

2024

2022



### **Investment Objectives**

The portfolio aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term, keeping within the prescribed volatility limits whilst  $_{40.0\%}$ investing in low cost ETFs or Index funds for the core and active funds for the satellite positions.

## AB Risk Rated Adventurous

# **Investment Growth** Time Period: 01/01/2018 to 31/03/2024 -20.0%

■ IA Flexible Investment AB Risk Rated Adventurous 31.1%

2020

Snapshot			
Base Currency	Pound Sterling		
12 Month Yield	1.95%		
Ongoing Charge	0.49%		
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.25%		
Portfolio Cost	0.74%		

## **Benchmark** Comparator Benchmark IA Flexible

# Time Period: 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
AB Risk Rated Adventurous	0.49	7.84
IA Flexible Investment	0.50	7.11

### **Top 10 Holdings**

Risk

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

	Portfolio Weighting %
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx £ Acc	10.05%
Fortem Capital Dynamic Growth Fund A GBP	9.70%
Fidelity Index US P GBP Acc H	9.08%
Vanguard FTSE Dev €pe ex-UK Eq Idx £ Acc	8.80%
iShares North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc	8.79%
Vanguard Pac exJpn Stk Idx £ Acc	8.00%
Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc	7.39%
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc	5.16%
Fidelity Index Emerging Markets P Acc	4.50%
Janus Henderson Glb Tech Leaders I Acc	3.08%

The aggregate total may not add up to the sum shown due to Morningstar roundings.

#### **Investment Team**

Investment Manager

Asim Javed, CFA

74.53%

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#### Calendar Year Returns

2018

	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception [01-01-2018]
AB Risk Rated Adventuro	us 5.12	10.36	10.11	11.37	37.87	43.24
IA Flexible Investment	4.48	9.96	10.09	11.01	32.05	31.10

Launch date 28/01/2021. Past performance shown prior to this date is for illustration purposes only and shows performance of AB Core Plus Adventurous

#### Asset Allocation **Equity Regional Exposure** Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024 Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024 US Equity Large Cap Blend 17 9 North America 38.0 Global Emerging Markets Equity 14.5 Europe developed 13.7 Flexible Allocation 9.7 United Kingdom 11.7 9.2 UK Equity Large Cap Asia emerging 9.4 8.8 Europe Equity Large Cap Asia developed 88 Asia ex-Japan Equity 8.0 7.2 Australasia Japan Equity 5.2 6.7 Japan Technology Sector Equity 4.9 Latin America 2.0 4.5 Global Fixed Income Africa/Middle East 1.9 Energy Sector Equity 3.5 0.5 Othe 13.9 Europe emerging

## Manager's Commentary

In the first quarter of 2024, we witnessed positive outcomes in our portfolio's performance.

Some important milestones included the Bank of Japan raised interest rates for the first time in 37 years, while the Swiss National Bank initiated an interest rate cutting cycle with a 0.25% decrease. Inflation in the United States surprised on the downside, pleasing domestic markets, though core inflation remained steady, particularly due to persistent housing costs.

The Federal Reserve indicated a likelihood of three rate cuts in 2024 but uncertainty regarding further easing in 2025. The promise of lower interest rates, coupled with an impending Presidential election, boosted optimism in US markets. Solid economic growth, a robust labour market, and optimistic consumer confidence further fuelled this positivity. Moreover, ample liquidity supported risk assets, acting as a vital lubricant for portfolio growth.

Chinese equities and emerging markets remained stable. Copper prices and commodities in general were supported by increased Chinese demand, indicating manufacturing demand. However, deflation in China is a real phenomenon and is finding its way into Western markets, supported by a weaker

In Europe, the European Central Bank faced pressure to cut interest rates to alleviate the burden on struggling Eurozone economies. ECB has indicated it may front run the Fed to cut interest rates. In the UK we were all pleased to see inflation falling back and offering an overdue positive surprise.

In March, Technology and Special situation funds posted strong performance, while long duration bond funds saw some gains too. Sustainable energy funds also benefited from favourable equity market sentiment. Meanwhile, geopolitical tensions persisted, with conflicts in the Middle East and the Russo-Ukraine crisis causing instability

Despite potential geopolitical risks, the outlook remained optimistic. A regenerative interest rate cutting cycle across developed markets, robust economic performance in the US, and resilient corporate earnings suggested further upside potential. Alpha Beta Partners maintained a cautious risk-on positioning in portfolios, aiming to capture opportunities while remaining cognizant of the potential downside risks.

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