

# DIVERSIFIED FIXED INCOME FUND

NOVEMBER 2021

### MANAGER COMMENTARY

October proved to be a positive month for risk assets. In the UK, the largest 100 stocks outperformed medium and smaller companies. This is somewhat a surprise bearing in mind that these companies tend to be negatively correlated to sterling which strengthened throughout October.

The topic at the forefront of all investors during this period continued to be Inflation. Interestingly, the consensus has now changed and market participants expect inflation to be more persistent than transitory. However, much bigger forces such as Technology and demographics will, ultimately, keep the lid on inflation in the long run. US equities had a very good month too with the S&P 500 rising six consecutive days without a break. The same inflationary observations were also prevalent in the US markets but did not upset the strong upside momentum for the stocks.

The US 10 year Treasury's yield had a roller coaster ride in October, starting the month at around 1.46% and, after reaching the dizzy heights of 1.7%, ending the month at 1.56%. This was a reflection of the changing perceptions of inflation coupled with the prospects of the Fed having to start its tapering programme a lot earlier than anticipated, effectively signalling the end of QE and the easy money era.

During the month, the fund managed a small outperformance of its benchmark with a return of minus 0.28% versus IA Starling Strategic sector return of minus 0.33%. Your managers continue to remain extremely cautious and have accordingly positioned the fund very defensively to protect the downside as much as possible, whilst benefiting from any inflation surprises to the upside.

# HOLDINGS AS AT 29/10/2021

#### IShares \$Treasuries 1-3 yr Hedged 12.9% **GAM Credit Opps** 9.9% Aegon European ABS 10.0% Nomura Global Dynamic Bond Fund 10.0% Artemis Corporate Bond 5.0% 7.5% American Century EMD TR HSBC GIF RMB Fixed Income 6.8% 5.0% Wellington Global Impact Bond Lazard Global Convertible Recovery 5.0% Eaton Vance EMD Opps 4.9% iShares £ Index-Linked Gilts UCITS ETF GBP 6.0% Fair Oaks Income 3.2% SPDR Bloomberg \$ TIPS 4.0% Real Estate Credit Investments Ord 2.9% Honeycomb Investment Trust Plc 2.1% 4.8% **CASH**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the fund is to provide income. The fund will be actively managed to provide a diversified portfolio of Sterling denominated (or hedged back to Sterling) bonds. The type of bonds held may include government, investment grade, sub-investment grade and asset backed bonds.

## **PERFORMANCE**

The fund has less than a 1 year track record so no past performance is provided.

The IA (Investment Association) Sterling Strategic Bond Sector is used as the comparator. This is considered appropriate for investors to use when comparing performance as the sector is made up of funds with a similar strategy as defined by the IA.

# **KEY FACTS**

 ${\bf Authorised\ Corporate\ Director\ (ACD):\ Margetts\ Fund\ Management\ Ltd}$ 

Investment Adviser: Beckett Asset Management Ltd

Managers: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian, Elliot Basford

IA sector: IA Sterling Strategic Bond

Valuation point: 8.30am

Fund launch date: 11 January 2021

Yield: TBC

Distribution frequency: Quarterly

Distribution payment dates: 30 April, 31 July, 31 October, 31 January

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) B ACC: 0.51% Fund size as at 29/10/2021: £83.79m

# RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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