

# **DEFENSIVE MIXED ASSETS**



## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide long term capital growth for investors with a low-risk tolerance.

## 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 with 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 who 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**

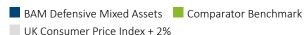
The Portfolio is managed by Beckett Asset Management's team of investment professionals: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian and Ian Goodchild.

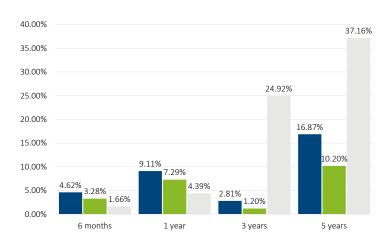
As well as deciding on asset allocation, the team also manages the underlying Blenheim range of funds. These are actively managed utilising a wide investment universe, in line with their investment objectives.

#### **BENCHMARK**

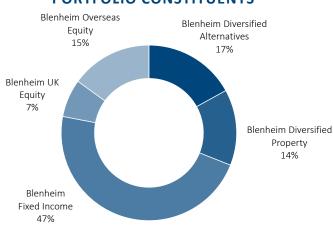
ARC Sterling Cautious Private Clients Index is a suitable benchmark. This index has a targeted volatility band of 0-40% relative to World Equities.

## **PERFORMANCE**

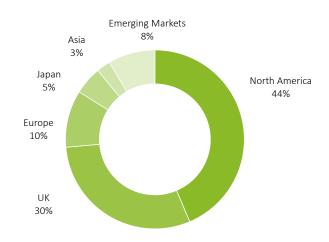




# **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**



## **REGIONAL SPLIT OF EQUITY EXPOSURE**



#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

The model delivered a small positive return in November and is in positive territory year to date.

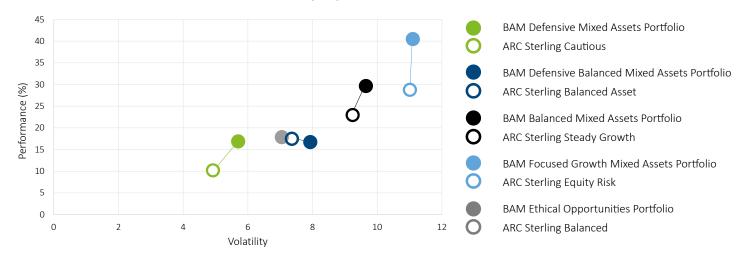
This month the Overseas fund was the main driver of performance, followed by Alternatives, UK and Fixed Income. The Property exposure was a small detractor.

There was a bit of activity in the underlying Blenheim funds which you can read about in the Blenheim factsheets.

This year was always going to be interesting from a political perspective with over half of the global population voting in general elections, but not many people would have expected so much off-ballot action. French politics has reached a crisis point. Currently we have an underweight to France, but we continue to follow the evolving situation given France's importance to Europe both financially and politically.

In December each year investors hope for a phenomenon known as a Santa Rally whereby positive momentum builds in investment markets as we approach Christmas. Theories seeking to explain the moves vary from workers investing bonuses to investors simply feeling seasonally optimistic. To put some figures to the theory, over the past 50 years the S&P 500 has been positive in December 78% of the time compared to 59% when we consider all months. Hopefully we will see a Santa Rally but as always, focus should be on longer term performance as short-term moves can be unpredictable.

# **RETURN AND VOLATILTY - 5 YEARS TO 30/11/2024**



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RISK WARNINGS

Charts' data source: FE Fundinfo.

As is the very nature of investing, there are inherent risks and the value of your investment will both rise and fall over time. Please do not assume that past performance will repeat itself and you must be comfortable in the knowledge that you may receive less than you originally invested. Changes in rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment. The opinions stated are those of Beckett Asset Management Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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#### **AVAILABLE PLATFORMS**













