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AB Risk Rated Balanced

Growth

Investment Growth

Data as at 31 March 2024

Investment Objectives

Snapshot Base Currency

12 Month Yield

Ongoing Charge

Portfolio Cost

Risk

Benchmark

Comparator Benchmark

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

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Top 10 Holdings

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc

Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx £ Acc

Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc

First Sentier Glb Lstd Infra B GBP Acc

Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc

Man GLG High Yield Opports Profl Acc C

Vanguard FTSE Dev €pe ex-UK Eq Idx £ Acc

Fidelity Index US P GBP Acc H

IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

Fortem Capital Dynamic Growth Fund A GBP

iShares North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc

Management Fee (VAT where applicable)

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



Calendar Vear Returns

Pound Sterling		3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception [01-01-2018]
2.02%	AB Risk Rated Balanced Growth	4.84	10.66	11.92	17.03	45.78	55.00
0.52%	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	4.14	10.15	10.11	10.67	29.15	29.22

Portfolio Weighting %

9.75%

9.73%

8.72%

66.17%

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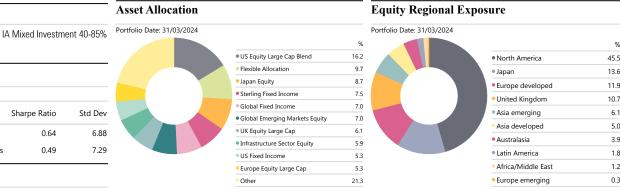
Sharpe Ratio

0.64

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0.25%

Launch date 28/01/2021. Past performance shown prior to this date is for illustration purposes only and shows performance of AB Core Plus Balanced Growth. 0.77%



Manager's Commentary

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 Yuan

In Europe, the European Central Bank faced pressure to cut interest rates to alleviate the burden on struggling Europone 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. 5.06%

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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Investment Team

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Morningstar roundings

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

6.97% 6.50% 5.29% 5.18%

4.59% 4.38%

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