## DEFENSIVE BALANCED MIXED ASSETS

### BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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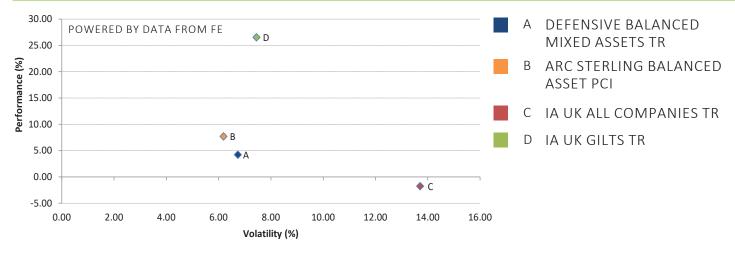
#### **DEFENSIVE BALANCED MIXED ASSETS COMMENTARY**

Quarter 1 of 2020 was dominated by the Coivd-19 pandemic. March saw equity markets suffer steep falls and has been dubbed the "Corona crash". The multi asset nature of the strategy has meant the impact on the portfolio was much less severe than the losses seen in the major global equity indices.

We are taking advantage of significant fall in equity prices by deploying some of the cash weighting by 1% and increasing the exposure to Churchhouse Tenax Absolute Return. We are also trimming Blackrock Strategic Bond by 1% with the proceeds also going to Churchhouse Tenax. The Churchhouse fund is a useful portfolio building block in other strategies, offering very good risk adjusted returns.

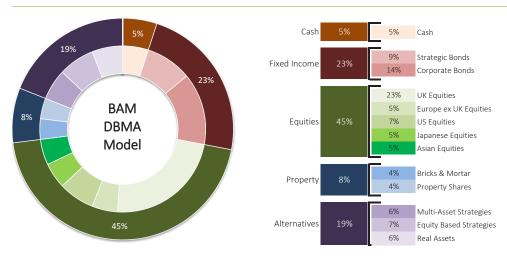
This portfolio rebalancing will not alter the exposure to equities which remains at 45%, as we are mindful that some of the Alternatives, like Listed Infrastructure, experience greater volatility than traditional fixed income, and therefore we have enough risk in the portfolio to capture returns once we come through this virus.

### TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE VS VOLATILITY OVER 5 YEARS (31/3/2015-31/3/2020)



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#### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



PLEASE NOTE: PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION SHOWN IS AS MARCH 2020. ASSET ALLOCATIONS MAY CHANGE OVER TIME.

#### STRATEGY DESCRIPTION

This strategy seeks to achieve a combination of investment income and longer-term capital growth, using a fund of funds approach to investment. The strategy invests in a blend of different assets, which will include Equities as well as Fixed Interest and Property. The portfolio is comprised of funds that invest across a range of geographical areas. The funds are selected on a discretionary basis from a number of top fund management houses.

This strategy is particularly suited to those investors seeking a combination of income and longer-term capital growth (5 years plus). Investors can also opt to reinvest the investment income that is generated. Investors should be prepared to accept a moderate level of investment risk.

#### **INCOME YIELD**

The Income yield of this strategy is currently c.2.66% March 2020.

#### **STRATEGY BENCHMARK**

The performance of the strategy will be measured against the ARC Sterling Balanced Asset PCI over the medium to long term.

This benchmark has a targeted standard volatility band of 40% - 60% relative risk to world equities.

#### **ONGOING FUND CHARGES (OCF)**

In the region of 0.74% but subject to change depending on the underlying funds and platform. OCF does not include any further transactional costs incurred by the funds held or any performance fee that may be levied by them.

# RISK CONTROLS AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS

 The strategy will have a minimum or maximum exposure as defined. The maximum equity exposure is restricted to 60% of the fund and the current weighting is 45%.

Country/Asset Class	Minimum Exposure	Maximum Exposure	Current Exposure	Diff
Fixed Income	15	60	23	▼
UK Equities	10	40	23	-
Europe ex UK Equities	0	15	5	-
US Equities	0	15	7	-
Global Equities	0	40	0	-
Japanese Equities	0	15	5	-
Far East & Asian Equities	0	15	5	-
Property	5	20	8	-
Multi Asset Abs Return	0	15	10	<b>A</b>
Equity Based Abs Return	0	10	4	-
Real Assets	0	10	6	-
Cash	0	15	5	▼

- This strategy is limited in the amount it can invest in overseas assets which can be positively or negatively impacted by changes in the relative valuation of currencies if the currency is not hedged.
- The strategy will hold a minimum of 10 different fund holdings and a maximum of 20.
- No individual holding will account for more than 17% of the strategy
- No invesment house will have more than 3 funds represented within the strategy.
- The policy of the strategy is to be managed on a fully "invested" basis
- In addition to mainstream Unit Trust/OEIC funds, the strategies may also invest, where appropriate, in: Boutique investment house funds, Alternative investment funds (FAIFS), Investment Trust, Structured Products, Tracker-type investments and ETFs.

## DEFENSIVE BALANCED MIXED ASSETS CONSTITUENTS

FIXED INCOME		Diff
GAM Credit Opportunities	4%	_
Blackrock Sterling Strategic Bond	4%	_
Legg Mason Brandywire Global Income Optimiser	5%	_
Liontrust Monthly Income Bond	5%	_
Royal London Short Duration Credit	5%	_
UK EQUITY		
Trojan Income	5%	_
J O Hambro UK Dynamic	7%	_
Royal London UK Equity Income	5%	-
Royal London Sustainable Leaders	6%	-
EUROPEAN EQUITY		
Miton European Opps	5%	_
US EQUITY Artemis US Extended Alpha	7%	
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PROPERTY		
Kames Property Income	4%	-
BMO Property Growth & Income	4%	-
JAPANESE EQUITY		
Jupiter Japan Income	5%	-
FAR EAST & ASIAN EQUITY		
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities	4%	-
ALTERNATIVES		
SVS Churchhouse Texax Absolute Return Strategy	6%	<b>A</b>
Artemis US Absolute Return Hedged	4%	-
IFSL Brooks Defensive Capital	4%	-
VT Gravis UK Infrastructure Income	6%	<b>A</b>
CASH	5%	-
*represents new funds		

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