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AB Global Macro Portfolio

Data as at 30 April 2025

Investment Objectives

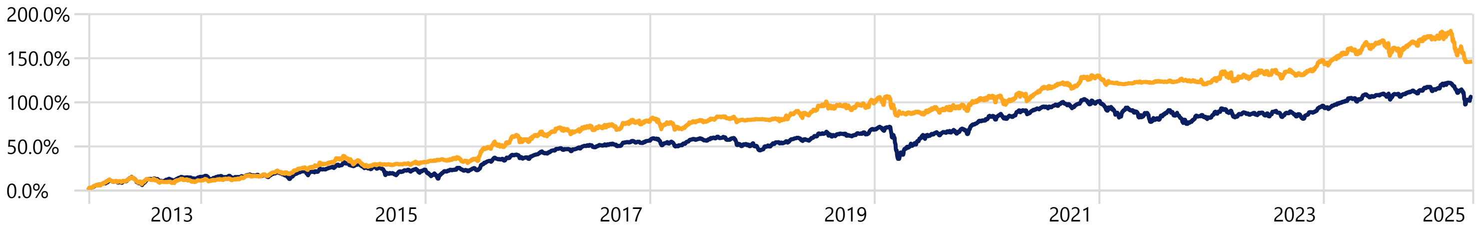
The portfolio aims to deliver medium-to-long-term capital growth from a global multi asset portfolio. The portfolio weightings are unconstrained. Where the market risk is high the portfolio has the ability to shift to cash or short dated fixed income to protect gains from untimely falls. Alternatively, where market risk is low, exposure to certain asset classes can be cut, potentially to zero, to reduce downside risk over time.

Key Facts

Launch Date	12 January 2024
Base Currency	Pound Sterling
Comparator Benchmark	IA Flexible Investment
Model Portfolio Service Charge (No VAT Charged)	0.50%
Underlying Fund Costs	0.15%
Total Portfolio Cost	0.65%

Investment Growth

Time Period: 02/01/2013 to 30/04/2025



AB Global Macro Portfolio 145.7% IA Flexible Investment 107.3%

Performance Summary

As at 30 April 2025	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021
AB Global Macro Portfolio	-11.54	-7.04	-4.29	10.56	32.02	145.67	-9.48	9.73	11.50	-2.85	12.81
IA Flexible Investment	-6.19	-1.36	2.00	9.62	35.90	107.29	-2.89	9.16	7.31	-9.13	11.38

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

The portfolio launched on 12/01/2024. Performance data prior to this date is for illustration purposes only and shows back tested data.

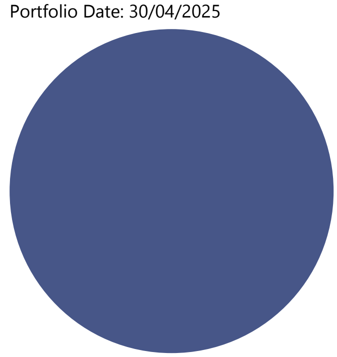
Top Holdings

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2025

	Portfolio Weighting %
L&G Cash Trust I Acc	100.00%

Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2025



	%
Sterling Money Market	100.00

Source: Morningstar Direct

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Manager Commentary

April delivered a sharp bout of volatility, with the S&P 500 briefly falling over 10% before recovering to end the month just 0.76% lower (–5.3% YTD). Volatility spiked to 60, compressing years of market stress into a matter of weeks.

President Trump's proposed tariffs on semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and films may shift costs onto consumers and corporates, with the aim of reshoring manufacturing. This underscores the growing divergence between anti-growth and pro-growth policies, with potential consequences for economic momentum.

Early warnings from the GDPNow tracker were confirmed by a –0.3% Q1 GDP reading. A decline in equities created a negative wealth effect, dampening consumer confidence (86 vs 93.9). Government spending — once 33% of GDP under President Biden — has halved, intentionally slowing headline growth.

Inflation remains contained for now (core PCE at 2.6%), though producer prices indicate rising input costs. The Fed is expected to proceed cautiously, with rate cuts likely in 2025. Recession risk sits at around 40%, but we anticipate a slowdown, not a contraction, in nominal GDP growth. The Fed may also moderate its quantitative tightening to support market stability. Increased debt issuance should aid liquidity, especially in refinancing the $10 trillion maturing debt pile. A weaker US dollar enhances the appeal of Treasuries for foreign investors and supports international equities, many of which remain attractively valued.

In Europe, relaxed fiscal rules are spurring defence and infrastructure investment. Equities have rallied, though higher bond yields (+50bps) highlight debt sustainability concerns. The EU suspended steel and aluminium tariffs to facilitate US trade talks, while progress in Germany's coalition lent some stability.

UK flash PMIs (Composite: 48.2) pointed to contraction, weighed down by tax increases and trade uncertainty. Yet, defensive UK stocks with strong dividends remain appealing.

Japan saw modest gains as services rebounded, though structural issues like debt (235% of GDP) persist. US-China tensions intensified, but China's 5.4% GDP growth supported a late rebound.

We reduced our US equity exposure, favouring UK dividends, European value, and short-duration fixed income, positioning for a steadier H2 2025 while managing volatility.

Platform Availability

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