all the bad news in the price? We think most of it is, but we have a fair bit of cash that we can deploy if it isn't.

## **RETURN AND VOLATILITY 5 YEARS TO 30/06/23**



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