

## AB Lifetime Portfolio

Data as at 31 August 2025

## Investment Objectives

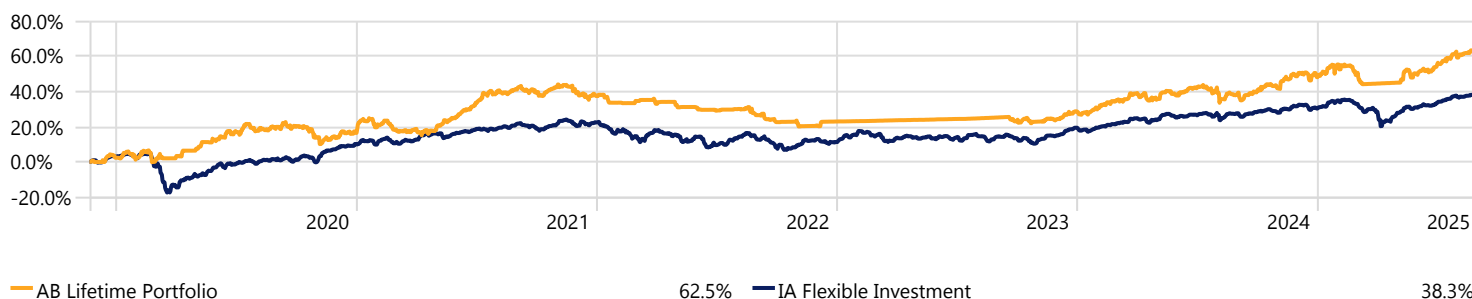
The objective of AB Lifetime is to provide the returns associated with a growth focused multi-asset portfolio in the medium to long term, while also smoothing equity returns to mitigate sequence risk. The portfolio is subject to an overlay which switches the entire portfolio to cash and vice versa when 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
Defaqto Risk Rating	3
Comparator Benchmark	IA Flexible Investment
Model Portfolio Service Charge (No VAT Charged)	0.275%
Underlying Fund Costs	0.10%
Total Portfolio Cost	0.375%

## Investment Growth

Time Period: 23/11/2019 to 31/08/2025



## Performance Summary

As at 31 August 2025	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since 23/11/2019	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021
AB Lifetime Portfolio	8.31	8.75	17.52	28.38	36.85	62.45	9.64	15.10	4.71	-10.55	18.03
IA Flexible Investment	5.60	4.02	8.40	21.67	36.40	38.29	6.12	9.16	7.31	-9.13	11.38

**Data prior to 1 August 2023 is based on backtested performance. From that date onward, live performance reflects the implementation of a drawdown protection strategy designed to mitigate downside risk.**

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

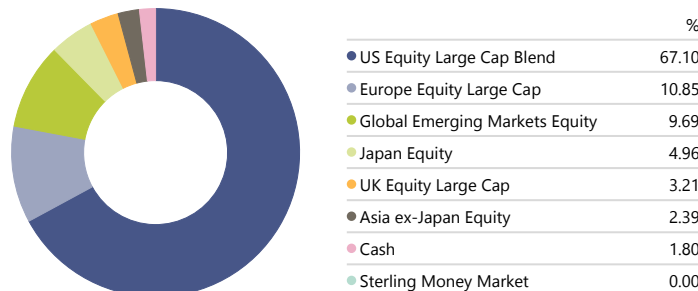
## Top Holdings

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2025

	Portfolio Weighting %
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF USD Acc	67.10%
iShares Cor MSCI Eurp UCITS ETF EUR Dist	10.85%
Vanguard FTSE Emerg Markets ETF \$Dis	9.69%
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF \$Dis	4.96%
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF GBP Dist	3.21%
iShares Core MSCI Pac ex-Jpn ETF USD Acc	2.39%
Cash	1.80%
L&G Cash Trust I Inc	0.00%

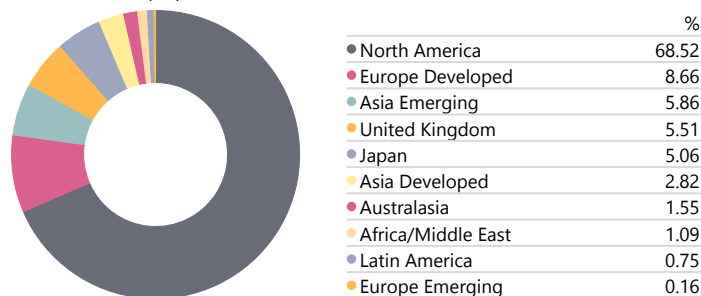
## Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2025



## Equity Regional Exposure

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2025



## Manager Commentary

August is often the quietest month of the year, yet 2025 remains far from typical.

US Producer Price Inflation rose 3.3%, the sharpest monthly increase since March 2022, underscoring persistent inflation. Equities moved higher, with the S&P 500 gaining 1.9% and the Nasdaq led by Meta, Alphabet, and Amazon. However, the Dow lagged, reflecting concerns over tariffs, labour weakness, and Federal Reserve policy.

At Jackson Hole, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell remarked: "The balance of risks appears to be shifting." Markets interpreted this as the Fed being more concerned about slowing job growth than inflation. Indeed, jobs data softened, while the Fed's preferred inflation gauge rose to 2.9%. Bond markets proved cautious, pricing political pressure on the Fed, rising government debt, inflation, and geopolitical tensions. Yields on longer-dated government bonds climbed, signalling unease and continuation of the current deficit spending policy. Gold, meanwhile, hit fresh all-time highs, buoyed by ongoing inflation concerns.

Tariffs raised \$31bn in August but remain contested, pending a Supreme Court ruling. Though designed to offset spending in the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act", they are a consumption tax.

US equity valuations appear stretched on CAPE and PE multiples. Real assets, liquid alternatives, and precious metals continue to offer attractive long-term opportunities.

In the UK, Chancellor Reeves hailed stronger Q2 GDP of 1.2% annualised, though the figure was flattered by higher government spending as consumption, trade, and investment weakened. Debt concerns remain acute, with interest costs rising twice as fast as GDP, a dynamic historically negative for sterling. Despite these headwinds, the FTSE 100 climbed to a record, up 12.5% year-to-date, supported by energy and financials. Inflation edged up to 3.6%, and the Bank of England cut rates from 4.25% to 4.0% on 7 August.

Across the Eurozone, equities struggled to maintain momentum. The EURO STOXX 50 fell 0.76% in August to 5,352, though still up 7.9% year-on-year. Rising long-dated yields in Germany and France weighed on banks such as Santander and ING, while political tensions in France added volatility.

In August, Chinese equities surged to multi-year highs, with the CSI 300 up 22% from April lows and the Shanghai Composite advancing 6.7%. Retail investors, reallocating record savings from low-yield deposits, drove much of the rally. Japan also performed strongly, with the Nikkei 225 rising 4.0% on robust earnings, yen weakness, and easing trade tensions.

We made no portfolio changes, remaining positioned in short-dated bonds, selective hedging, and alert to seasonal pullbacks as year-end approaches.

## Platform Availability



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