

# ETHICAL BALANCED



#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide capital growth on a total return basis.

#### STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

The Portfolio invests in the Blenheim Ethical Opportunities fund and the Blenheim Ethical Growth fund. These are multi-asset funds, investing in a range of assets which are considered by the managers to be ethical investment choices to achieve its objective.

The Portfolio is managed with a balanced level of risk and is suitable for investors who are looking for a combination of income and longer term (5 years plus) capital growth and are prepared to accept a moderate level of risk.

Exposure to equities is expected to be between 65% and 85% under normal circumstances.

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.

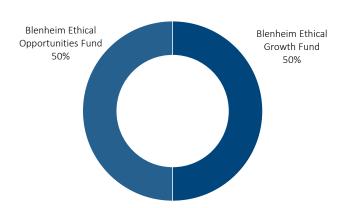
# **BENCHMARK**

ARC Sterling Steady Growth Private Clients Index is a suitable benchmark. This Index has a targeted volatility band of 60%- 80% relative to World Equities.

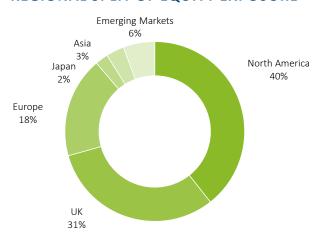
### **PERFORMANCE**

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

As we reflect on the first quarter of 2025, the dominant story for investors has not been inflation, interest rates, or even the prospect of slowing growth—it's been tariffs. In a dramatic return to form, President Donald Trump, having secured a second term in office, launched a sweeping and immediate set of tariff hikes that have reshaped the global trade landscape almost overnight. This abrupt escalation in protectionism has had significant implications for investors, rippling through equity markets, bond pricing, and broader economic sentiments.

March was a difficult month and portfolio returns were negative. In the underlying Ethical Growth fund, we trimmed exposure to JPM Macro Sustainable to buy Royal Mint Physical Gold to increase diversification benefits. The Royal Mint established a world-first plant in Wales in 2023 to recover gold from UK electronic waste. The Royal Mint used chemistry which is capable of recovering over 99% of the precious metals contained within electronic waste. They also have on-site sustainable energy solutions and have a target of which >50% of the gold backing will be 100% recycled gold bars, with the aim of increasing this proportion over time, which we will monitor.

The path forward may be uncertain, but it's times like these when diversification is our friend. The team has positioned the BAM portfolios to be very capable of navigating choppier waters and even finding opportunity amid the upheaval.

#### **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 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**













