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AB Risk Rated Cautious

2018

Data as at 31 March 2024

2024

21.6

11.9

9.2

47

4.1

4.1

1.5

1.0

0.2

2022

Investment Objectives

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.

Time Period: 01/01/2018 to 31/03/2024 20.0%

AB Risk Rated Cautious IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

Snapshot				
Base Currency	Pound Sterling			
12 Month Yield	2.28%			
Ongoing Charge	0.51%			
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.25%			
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Benchmark Comparator Benchmark IA Mixed Investment 20-60%

Risk						
Time Period: 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024						
	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev				
AB Risk Rated Cautious	0.39	5.40				
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	0.35	6.35				

Top 10 Holdings Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

	Portfolio Weighting %
Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc	10.48%
Royal London Short Duration Gilts M Inc	10.35%
Fortem Capital Dynamic Growth Fund A GBP	9.90%
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc	9.72%
Schroder Global Healthcare Z Acc	4.91%
Fidelity Index US P GBP Acc H	4.52%
Man GLG High Yield Opports Profl Acc C	4.08%
Vanguard UK Lg Dur Gilt Idx £ Acc	3.90%
First Sentier Glb Lstd Infra B GBP Acc	3.75%
iShares North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc	3.56%

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

Investment	Team
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Calendar Year Returns

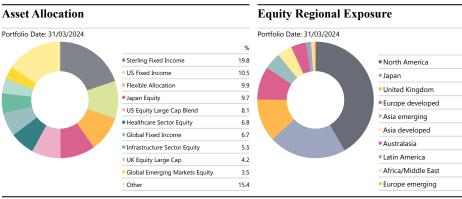
Investment Growth

-10.0% -20.0%

		3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception [01-01-2018]
,	AB Risk Rated Cautious	3.37	8.55	7.97	6.94	24.52	29.13
	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	2.51	8.33	7.80	4.25	16.22	15.76

2020

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



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 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 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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