

# ETHICAL OPPORTUNITIES



### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide capital growth on a total return basis.

#### STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

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 Portfolio 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.

The Portfolio is suitable for investors who 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. Eligible 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.

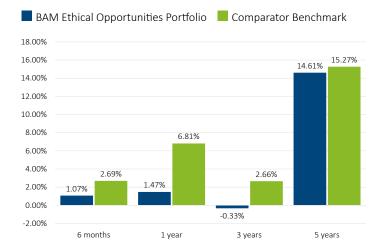
### **MANAGEMENT**

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

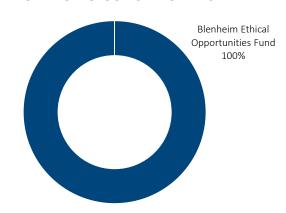
# **BENCHMARK**

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

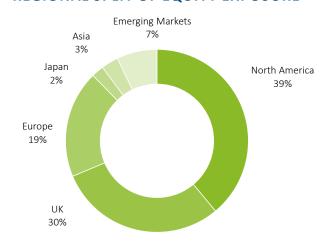
## **PERFORMANCE**



## **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.

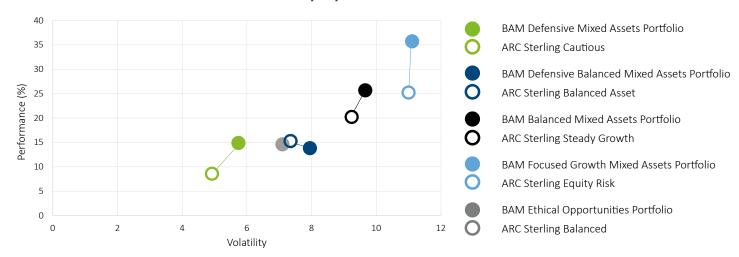
This month all underlying exposures detracted, but Alternatives and Fixed Income were most defensive on a relative basis.

Large investments are planned in Europe in solar and wind, green hydrogen, and electrification, as the sector benefits from the region's energy transition under the EU Green Deal, with a Clean Industrial Deal to be published in the first quarter. Industries like electronics, engineering and aerospace, and pharmaceuticals should also experience above-average growth which will help the performance which lagged in 2024.

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.

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#### **AVAILABLE PLATFORMS**













