

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 who 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.

YIELD

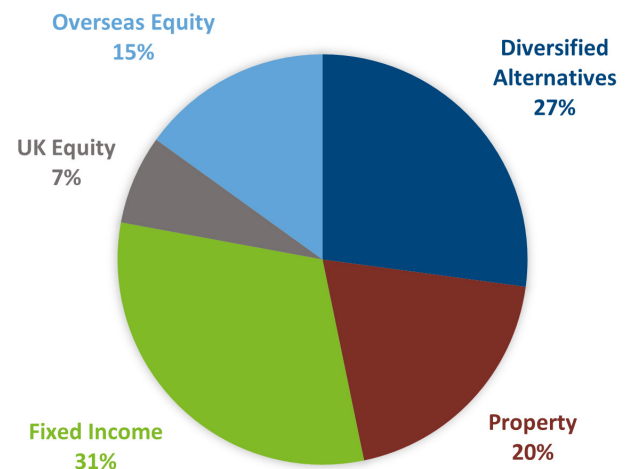
Historic Distribution Yield: 2.58%

Prospective Yield: 4.38%

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%

PERFORMANCE

	6M	1YR	3YR	5YR
Defensive Mixed Assets	5.18	4.70	3.15	18.35
ARC Sterling Cautious PCI	4.34	4.43	0.57	13.23
UK Consumer Price Index + 2%	0.99	5.44	27.77	35.54

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 AND TAX. IT IS CALCULATED USING THE HOLDINGS' EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS (DATA AS AT 29 DECEMBER 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

While the last quarter of 2023 was soggy in terms of the Great British weather along with periodic strike action, markets and portfolios finished the year brightly. In fact, it was one of the strongest quarters for decades. This was because investors quickly realised that interest rates were too high and are due to fall sharply in 2024, supported by Fed Chair Powell's comments after the December Fed meeting. There is quite a wide dispersion of views about the magnitude and pace of interest rate cuts from economists, and actions will be very data dependent. This short-term exuberance is likely to be followed by a period of correction, and we aren't getting too carried away and still have some "dry powder", which will be put to work opportunistically.

All Blenheim holdings made a positive contribution to the performance in a strong quarterly return for the fund, which was ahead of the ARC Sterling Cautious peer group. Diversified Fixed Income was the strongest contributor.

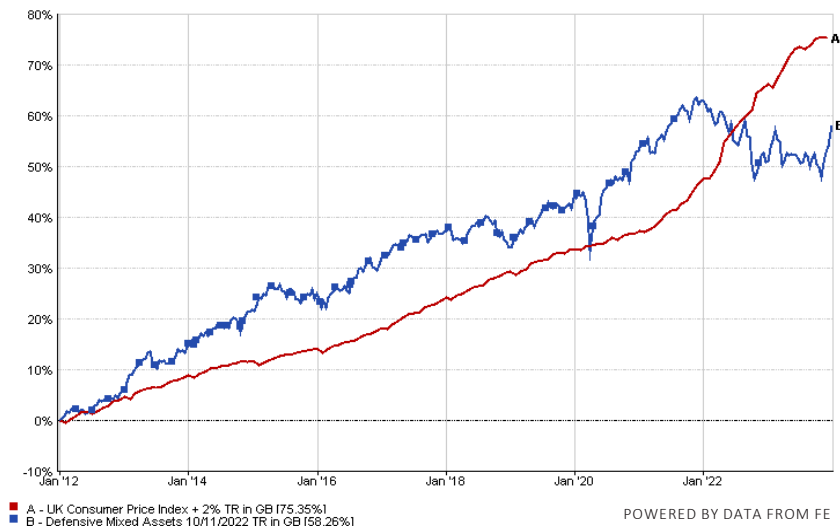
While there were no high-level asset allocation changes this quarter, there was ongoing activity in the underlying Blenheim funds, and you can find more detail in the monthly Blenheim fact sheets.

Despite the strong end to 2023, the coming year looks set to mirror the same uncertainty of 2023, and there are several questions we continue to debate: growth or recession? When will rate cuts start? What will inflation do? To name just a few. We still have ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, which could rattle markets and maybe the inflation picture.

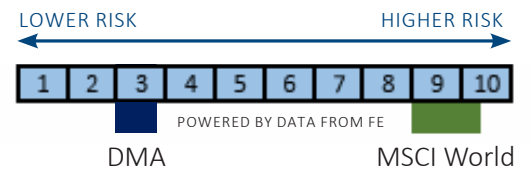
RETURN AND VOLATILITY

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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