DEFENSIVE MIXED ASSETS PORTFOLIO

BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide capital growth in excess of UK inflation over a three-year rolling period.

STRATEGY, RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

The portfolio has a multi asset approach and will make use of different asset classes to minimize the downside whilst providing an element of upside inline the stated objective.

The portfolio is managed on a low risk profile, (lower risk than global equities). 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 it's stated risk profile. The portfolio's exposure to equities will be limited to no more than 25% and the balance will be invested in a blend of other asset classes to maintain the low risk nature of the portfolio without restricting the potential returns in line with the investment objective.

The portfolio is suitable for investors whom have a low risk tolerance but wish to be able to maintain the real purchasing power of their investment over a medium to long term basis.

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

UK Consumer Prices Index plus 2% over a three year rolling period.

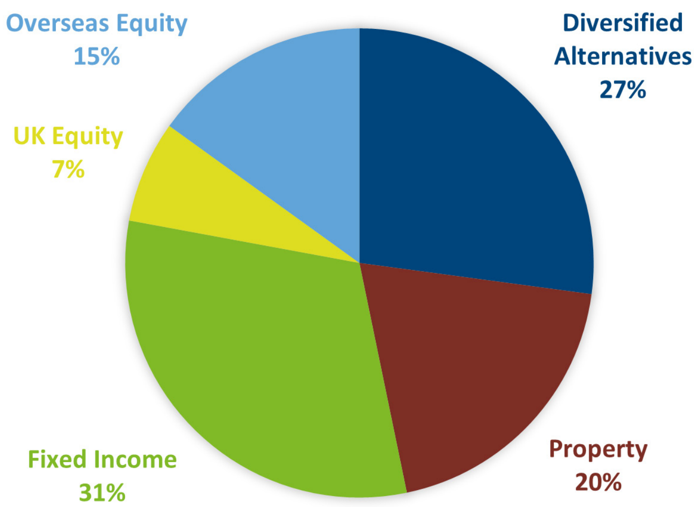
INCOME YIELD

Negligible. Any income is a by-product of the underlying investments and is not targeted by the managers.

ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF)

0.83%

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS

Blenheim Diversified Alternatives	27%
Blenheim Diversified Property	20%
Blenheim Fixed Income	31%
Blenheim UK Equity	7%
Blenheim Overseas Equity	15%

MANAGER COMMENTARY

In Q4 the strategy produced a small positive return with only Diversified Property detracting from these returns. Appetite for stocks revived a little in Q4, with the Dow Jones index, for example, posting its largest monthly gain since 1976 in October. This mini rally carried on into November as US inflation finally started to cool. However, in December, Fed Chair Powell took a sledgehammer to expectations that interest rates would peak sooner rather than later. Asia rallied somewhat at the end of the year, led by China as they relaxed some of their stringent Covid 19 rules. We now dare to hope that we are at last into a post-pandemic era. Still, China's reopening is likely to be bumpy, with infections rising initially before hopefully stabilising around the lunar new year of the Rabbit.

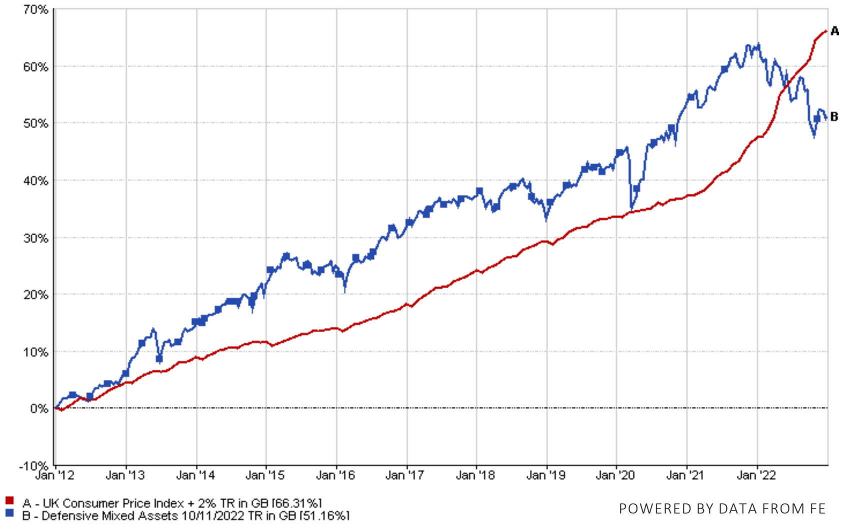
During the quarter we rebalanced the headline asset allocation of the model to take advantage of the move in bond yields by reducing Alternatives slightly in favour of Fixed Income. We also trimmed the UK exposure in favour of Overseas. Under the bonnet in the Blenheim funds, we continue to have preference for large-cap, defensive UK assets. We have added Gold to Alternatives, and we are now starting to add to corporate bonds within Fixed Income. We have switched the Japan exposure in Overseas to be fully exposed to the movement of the Yen. We have bought into a new Global Listed Property holding in the Property fund, following in-depth due diligence with the manager, who anecdotally is very excited that he may be launching the strategy at (or close to) the bottom of the market. We had been tracking the offshore version of this fund for some time, and this is the onshore launch of that strategy. There are some significant discounts to NAV (net asset value) in the listed property company space. While we cannot be sure about the NAV, we are confident those discounts are too large and will narrow, which gives us an opportunity to make returns.

We look forward to 2023 with optimism as the investment environment slowly returns to normality, having been turned upside down. That isn't to say economies are off to the races; there could be stagnation or even shrinkage in developed world economies, but headline CPI (inflation) figures have started to slow their ascent. We enter the most anticipated recession in living memory, but the slowdown is expected to be much less painful than past recessions.

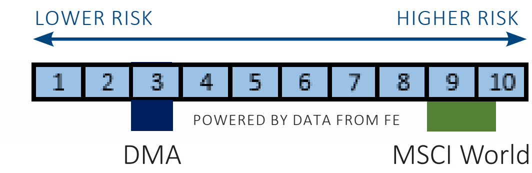
RETURN AND VOLATILITY

The chart below represents the performance of the Defensive Mixed Assets model versus its benchmark of UK CPI + 2% from inception of the model to the last available UK CPI print. The graphic to the right of the bar chart highlights the range of three year realised volatility for the model since inception along with that of Global Equities, represented by the MSCI World index.

SINCE INCEPTION PERFORMANCE TO THE LAST CPI POINT



3 YEAR ROLLING VOLATILITY RANGE SINCE INCEPTION



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