

### Investment Objectives

The AB SRI Defensive Model Portfolio will seek to deliver long-term capital growth by blending collective strategies and employing our proprietary rating and risk profiling systems. The equity allocation of the portfolio will be managed within our self imposed parameter of 0% - 35% and in line with a Alpha Beta Risk Profile of 3 - 5.

The AB SRI Defensive Portfolio only invests in funds that are sustainable and contribute positively to either the environment or society. The model selects investments that provide solutions to global issues such as climate change, biodiversity, water shortage, urbanisation, health and well-being, and social inclusion. The United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals are utilised to inform analysis and research on these themes, and the holdings in the model.

### Snapshot

Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Month Yield	2.86%
Ongoing Charge	0.57%
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.25%
Portfolio Cost	0.82%

### Benchmark

Comparator Benchmark: IA Mixed Investment 0-35%

### Risk

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

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
AB SRI Defensive	0.21	5.53
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	0.20	5.63

### Top 10 Holdings

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

	Portfolio Weighting %
EdenTree Responsible & Sust Shrt Dtd B	21.66%
RLBF II Royal London Ethical Bond M Inc	14.85%
EdenTree Responsible & Sust Stlg B	9.86%
Sarasin Responsible Corporate Bond P Acc	9.77%
L&G Cash Trust I Acc	6.41%
Pictet - Climate Government Bds I GBP	5.92%
Climate Assets Bal B GBP Inc	5.23%
Brown Advisory US Sust Gr GBP B Inc	5.20%
FP Foresight Global RI Infrs A GBP Acc	5.00%
Vanguard ESG Em Mkts All Cp Eq Idx £ Acc	4.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87.90%</b>

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

### Investment Team

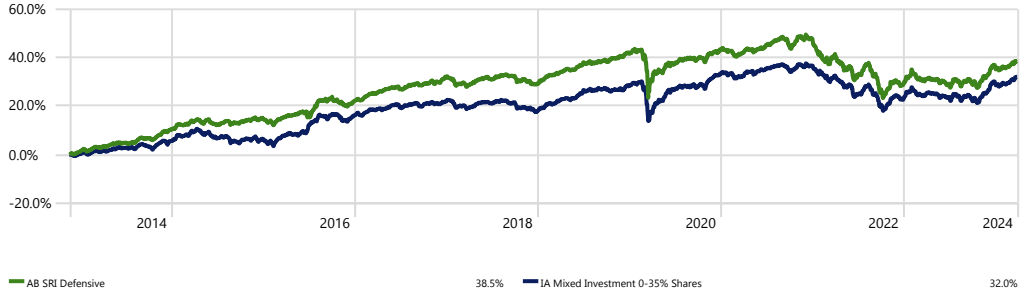
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### Investment Growth

Time Period: 21/11/2013 to 31/03/2024



### Trailing Returns

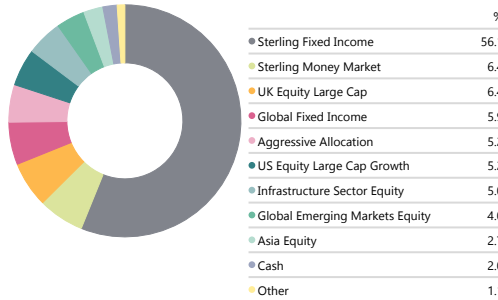
Data Point: Return

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (21/11/2013)
AB SRI Defensive	1.13	6.54	5.83	-2.39	3.71	38.50
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	1.45	7.22	5.85	-0.12	8.12	32.00

The portfolio launched on 24/03/2009, however the data shown is from the first available past performance date, 21/11/2013.

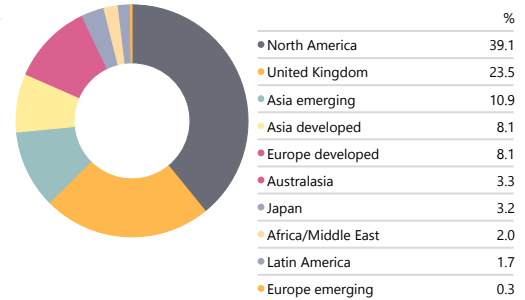
### Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024



### Equity Regional Exposure

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024



### 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. 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.

At portfolio level, the SRI Defensive model benefited from its fixed income exposure, with its best performing fund being the EdenTree Responsible & Sustainable Sterling Bond fund. One of the fund's biggest holdings is Vodafone, who are confident about how technology and connectivity can enhance the future and improve people's lives. Through their business activities they aim to build a digital society that enhances socio-economic progress, is inclusive and does not come at the cost of the planet. Part of their work to benefit society is through the digitalisation of critical sectors, including agriculture via specific products and services, and healthcare, through their products, services and technology.

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