

# 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**

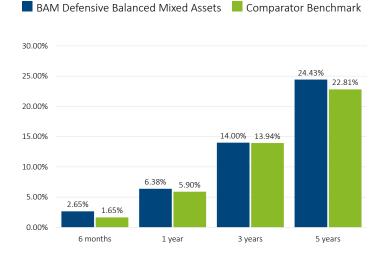
The Portfolio is managed by Beckett Asset Management's team of investment professionals: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian and Ian Goodchild.

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.

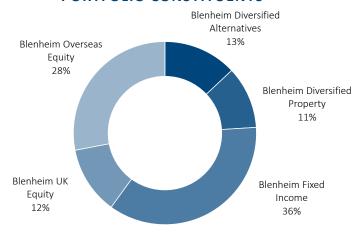
#### **BENCHMARK**

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.

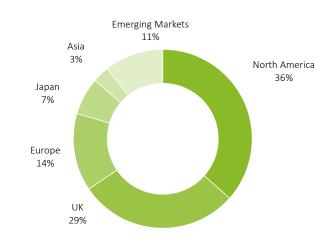
# **PERFORMANCE**



## **PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS**



## **REGIONAL SPLIT OF EQUITY EXPOSURE**



#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

The model had a positive month in July with a return of 1.98%<sup>1</sup>.

The global markets also experienced a broadly positive tone, though divergence across regions was notable. In the U.S. equity market, the S&P 500 rose approximately 2.17%, reaching fresh highs fueled by strong corporate earnings and optimism around trade dynamics and Federal Reserve policy easing. U.S. small- and mid-cap equities underperformed their large-cap counterparts, with the Russell 2000 up about 1.7%.

The UK equity market had a strong month as well; the FTSE 100 climbed around 4%, briefly surpassing the 9,000-point mark, driven by strength in mining, banking, and telecom sectors. Emerging markets outperformed both U.S. and non-U.S. developed equities. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained approximately 2–6%, buoyed by strength in Greater China, Taiwan, Korea, Brazil, and other regions.

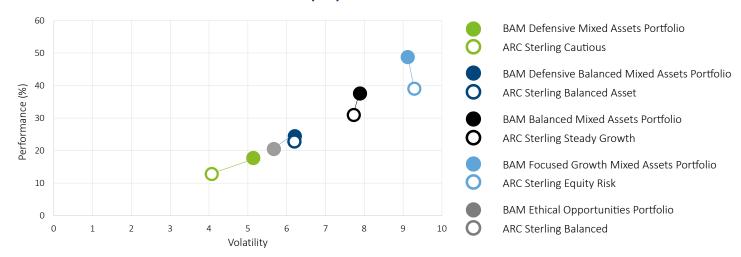
On the bond front, U.S. Treasury yields softened late in July, with the 10-year benchmark rate retreating to around 4.23%, reflecting rate-cut expectations. In the UK, gilt yields rose sharply (roughly 15–20 basis points) to near 4.6–4.7%, amid ongoing fiscal concerns and market scrutiny of quantitative tightening.

Currency markets saw the U.S. dollar recouping some losses. After declining significantly earlier in the year, the dollar recovered approximately 3.2% in July, stabilising against major currencies.

Geopolitically, markets were buoyed by easing U.S. trade tensions and positive corporate earnings developments. However, underlying risks remain, particularly around evolving fiscal policies in the UK and geopolitical shifts in emerging economies.

1 = FE Fundinfo 30 June 2025 to 31 July 2025

# **RETURN AND VOLATILTY - 5 YEARS TO 31/07/2025**



# 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**













