

# Alpha Beta Portfolios AB4 Core



Data as at 31 March 2024

# **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, physically invested and with a low tracking error.

## **Investment Growth**

Calendar Year Returns

**Asset Allocation** 

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024



Alpha Beta AB4 Core ■ IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

## **Snapshot**

Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Month Yield	2.78%
Ongoing Charge	0.23%
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.20%
Portfolio Cost	0.43%

## Data Point: Return

	3 Month	6 Month	1 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception [01/01/2018]
Alpha Beta AB4 Core	4.53	10.53	11.30	15.76	38.47	45.74
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	4.15	10.15	10.11	10.67	29.16	29.22

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12.2

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**Equity Regional Exposure** 

North America

United Kinadom

Asia emerging

Asia developed

Australasia

Latin America

Africa/Middle Fast

Europe emerging

Europe developed

17.9

11.8

10.3

6.5

5.1

2.0

1.3

0.3

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

#### **Benchmark**

Comparator Benchmark IA Mixed Investment 40-85%

# **Risk Profile**

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### Risk

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

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
Alpha Beta AB4 Core	0.57	7.25
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	0.49	7.29

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

US Equity Large Cap Blend

Global Emerging Markets Equity

Sterling Fixed Income

UK Equity Large Cap

Infrastructure Sector Equity

Europe Equity Large Cap

Asia ex-Japan Equity

Other

US Fixed Income

Japan Equity

# **Top 10 Holdings**

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

	Portfolio
	Weighting 9
North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc	13.56%

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Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc	12.16%
Fidelity Index US P GBP Acc H	9.05%
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx £ Acc	8.46%
Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc	7.22%
Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc	7.20%
First Sentier Glb Lstd Infra B GBP Acc	7.04%
Man GLG High Yield Opports Profl Acc C	6.44%
Vanguard FTSE Dev €pe ex-UK Eq Idx £ Acc	6.11%
Vanguard Pac exJpn Stk Idx £ Acc	4.05%

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

## **Investment Team**

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# **Manager's Commentary**

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

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

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

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. 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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