

# ETHICAL GROWTH



## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide capital growth on a total return basis.

## STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

The Portfolio invests wholly in the Blenheim Ethical Growth fund. This is a multi-asset fund, investing in a range of assets which are considered by the managers to be ethical investment choices

It is managed with a high-risk tolerance, focused on the long term. Consequently, it will contain a high degree of volatility. As a result, it is only suitable for investors with a long-term time horizon (10 years plus) who can withstand large fluctuations in the value of their investments in the short to medium term. However, the high volatility will likely be rewarded with a commensurate high return in the long run.

Exposure to equities is expected to be between 65% and 85% under normal circumstances, although it may range between 40% and 85%.

Elligible investments must:

- have environmental, social or governance (ESG) objectives, accreditation or alignment;
- align to one or more of the sustainable development goals, as measured by the Investment manager's assessment;
- contain a minimum of 70% of the collectives focusing on shares and bonds, and seek to avoid companies that derive revenue from: human rights abuses, environmental abuse, animal testing for cosmetics and armaments.

# **MANAGEMENT**

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

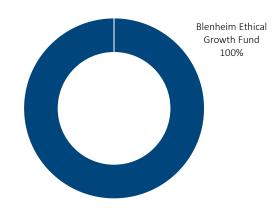
# **BENCHMARK**

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.

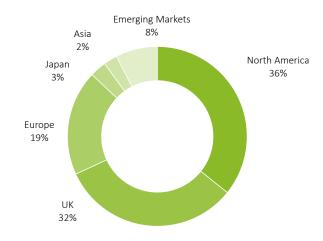
# **PERFORMANCE**

Due to the recent launch date of the Fund, there is insufficient performance track record to display.

# **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**



# REGIONAL SPLIT OF EQUITY EXPOSURE



#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

The model delivered a positive return in November and is in positive territory year to date, but we have had some Ethical headwinds. Attitudes towards climate change have been disappointing affecting asset prices and sadly climate change has been politically weaponised. The portfolio has a dual mandate to invest ethically and seek positive returns and temporary disconnects between the fortunes of ethical investing and unrestricted investing should not overshadow one's desire to do good. The risks and opportunities around climate change and corporate governance are not going away.

We are pleased to report all asset class exposures contributed positively to performance in November, with the strongest contributions coming from the UK and Overseas. 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**

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# **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.

BAM MPS performance figures take into account the ongoing charges of the underlying holdings but exclude adviser charges and platform fees. Inclusion of these will result in a lower return to the end investor, depending on the client agreement and the platform used. Prospective yield is not guaranteed and does not include deductions for expenses and tax. It is calculated using the holdings' expected distributions over the next 12 months (data as at 30/06/2024). Any variation in the actual amounts paid will impact the total yield. This impact could be positive or negative.

ARC PCI: Asset Risk Consultants (ARC) operate the Private Client Indices (PCI) across the risk spectrum as performance measurement and yardsticks for discretionary portfolio managers. This data includes platform fees and may be estimated and subject to revision.

### **AVAILABLE PLATFORMS**













