

# Alpha Beta Portfolios AB6 Core

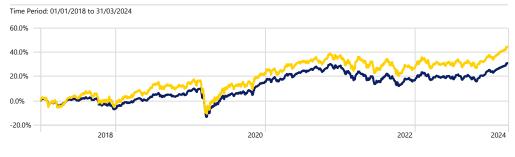


Data as at 31 March 2024

## **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, physically invested and with a low tracking error.

# **Investment** Growth



Alpha Beta AB6 Core IA Flexible Investment 31.1%

#### Snapshot Base Currency Pound Sterling 12 Month Yield 2.47% 0.19% 0.20%

## Ongoing Charge Management Fee (VAT where applicable) Portfolio Cost 0.39% **Benchmark**

#### Comparator Benchmark IA Flexible

Risk Profile	
Defaqto Risk Rating	8

# Risk

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

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
Alpha Beta AB6 Core	0.55	8.11
IA Flexible Investment	0.50	7 11

#### **Top 10 Holdings**

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024

Portfo	lio
Weighting	%

12.61%
12.22%
12.21%
11.50%
11.11%
10.25%
7.16%
6.24%
4.00%
3.54%

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

#### **Investment Team**

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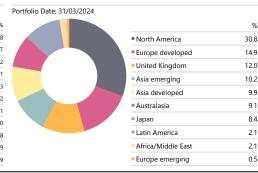


#### Calendar Year Returns

Data Point: Return							
	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception [01-01-2018]	
Alpha Beta AB6 Core	5.00	10.55	11.23	15.89	37.95	44.53	
IA Flexible Investment	4.48	9.96	10.09	11.01	32.05	31.10	

#### **Asset Allocation Equity Regional Exposure** Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024 Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024 US Equity Large Cap Blend 248





### **Manager's Commentary**

In the first guarter 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

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,

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.

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