

IMS Capital Balanced portfolio

Quarterly update - October 2019

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 an investment committee.

To provide a long-term capital return in excess of the Mixed Investment 40-85%

The portfolio rose by 1.78% over the quarter which was welcome given the somewhat challenging conditions over the period. Markets focused on the ongoing tensions between the US and China as well as slowing global growth, rather than the accommodative stance of world central banks. The rate cut made by the Federal Reserve in the United States was no more than markets were expecting and much of the reaction, including from President Trump, was that they had not been decisive enough to counter the weak data that is starting to show in the country.

Portfolio objective

Investment approach

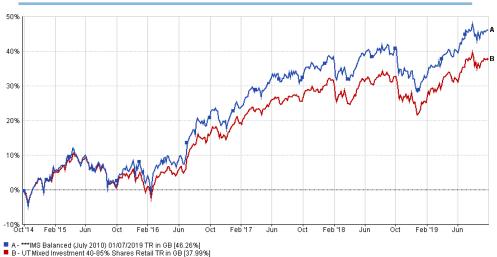
shares sector.

We saw strong returns from our fixed income holdings which benefitted from the low interest rate environment but this was countered by lower returns in domestic equities. The final quarter of the year is likely to see a similar theme of higher volatility and in anticipation of this we have reduced the allocation to Asia Pacific equities in favour of UK Equities, specifically in the smaller cap end of the spectrum. Full details are available on the Fund Changes summary.

Indicative risk rating



5 year fund performance versus benchmark



Top 10 Holdings

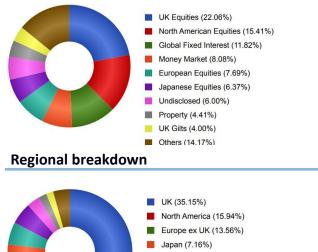
Liontrust - Special Situations	8%	
Rathbone - Income	8%	
Fundsmith - Equity	7%	
Baillie Gifford - Japanese	6%	
First State - Global Listed	6%	
Infrastructure	0/0	
Jupiter - Absolute Return	6%	
Jupiter - European	6%	
ASI - Sterling Money Market	5%	
HSBC - American Index	5%	
Schroder - Recovery	5%	



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Asset allocation



- Pacific Basin (5.45%)
 - International (5.21%) Money Market (3.15%)
 - Americas (1.99%)
- Australasia (1.72%)

Important notes

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Key facts

Ongoing charge f	igure	1.25%
ISA qualification		Yes
Twelve month his	storical yield	2.28%
Volatility*	7.63 (Benchm	nark 7.81)
Sharpe ratio**	0.10 (Benchm	nark 0.07)

*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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