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## IMS Capital

## **Balanced portfolio**

### **Quarterly update - May 2025**

### **Portfolio Manager**



James Kempster Manager since July 2010

### Portfolio manager's commentary

### The objective is achieved by using a balanced investment approach, gaining exposure to a number of different asset types including shares and bonds across a broad range of international markets, enabling a better trade-off between risk and return. The performance of all the funds in the portfolio is constantly monitored and formally reviewed on a quarterly basis by our investment committee.

To provide a long-term capital return in excess of the UT Mixed Investment 40-

The quarter was dominated by Donald Trump's 'Liberation Day' announcement which unveiled sweeping new import taxes. Markets reacted sharply, particularly in America, where tech stocks led a broad sell-off. In contrast, European markets proved more resilient, helped by more stable economic data and relatively modest exposure to the sectors most affected by US-China tensions. As UK investors, a weaker US dollar helped to soften some of the losses in overseas markets.

**Portfolio objective** 

85% Shares Retail sector.

Investment approach

At this review we chose to replace the Japanese Equity funds used in this portfolio with the passive fund which is already in use elsewhere in the range. We had retained an active position in this model to aid with diversification because it has a larger allocation to the sector, however, our analysis has shown that we can achieve an improved risk/return outcome by making the switch. This also helps to bring down the overall cost of the portfolio. Full details of the changes being recommended can be found on our website.

#### Indicative risk rating Xplan risk level HIGH Moderate 10 10 year fund performance versus benchmark Top 10 Holdings 80% HSBC - FTSE 100 Index 9% HSBC - American Index 7% 60% L&G - All Stocks Gilt Index 6% Aviva Investors - Multi-Strategy 5% 409 **Target Return** Fundsmith - Equity 5% iShares - ESG Overseas Corporate 20% 5% **Bond Index** abrdn - Sterling Money Market 4% Artemis - High Income 4% First Sentier - Global Listed 4% May '20 May 21 May '22 May '23 May '24 Infrastructure

■ A - \*\*\*\*|MS Balanced 01/02/2025 TR in GB [64.56%] ■ B - UT Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Retail TR in GB [58.43%] iShares - Pacific ex Japan Index 4%

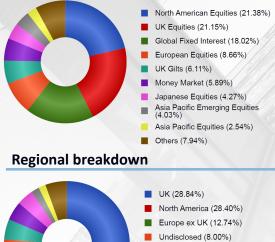
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### Asset allocation



- Undisclosed (8.00%)
  Pacific Basin (5.36%)
  Money Market (4.96%)
  - Japan (4.37%)
  - Americas (2.14%) Australasia (1.89%)
  - Other (5.66%)

### Important notes

All data are to 30.04.2025. Any fund performance data include explicit (OCF) and implicit (ongoing) fund manager charges but do not include platform, adviser or investment management fees. Full details will be outlined in your product provider illustration. For further information please contact your financial adviser.

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### **Key facts**

Ongoing charge figure		0.88%
ISA qualification		Yes
Twelve month historical yield		2.83%
Volatility*	8.27 (Benchmark 7.82)	

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

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Alternative asset selections to those shown are occasionally necessary. As such, this factsheet should be used in conjunction with the relevant Fund Change documents.

All assets are held via the platform selected. All transactions will be made within a reasonable time from receipt and IMS is not responsible for any delays where there are unforeseen issues with third party providers.

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