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# FOCUSED GROWTH MIXED ASSETS

# BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide capital growth on a long term basis.

#### STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

The portfolio seeks to achieve long term capital growth by investing in collectives that are primarily equity based and are invested across a range of geographical areas. The focus is on sectors, themes, regions and trends within the markets that offer the best long-term investment opportunity and returns.

The portfolio is managed with a high-risk tolerance, focused on the long term, consequently contain a high degree of volatility. As a result, it is only suitable for investors with a long-term time horizon (10 years plus) and whom have the ability to withstand large fluctuation in the value of their investments in the short to medium term. However, the high volatility is likely to be rewarded with the commensurate high return in the long run.

#### **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 Equity Risk Private Clients Index is a suitable benchmark. This index has a targeted volatility band of 80% - 110% relative to World Equities.

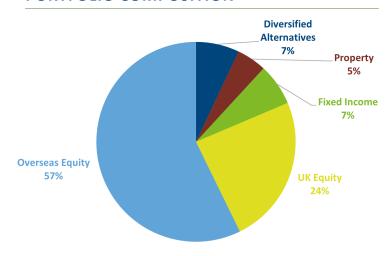
#### **INCOME YIELD**

Income is not a consideration for this portfolio. Any income produced is a by-product of the underlying holdings and will be incidental.

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

0.72%

#### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



#### **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**

Blenheim Diversified Alternatives	7%
Blenheim Diversified Property	5%
Blenheim Fixed Income	7%
Blenheim UK Equity	24%
Blenheim Overseas Equity	57%

#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

In Q3, the strategy produced negative returns, with UK Equity being the biggest detractor from performance. Despite this, BAM were pleased with the performance on a relative basis as the portfolio outperformed its benchmark.

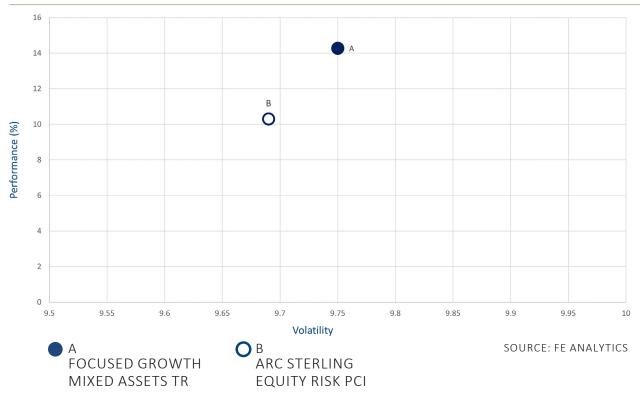
The quarter started quite brightly, but things soon turned for the worst after the Fed's jumbo hike and the not-so-mini-Budget on 23rd September. Headlines from the likes of the FT of "How Kwasi Kwarteng's mini-Budget broke the UK Bond market" didn't help sentiment. It hasn't been just the Bank of England intervening to support its currency; three of the four largest economies outside of the US (the UK, Japan, and China) made currency interventions at the end of September, mainly due to dollar strength.

Within the Blenheim Diversified Fixed Income Fund, approximately one-third of assets are held in cash and near cash instruments, which is why the Fund has performed very well in its sector and helped the portfolio maintain its value. On the flip side, rising government bond yields have pressured investors to rotate out of many traditionally "defensive" equities offering lower yields, creating a challenging environment for equities.

It is undoubtedly a difficult period where risk manifests itself in falling prices, but this risk allows for the potential to make positive returns over the longer term. The challenge for BAM is to invest the cash held, thus benefiting from investment opportunities that present themselves during these more volatile times. Positive news can come in the form of a less severe energy crisis than expected, developments concerning the war, Putin's grip on power and a cyclically weaker dollar.

The overall model continues to be defensively positioned relative to the past, although BAM are beginning to incrementally add back to risk assets within the underlying Blenheim funds.

## **RETURN AND VOLATILITY 5 YEARS TO 30/09/22**



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