

**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.

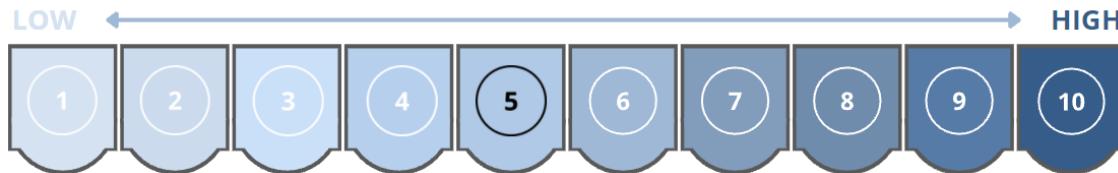
**Investment approach**

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 our investment committee.

**Portfolio manager's commentary**

Markets experienced another positive quarter, with Europe and emerging markets leading the way. US equities endured a relatively weak quarter as scrutiny increased over the level of spending by the world's largest firms on the roll-out of their AI strategies. A weaker US dollar also reduced one traditional support for US market exceptionalism and encouraged some reallocation into cheaper international markets.

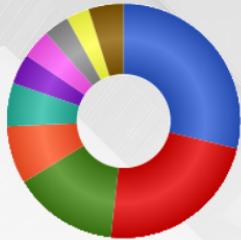
In Europe and parts of emerging markets, returns were bolstered because several sectors performed strongly in tandem. Banks benefited from an improving interest rate backdrop, defence stocks continued to attract flows with security high on the agenda, while energy companies were supported by rising commodity prices. The weaker US dollar also added a currency tailwind for many non-US assets, amplifying relative returns for UK-based investors.

**Indicative risk rating****Xplan risk level**

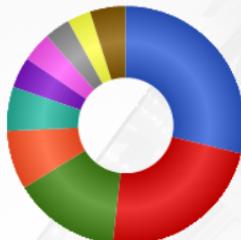
Moderately  
Cautious &  
Moderate

**10 year fund performance versus benchmark****Top 10 Holdings**

L&G - All Stocks Gilt Index	7%
Schroder - Income Maximiser	7%
Fidelity - Global High Income Bond	6%
M&G - Emerging Markets Bond	6%
Schroder - US Equity Income Maximiser	6%
Vanguard - FTSE UK Equity Income Index	6%
HSBC - American Index	5%
HSBC - European Index	5%
Royal London - Corporate Bond	5%
abrdn - EM Income Equity	4%

**Asset allocation**

- Global Fixed Interest (28.59%)
- UK Equities (22.79%)
- North American Equities (14.42%)
- Money Market (7.93%)
- European Equities (5.91%)
- Japanese Equities (4.17%)
- Undisclosed (4.00%)
- Asia Pacific Equities (3.48%)
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**Regional breakdown**

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**Important notes**

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**Key facts**

Ongoing charge figure	0.83%
ISA qualification	Yes
Twelve month historical yield	4.12%
Volatility*	5.15 (Benchmark 5.13)

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

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