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# **Alpha Beta Portfolios** AB2 Core

**Investment Growth** 



Since Inception [01-01-2018]

23.70

15.76

## **Investment Objectives**

The portfolio aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term, keeping within the prescribed volatility limits whilst 20.0% investing in low cost ETFs or Index funds, physically invested and with a low tracking error.



1 Year

7.24

7.80

#### Snapshot Base Currency Pound Sterling 12 Month Yield 2.88% Ongoing Charge 0.24% Management Fee (VAT where applicable) 0.20% Portfolio Cost 0.44% Benchmark

**Comparator Benchmark** 

**Top 10 Holdings** 

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx f H Acc.

Vanguard UK Lg Dur Gilt Idx £ Acc

Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx £ Acc

First Sentier Glb Lstd Infra B GBP Acc

Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc

Fidelity Index US P GBP Acc H

Royal London Short Duration Gilts M Inc

Man GLG High Yield Opports Profl Acc C

iShares North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc

Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc

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

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024 IA Mixed Investment 20-60%

Portfolio

631%

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Weighting %

Risk Profile		
Defaqto Risk Rating		4
Risk		
Time Period: 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024		
	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
Alpha Beta AB2 Core	0.32	5.63
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	0.35	6.35

# **Equity Regional Exposure**

3 Years

4.67

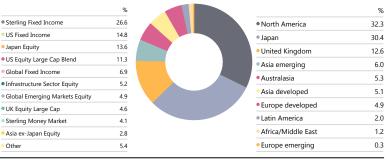
4.25

5 Years

19.52

16.22





### **Manager's Commentary**

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

Other

3 Month

2.78

2.51

6 Month

8.07

8.33

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.

14.75% 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 14.47% market, and optimistic consumer confidence further fuelled this positivity. Moreover, ample liquidity supported risk assets, acting as a vital 13.58% lubricant for portfolio growth.

Chinese equities and emerging markets remained stable. Copper prices and commodities in general were supported by increased Chinese 5.74% demand, indicating manufacturing demand. However, deflation in China is a real phenomenon and is finding its way into Western markets, 5.49% supported by a weaker Yuan. 5.24%

4.97% In Europe, the European Central Bank faced pressure to cut interest rates to alleviate the burden on struggling Europone economies. ECB has 4.88% 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. 4.60%

Despite potential geopolitical risks, the outlook remained optimistic. A regenerative interest rate cutting cycle across developed markets, 80.03% 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.

# Morningstar roundings **Investment Team**

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**Calendar Year Returns** 

IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

Data Point: Return

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**Asset Allocation**