

### Investment Objectives

Our objective is to outperform RPI UK + 1% 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.

To achieve the investment objective we deploy quantitative and qualitative techniques and extensive research that shape our macro economic views.

### Snapshot

Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Mo Yield	1.77%
Ongoing Charge	0.20%
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.20%
Portfolio Cost	0.40%

### Benchmark

Benchmark	UK RPI+1%
Comparator Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 20-60%

### Risk Profile

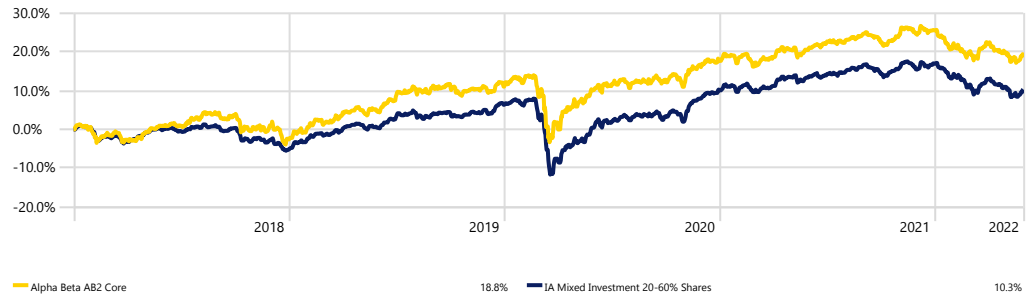
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### Risk

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
Alpha Beta AB2 Core	-1.41	5.45
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	-1.48	5.16

### Investment Growth

Time Period: 01/01/2018 to 31/05/2022



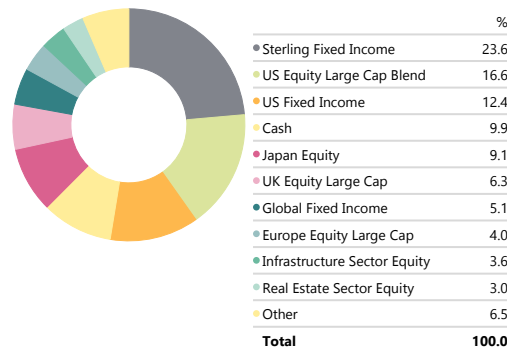
### Calendar Year Returns

Data Point: Return

	3Month	6Month	YTD	2021	2020	2019	Since Inception [01-01-2018]
Alpha Beta AB2 Core	-0.86	-4.62	-5.30	6.66	5.98	13.92	18.84
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	-0.92	-4.43	-5.67	6.28	3.49	12.08	10.34

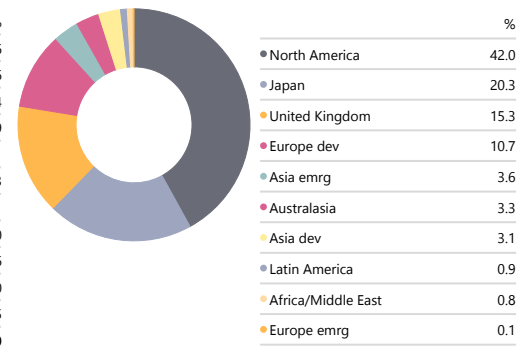
### Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2022



### Equity Regional Exposure

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2022



### Top 10 Holdings

Portfolio Date: 31/05/2022

	Portfolio Weighting %
Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc	12.38%
CASH	9.88%
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc	9.14%
Vanguard U.S. Eq Idx £ Acc	9.10%
iShares North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc	7.51%
Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc	6.26%
Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond B Acc	6.02%
L&G Global Inflation Linked Bd Idx I Acc	5.09%
Royal London Short Duration Gilts M Inc	4.83%
Vanguard UK Lg Dur Gilt Idx £ Acc	4.48%
	74.69%

### Manager's Commentary

The geopolitical risk emanating from the Russia-Ukraine conflict continued to affect the markets in May, with the wider impact of the conflict continuing to be felt across energy and agricultural commodity prices and in to inflation numbers. With inflation rates elevated and at 40 plus year highs throughout G7 and beyond, markets are now primarily responding to the central banks response and monetary policy risks and with an increasing probability of a recession in the next 12-18 months being factored in.

The broader based US S&P 500 index saw 7-straight weeks of consecutive falls culminating in an intra-day bear market, where losses reached 20% from their peak. This was followed by a strong rally as equity markets had become over sold, with the S&P 500 index up 6.6% during a single week. Quite a roller coaster ride of a year so far. We raised cash in portfolios across the board most recently and had previously reduced duration in fixed income allocations which has certainly helped buffer portfolios against market gyrations so far along with the unhedged US dollar exposure which has performed heroically.

With CPI inflation in the United States standing at 8.6%, raising rates multiple times and removing excess liquidity by quantitative tightening will slow economic growth whilst the inflation emanating from services sector may remain sticky. This can lead to a stagflationary environment. So, the distinct possibility of central bank policy error is factored into our asset allocation decisions. The theme of economic slowdown is global in nature. In Europe the ECB is expected to raise rates as German, French and Spanish inflation hit a high point. Japan has seen the yen hit a 20-year low as the Bank of Japan seeks to control borrowing costs at ultra-low levels. In China the slowdown is somewhat more pronounced, although the stringent zero Covid-19 policy appears to be abating with restrictions being lifted in the economically important Shanghai area.

US 10-year treasury yields hit 3% which is almost at the market implied Fed Fund Terminal Rate. We know markets are a hugely efficient discounting mechanism, looking forwards and discounting back future probabilities to today's stock and bond prices. This means markets are already pricing in much of the slowdown and potential recession we could see in due course. Therefore, it begs the question – "why would a sensible investor cash in his/her portfolio today?" As higher rates get closer it can be reasonably expected that future, longer term rates are likely to begin falling based upon the expectation of the slowdown passing and a recovery getting underway. We have shifted focus within some of the fixed income allocation towards the longer duration end of the yield curve. Then there is a case of curve inversion – we have seen both the Treasury 10/2 and OIS 30/5 curve inverted – signaling tighter borrowing conditions for economic agents in the near term.

We are now favoring changes to duration and cash and intend to take some further equity exposure off into any sign of strength. All portfolios remained inside their allocated risk corridors during the month.

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