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## DEFENSIVE MIXED ASSETS PORTFOLIO

### BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

**JULY 2022** 

RISK PROFILE 2-3 | INCEPTION DEC. 2011

### **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.

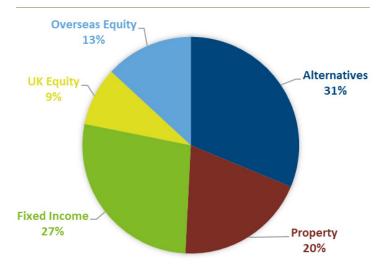
### **INCOME YIELD**

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

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

0.66%.

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



### **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**

Blenheim Diversified Alternatives	31%
Blenheim Diversified Fixed Income	27%
Blenheim Diversified Property	20%
Blenheim UK Equity	9%
Blenheim Overseas Equity	13%

### **MANAGER COMMENTARY**

As the half-time whistle blows on 2022, few asset classes have made money. The churn in equities and fixed income in the quarter has been severe. The S&P 500 entered a technical bear market on the 13th June. A bear market is usually defined as a drop of 20% or more in a market index. Does that mean all the bad news is priced in? The answer is no one knows for sure. We deliberate if central bankers will relent on hikes before they have inflation under control; so far they seem fixed on course. But with tentative signs of inflation peaking, it reduces the pressure and the risk of a policy mistake.

The underlying attribution of returns, which made up a negative return for the quarter, was disappointing with varying levels of negative returns across all asset classes. This, however, has historical precedent: in periods of market dislocation, correlations between asset classes always rise as investors sell what has held up relatively well to fund the losses from other asset classes.

The negative return felt by the Portfolio represents a resetting of the investment landscape. Government Bonds now have an interest rate or 'yield' which is moving back towards reflecting a more normal era level. The depressed interest rate environment seen since the global financial crisis, which was dominated by quantitative easing and extraordinary monetary policy, may now be coming to an end. We are slowly beginning to deploy capital into risk assets very cautiously; as various investments have fallen meaningfully, their valuations have become more attractive. We are acting cautiously, with incremental purchases acknowledging the difficulty in timing investments.

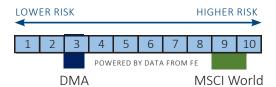
### **RETURN AND VOLATILITY**

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

# 70% 60% 60% 40% 30% 20% 10% -10/3n 12 Jan 13 Jan 14 Jan 15 Jan 16 Jan 17 Jan 18 Jan 19 Jan 20 Jan 21 Jan 22 A - UK Consumer Price Index + 2% TR in GB [54.68%] B - Defensive Mixed Assets 16/07/2021 TR in GB [54.68%]

# 3 YEAR ROLLING VOLATILITY RANGE SINCE INCEPTION



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