

IMS Capital Balanced portfolio

Quarterly update - August 2025

Portfolio Manager



James Kempster Manager since July 2010

Portfolio objective

To provide a long-term capital return in excess of the UT Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Retail sector.

Investment approach

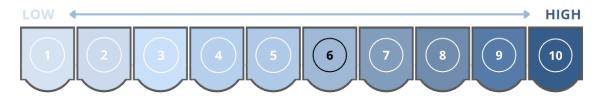
The objective is achieved by using a balanced investment approach, gaining exposure to a number of different asset types including shares and bonds across a broad range of international markets, enabling a better trade-off between risk and return. The performance of all the funds in the portfolio is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

Portfolio manager's commentary

After the initial shock from US tariff announcements in April, markets regained ground during the quarter as Donald Trump enacted a pause and shifted focus to negotiating deals with key trading partners, including the UK, Japan and the EU. This helped reduce uncertainty and lifted share prices globally, though gains were again concentrated in a small number of large US tech firms. Meanwhile, concerns resurfaced around Trump's major tax and spending plans, which rely heavily on future tariff income and could significantly increase US government debt.

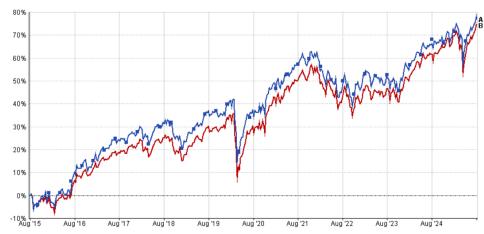
At this review we made one main change at an sector level and that was to reduce the cash weighting in favour of Gilts. As interest rates continue to fall, the lower the return will be on cash assets. Whilst we still value the sector for its defensive characteristics, we believe there is better value to be found in Gilts which benefit from falling interest rates. We also refreshed our Global Equity weighting including the sale of our holding in Axa Health, reducing Fundsmith Equity and the introduction of two new funds. Full details of the changes being recommended can be found on our website.

Indicative risk rating Xplan risk level



Moderate

10 year fund performance versus benchmark



Top 10 Holdings

HSBC - FTSE 100 Index	9%	
HSBC - American Index	7%	
L&G - All Stocks Gilt Index	7%	
Aviva Inv - Multi Strategy Target	5%	
Return		
iShares - ESG Screened Overseas	5%	
Corporate Bond Index	5%	
Artemis - High Income	4%	
Fidelity - Index Japan	4%	
First Sentier - Global Listed	404	
Infrastructure	4%	
HSBC - European Index	4%	
iShares - Pacific ex Japan Index	4%	



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Asset allocation



Regional breakdown



Important notes

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Key facts

Ongoing charge	e figure	0.86%
ISA qualificatio	n	Yes
Twelve month	historical yield	2.88%
Volatility*	7.42 (Benchm	ark 7.46)

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

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