

High Income portfolio

Quarterly update - February 2021

Portfolio Manager



James Kempster
Manager since September 2019

Portfolio objective

To provide a higher level of income than our benchmark and a long-term capital return to protect the real value of the capital.

Investment approach

The objective is achieved by using an investment approach balanced between fixed interest securities and UK and international equity, allowing the portfolio to benefit from higher levels of income and also the potential for protection from inflation. The performance of all the funds in the portfolio is constantly monitored and formally reviewed on a quarterly basis by an investment committee.

Portfolio manager's commentary

The portfolio experienced a strong period since the last review with a return (including reinvested income) of almost 7%. Returns came mainly from the equity portion of the portfolio, with the fixed income assets continuing to be held back by ultra-low yields. Returns were especially strong in Emerging Markets and Asia, as well as in areas like UK Equity Income which struggled throughout most of 2020.

From a natural income perspective, 12-month yields have retreated a little further, but we are hopeful that this might start to show signs of improvement as firms start to pay dividends again once lockdown conditions are eased. To help with this aspect we have made changes this quarter to reduce the allocation to Global Bonds in favour of Emerging Market Bond and Inflation Linked Bonds. The former has the potential to boost incomes and the latter should be helpful in protecting against the damaging effects of price rises. Full details of the changes being recommended are outlined on the Fund Changes summary which is available on our website.

Indicative risk rating



5 year fund performance versus benchmark



A - ***IMS High Income (July 2010) 01/10/2020 TR in GB [40.45%]
B - ***IMS High Income benchmark (composite) TR in GB [37.63%]

Top 10 Holdings

L&G - US Index Trust	8%
Royal London - Corporate Bond	7%
Royal London - Short Duration Credit	7%
Schroder - Income Maximiser	7%
Vanguard - FTSE UK Equity Income Index	7%
HSBC - European Index	7%
JPM - Japan (Hedged)	7%
L&G - All Stocks Gilt Index	6%
ASI - Global Emerging Market Equity Income	5%
M&G - Emerging Markets Bond	5%

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Asset allocation



Regional breakdown



Important notes

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Key facts

Ongoing charge figure	1.01%
ISA qualification	Yes
Twelve month historical yield	2.95%
Volatility*	13.66 (Benchmark 15.35)
Sharpe ratio**	0.02 (Benchmark 0.04)

*Volatility measures how much an investment deviates from its average over a period.

**The Sharpe Ratio measures the trade-off between risk and return.

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Please note that any performance figures quoted are based on the underlying assets held during the dates specified and therefore they will not necessarily match the returns which are experienced by end investors. Alternative asset selections to those shown overleaf are occasionally necessary. As such, this factsheet should be used in conjunction with the relevant Fund Change and Fund List documents.

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