

# SOCIAL IMPACT PORTFOLIO

# BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide capital growth on a long term basis by exposure to assets considered to be ethical by the managers.

#### STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITYT

The portfolio will be fully invested in the Blenheim Ethical opportunities Fund. This is a multi-asset fund, investing in a range of asset classes which are considered by the managers to be ethical investment choices.

The fund is managed with a cautious to a medium risk tolerance. In addition to the typical risks inherent in any investment, the additional ethical overlay does narrow the investment universe when compared to a normal multi-asset portfolio, and may have an adverse impact on the performance. The fund's exposure to equities will vary between a minimum of 20% and a maximum of 60% with the remaining balance invested in other suitable asset classes for diversification purposes. Diversification is further enhanced by investing no less than 70% of the fund in collectives.

#### ETHICAL CRITERIA

To be eligible for investment:

- Collective investment schemes must have a stated Environmental social or governance (ESG) objective and policy or a stated socially responsible (SRI) objective and policy.
- Property oriented collective investment schemes must have an independent accreditation for their ESG or SRI credentials.
- Direct investments must align to one or more of the sustainable development goals, as measured by the Investment manager's assessment of the business model.
- The investment manager will check at the point of investment and at least annually that a minimum of 70% of the collectives focusing on shares and Bonds, avoid companies that derive any revenue from any of the following: Human rights abuses, Environmental abuse, Animal testing for cosmetics and armaments.

The portfolio is suitable for investors whom are looking for capital growth on a long-term basis (5 years plus), and are prepared to accept a cautious to medium level of risk.

#### **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 balanced Assets Private Clients Index is a suitable benchmark. This index has a targeted volatility band of 40% - 60% relative to World Equities.

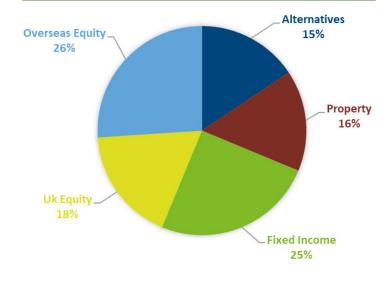
#### **INCOME YIELD**

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 Ethical Opportunities

100%

#### **MANAGER COMMENTARY**

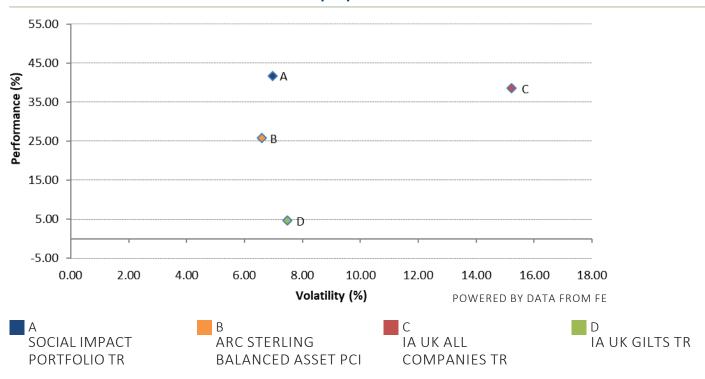
The rally that began in Spring 2020 is looking long in the tooth and, with the quarter ending, September weighed on returns as we saw a red month for many asset classes. September was a month to forget for the White House too. Squabbles threatened to foil the President's agenda along with health fears which sent stocks into a nosedive. We expect decisions made by law-makers in the coming weeks and months to carry significant impact into 2022 and beyond as key policy changes are implemented and digested by markets. We could see a reigning in of dominant technology platforms and increasing broader antitrust/market concentration scrutiny leading into the 2022 midterm elections.

The third quarter of 2021 has been another positive quarter for this model which returned a positive 1.10%, (gross of adviser fee) which compares very favorably with the ARC Sterling Balanced Assets return of plus 0.28%.

It was particularly pleasing to see that all the constituents of the underlying fund contributed positively to the total return, especially in the face of a very difficult quarter for fixed income assets with US Treasury Bond yields rising by some 14.6%. Rising bond yields means lower bond prices. However, the model's exposure to the fixed income assets had a small but positive return, a vindication of the managers' ultra-cautious outlook for this asset class for the remainder of 2021 whilst the inflation outlook remains uncertain. Other positive contributors to the performance were UK equities. The Ethical Opportunities fund also benefited from its exposure to alternative assets as well as bricks & mortar property funds. These assets not only had a positive contribution to performance, they also mitigated the fund's downside risk in equities, as a diversifier.

Having reduced risk in the previous quarter, the Ethical Opportunities fund continues to be relatively defensively positioned but without compromising the potential upside participation in any market rally.

### **RETURN AND VOLATILITY 5 YEARS TO 30/09/2021**



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