

DEFENSIVE BALANCED MIXED ASSETS



INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide income and long term capital growth.

STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

The Portfolio has a multi asset approach and will make use of different asset classes to achieve its objective.

The Portfolio is managed with a moderate level of risk. 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 its stated risk profile. The Portfolio's exposure to equities will be limited to no more than 60% and the balance will be invested in a blend of other asset classes to maintain the moderate risk profile nature of the Portfolio.

The Portfolio is suitable for investors who are looking for income and longer term (5 years plus) capital growth, and are prepared to accept a moderate level of risk, which is a higher level than the Defensive Mixed Assets Portfolio and with the commensurate higher potential return, but lower than Global Equities.

MANAGEMENT

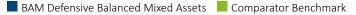
The Portfolio is managed by Beckett Asset Management's team of investment professionals: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian and Ian Goodchild.

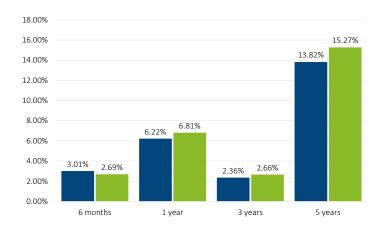
As well as deciding on asset allocation, the team also manages the underlying Blenheim range of funds. These are actively managed utilising a wide investment universe, in line with their investment objectives.

BENCHMARK

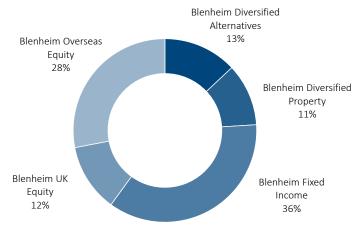
ARC Sterling Balanced Assets Private Clients Index is a suitable benchmark. This index has a targeted volatility band of 20%- 60% relative to World Equities.

PERFORMANCE

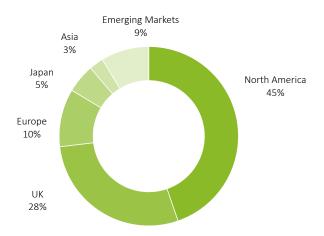




PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS



REGIONAL SPLIT OF EQUITY EXPOSURE



MANAGER COMMENTARY

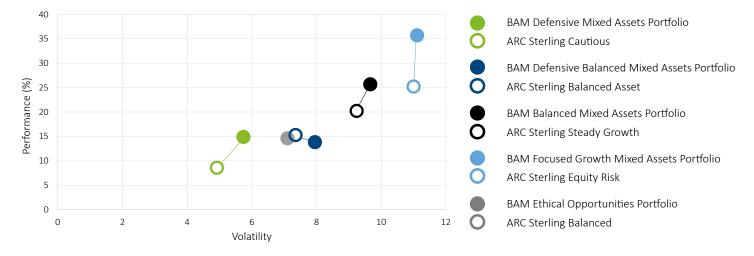
The model delivered a small negative return in December but finished the year in positive territory.

This month all underlying exposures detracted, but Fixed Income was most defensive on a relative basis.

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

Despite the year-end mini-correction, 2024 was an excellent year for global equity investor, but for those with a more balanced portfolio and the wobbles along the way, maybe it didn't feel like it. Trump's victory has driven investors to increase overweight to US equities, drawing in capital from the rest of the world. There are high expectations, high valuations and high allocations to the US, but comparatively cautious positioning, valuations and allocations elsewhere.

As we usher in 2025, we've now had two years of plus 20 percent plus gains for US Equities. The return of Trump suggests market risks are rising. With both the US stock market and retail investor optimism at all-time highs, backed by record inflows to US equities, the sensible option is a balanced portfolio.



RETURN AND VOLATILTY - 5 YEARS TO 31/12/2024

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.

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 31/12/2024). 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





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