

# DEFENSIVE BALANCED MIXED ASSETS

## **BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

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#### **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 whom 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.

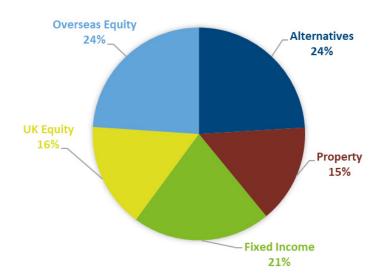
#### **INCOME YIELD**

Income yield as at 31/03/22: 1.78%

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

0.66%.

#### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



#### **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**

Blenheim Diversified Alternatives	24%
Blenheim Diversified Fixed Income	21%
Blenheim Diversified Property	15%
Blenheim UK Equity	16%
Blenheim Overseas Equity	24%

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#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

The quarter was one dominated by the Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February, a very sad human tragedy, which has exacerbated the rise in commodity prices and inflation, as significant economic sanctions were swiftly introduced against Russia and created a great deal of uncertainty. As you might imagine given the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the "risk-off" market environment which gripped global investment markets resulted in a negative return over the quarter. However, the defensive nature of the portfolio limited the losses to less than -3% and outperformed the benchmark on a relative basis.

Traditional balanced portfolios rely on equities and bonds fulfilling their roles – equities for good times, bonds to cushion the bad. But after a torrid three months for markets, investors are being forced to tear up the rulebook. Some time ago we recognised that we had to evolve our portfolios and our exposure to alternatives has offered a compelling way to navigate the challenging environment.

The returns from property and alternatives helped to offset the negative returns from overseas equity, UK equity and fixed income. A market strategist recently suggested central banks are testing the market's strength in the same way that jumping up and down on a frozen pond tests its strength. Low interest rates and asset price support via quantitative easing, which we have become accustomed to, is now being reversed. It is for this reason that the Blenheim portfolio constituents have been incrementally reducing their risk exposures; looking to preserve capital in a more volatile market environment.



#### **RETURN AND VOLATILITY 5 YEARS TO 31/03/22**

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