

Defensive Income portfolio

Quarterly update - November 2023

Portfolio Manager



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Manager since September 2019

Portfolio objective

To provide a stable level of income and protect the nominal capital invested.

Investment approach

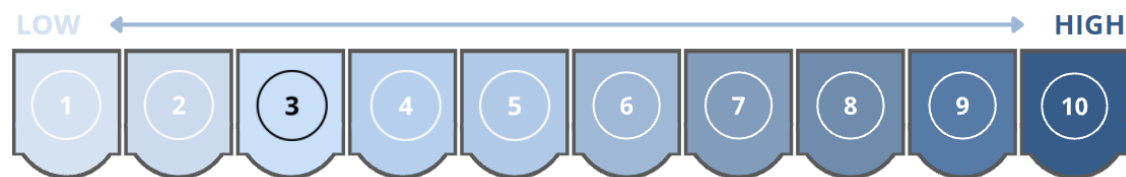
The objective is achieved by using a cautious investment approach primarily focused on UK government and corporate bonds, with limited exposure to equities. The performance of all the funds in the portfolio is constantly monitored and formally reviewed on a quarterly basis by our investment committee.

Portfolio manager's commentary

The portfolio finished the quarter in line with its benchmark despite a difficult environment for fixed income assets which make up the bulk of the holdings. The equity element proved to be a lot more resilient, especially those holdings in the US and Japan. The underlying yield was boosted by further interest rate rises. This should remain the case for the rest of the year based on the commentary from the major central banks as they continue their battle against persistently high rates of inflation.

We made one main change this quarter which was to increase the weighting to the Absolute Return sector. This is a reflection of our desire to add an extra layer of defence in the event that the final months of the year see an increase in volatility. We selected a new fund which complements the existing Absolute Return holding and is highly uncorrelated to the other assets. To fund this change we reduced the allocation to both UK and European Equities. Full details of the changes being recommended are outlined on the Fund Changes summary which is available on our website.

Indicative risk rating



Xplan risk level

Cautious

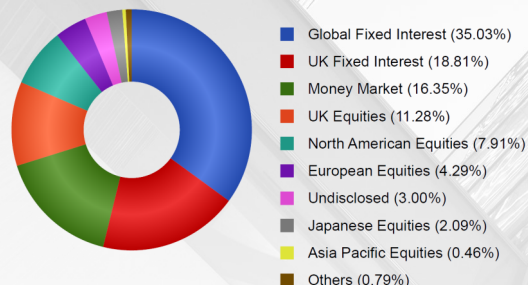
10 year fund performance versus benchmark



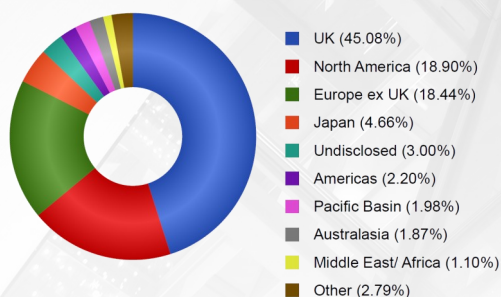
Top 10 Holdings

L&G - All Stocks Gilt Index	12%
abrdn - Sterling Money Market	8%
Fidelity - Extra Income	8%
Royal London - Corporate Bond	8%
L&G - Cash Trust	7%
Vanguard - FTSE UK Equity Income Index	7%
Artemis - High Income	6%
Royal London - Short Duration Credit	6%
iShares - ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index	5%
M&G - Global Macro Bond	5%

Asset allocation



Regional breakdown



Important notes

All data are to 31.10.2023. 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	0.80%
ISA qualification	Yes
Twelve month historical yield	4.13%
Volatility*	5.92 (Benchmark 5.66)

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

The ongoing charge figure above represents the average OCF across the range of available platforms and does not include adviser or platform fees. Full details of all charges will be outlined in your product provider illustration. For further information please contact your financial adviser.

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