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AB Sustainable Adventurous

Data as at 31 March 2024

2024

12.9%

Investment Objectives

The portfolio aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term, keeping within the prescribed volatility limits whilst investing, where appropriate, in low cost ETFs or Index funds, physically invested and with a low tracking error.

AB Sustainable Adventurous invests a minimum core of 80% in funds that are sustainable and contribute positively to either the environment or society, and that provide solutions to global issues. The sustainable models are aligned to the core model's risk first asset allocation, utilising both thoroughly researched active and passive instruments, whilst remaining a cost-effective solution to responsible investing.

Snapshot	
Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Month Yield	1.46%
Ongoing Charge	0.54%
Management Fee (VAT exempt)	0.25%
Portfolio Cost	0.79%

Comparator Benchmark

Risk						
Time Period: 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024						
	Std Dev	Sharpe Ratio				
AB Sustainable Adventurous	9.20	0.62				
IA Flexible Investment	7.11	0.95				

Top 10 Holdings

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

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Vanguard ESG Em Mkts All Cp Eq Idx £ Acc	17.65%
Vanguard SRI European Stk £ Acc	12.31%
iShares Japan Equity ESG Idx (UK) D Acc	7.28%
Royal London Sustainable Leaders C Acc	6.68%
Brown Advisory US Sust Gr GBP B Inc	6.29%
CT Responsible UK Equity 2 Acc	4.98%
Janus Henderson Global Sust Eq I Acc	4.96%
Liontrust Sust Fut Glbl Gr 2 Net Acc	4.92%
Stewart Inv Asia Pac Sustnby B GBP Acc	4.24%
Impax Asian Environmental Markets IRL X	4.22%

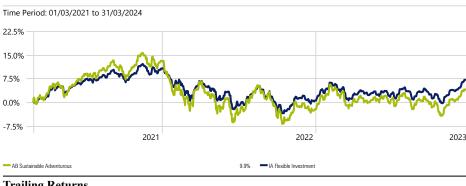
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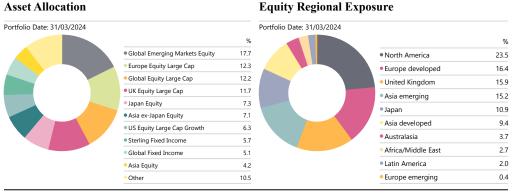
IA Flexible

Weighting %

Investment Growth

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	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (01/03/2021)	
AB Sustainable Adventurous	4.29	9.79	9.00	7.68	36.72	9.92	
IA Flexible Investment	4.48	9.96	10.09	11.01	32.05	12.85	

The portfolio launched on 1 March 2021. Performance data prior to this date is for illustration purposes only and is backed tested performance using the asset allocation of the portfolio at launch.



Manager's Commentary

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

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 .29% manufacturing demand. However, deflation in China is a real phenomenon and is finding its way into Western markets, supported by a weaker Yuan

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 96% 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. Meanwhile, geopolitical tensions persisted, with conflicts in the Middle East and the Russo-Ukraine crisis causing instability. .92%

.24% 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 .22% portfolios, aiming to capture opportunities while remaining cognizant of the potential downside risks.

At a portfolio level, the Sustainable Adventurous model benefited from its European equity exposure, with its best performing fund being the Vanguard SRI European Stock fund. One of the fund's biggest holdings is Novo Nordisk, who are discovering and developing innovative biological medicines and making them accessible to patients throughout the world. They concentrate on the serious chronic diseases that affect hundreds of millions of people and that are among the most urgent global health challenges.

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