# 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.

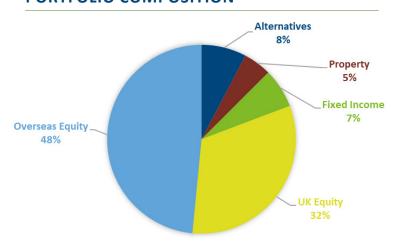
#### **INCOME YIELD**

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)**

0.64%.

#### **PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



#### **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**

Blenheim Diversified Alternatives	8%
Blenheim Diversified Fixed Income	7%
Blenheim Diversified Property	5%
Blenheim UK Equity	32%
Blenheim Overseas Equity	48%

#### **MANAGER COMMENTARY**

The strategy delivered a positive return in Q4 which rounded off a good year, although performance was slightly behind the benchmark.

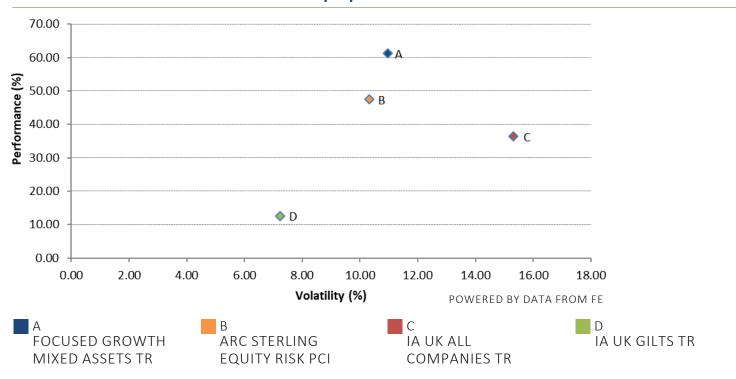
The strength of the revival in profits has been spectacular and the rebounding earnings proved that even the most optimistic projections from analysts were, in fact, too pessimistic. US Treasuries have been remarkably resilient considering the surprisingly sharp rise in inflation. Within periods of higher inflation, the performance of stocks and bonds tends to become more closely correlated. This is one of many reasons why we think alternatives are particularly useful in diversifying portfolios. Alternatives can also offer a direct path to investing in the net zero transition.

Alternatives made a positive contribution to the Q4 return along with the UK, Overseas and Property. While Property was the best performer over the quarter, it was the higher overseas weighting which contributed most to return. Fixed Income was a small detractor.

2021's equity market returns provide zero insight into what we can expect in 2022. The end of a calendar year is arbitrary as, in the long run, markets get it right – but, in the shorter term, it is more like a random walk. Nothing is certain in the circumstances we find ourselves in with this pandemic. Omicron has been a reminder, if any were needed, of the uncertain road that investors will have to navigate in 2022. The risks around central economic activity and policy mix are tilted towards stronger short-term inflation, weaker growth and tighter policy- a combination that markets can potentially cope with but, nevertheless, a somewhat less palatable cocktail than the one we saw at the start of 2021.

The individual funds within the model are actively managed and your managers remain comfortable with the current asset allocation.

# **RETURN AND VOLATILITY 5 YEARS TO 31/12/21**



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