

AB Lifetime Portfolio

Data as at 31 May 2025

Investment Objectives

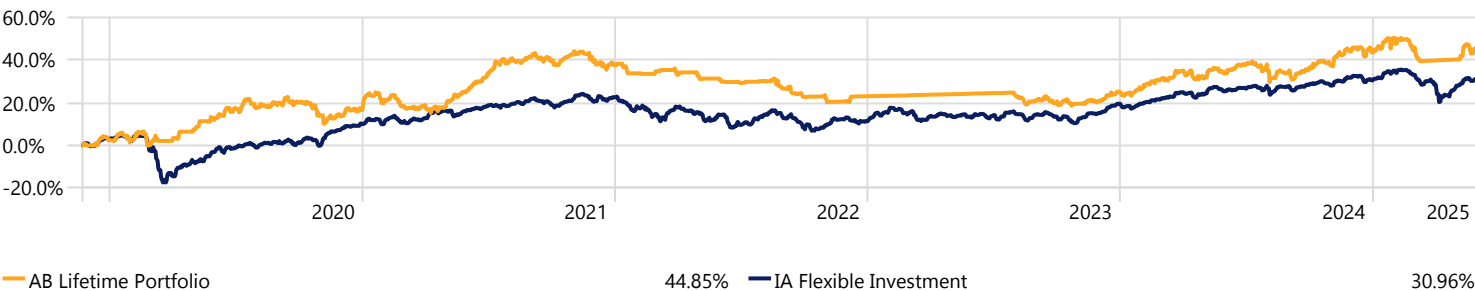
The objective of AB Lifetime is to provide the returns associated with a growth focused multi-asset portfolio in the medium to long term, while also smoothing equity returns to mitigate sequence risk. The portfolio is subject to an overlay which switches the entire portfolio to cash and vice versa when the 200-day portfolio return falls above or below the 200-day moving average. The return profile shows periods of portfolio growth and periods held in cash.

Key Facts

Launch Date	23 November 2019
Base Currency	Pound Sterling
Benchmark	IA Flexible Investment
Model Portfolio Service Charge (No VAT Charged)	0.275%
Underlying Fund Costs	0.10%
Portfolio Cost	0.375%

Investment Growth

Time Period: 23/11/2019 to 31/05/2025



Performance Summary

As at 31 May 2025	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021
AB Lifetime Portfolio	0.30	0.66	8.46	10.41	44.85	1.06	14.65	1.69	-10.55	18.03
IA Flexible Investment	-1.49	-0.48	4.59	14.47	30.96	0.49	9.16	7.31	-9.13	11.38

Performance data should be reviewed alongside the important risk information on page 2.

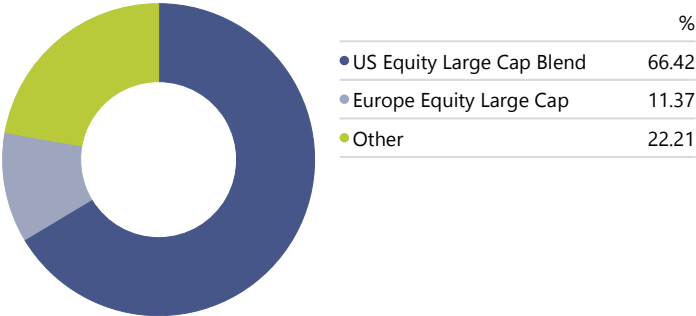
Top Holdings

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2025

	Portfolio Weighting %
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF USD Acc	66.42%
iShares Cor MSCI Eurp UCITS ETF EUR Dist	11.37%
Vanguard FTSE Emerg Markets ETF \$Dis	9.58%
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF \$Dis	5.01%
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF GBP Dist	3.29%
iShares Core MSCI Pac ex-Jpn ETF USD Acc	2.39%
Cash	1.94%
L&G Cash Trust I Inc	0.00%

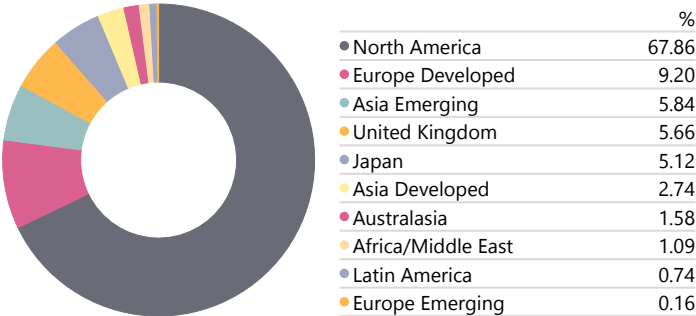
Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2025



Equity Regional Exposure

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2025



Manager Commentary

2025 has been far from normal, with markets rattled by Trump Administration rhetoric. Amid the noise, we've stayed anchored to our forward-looking process—our guide through ongoing volatility and uncertainty.

With Donald Trump back in the White House, erratic policy shifts and intraday reversals have challenged even the most seasoned portfolio managers. Slower population growth, driven by immigration policy, poses a structural drag on long-term growth. The reconciliation bill offers a short-lived boost in 2026 but dampens growth thereafter. Tariffs—now imposed on steel and aluminium—add further uncertainty. While deregulation could offer some upside, current policies will expand deficits and with it debt burden.

However, May brought encouraging results, particularly following a sharp 21.5% equity sell-off that left nearly all USD assets—except gold—marked down. Markets rebounded after Trump postponed sweeping tariffs, including a 50% duty on EU imports, to July 2025. This decision triggered a late-month rally, easing trade concerns.

The S&P 500 gained 9.6%, led by technology and healthcare earnings, while the Nasdaq rose 10.2% on strength in semiconductors and quantum computing. Biotech, fintech, and Ethereum-related optimism also supported gains. Volatility persisted amid legal challenges to tariff powers and mixed Fed signals. Bond yields climbed globally, spurred by fiscal measures and military spending. Consumer sentiment recovered, buoyed by equities, crypto gains, and improved GDP forecasts.

In the UK, the government is reportedly reconsidering its fiscal rules, despite earlier assurances to the contrary. Debt remains elevated, and growth strategies have yet to deliver following this year's tax increases. GDP is projected to rise by just 0.8% in 2025. Inflation eased to 2.3%, aided by lower energy costs and a firmer pound. The labour market stayed tight, with wages outpacing inflation. The FTSE 100 rose 3.4%, driven by energy and financials.

Japan's economy continues to struggle, contracting 0.2% in Q1, with full-year growth revised to just 0.7%, hurt by U.S. tariffs on car exports. Inflation hit 3.5%, while real wages fell and consumer spending stalled. Bond yields spiked, causing paper losses for insurers. Despite this, the Nikkei rose 1.2%, aided by defensive sectors and a weaker yen. Our reduced Japan exposure proved timely. In China, modest equity gains followed easing measures, though structural challenges persist.

Systematic triggers remained in a risk-on stance throughout the month, despite some volatility towards the end. The portfolio remains fully invested and positioned accordingly.

Platform Availability



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