

## RELATIVE RISK:



Risk level 1 does not mean risk free, it means the lower risk option for the relative time horizon. For more information, please refer to the risk section on page two of the document.

### DESCRIPTION:

The portfolio is designed for an investor who is prepared to take on an above-average level of risk. As capital protection is less of a priority than maximising returns, they should be prepared to lock their money away for a reasonable period of time to reduce the impact of short-term market fluctuations.

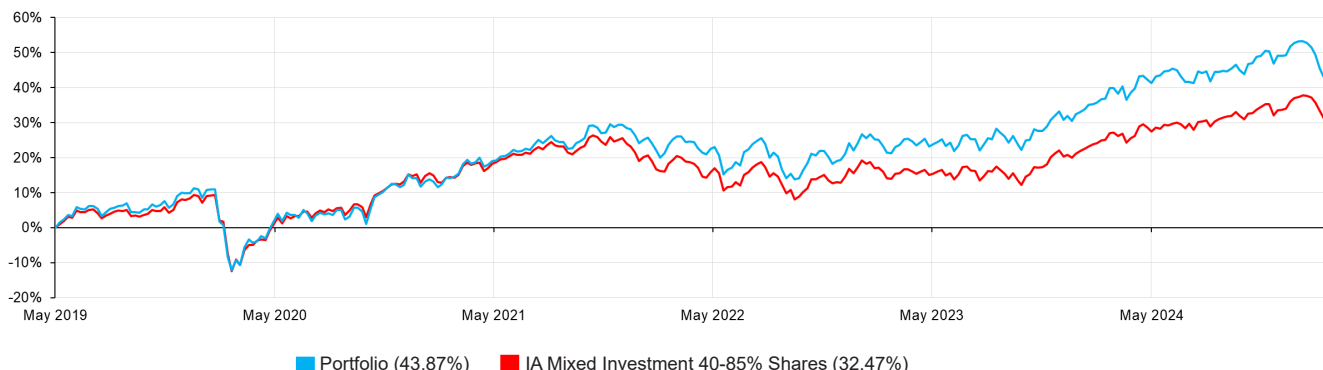
It is predominantly invested in equities of developed economies like the UK, US, Europe and Japan. Equity markets are considered to be high-risk investments. They offer the best prospects for long-term returns, but investors should not be surprised by large swings in value for this portion of the portfolio. It may also include a small allocation to higher-risk sectors such as emerging economies and smaller companies. The higher-risk sectors have the highest growth potential, but are also more volatile, with large price movements expected in the short term. The above average level of risk means this behaviour should not be a surprise to investors.

The portfolio includes some exposure to bonds. These will help provide some protection should markets fall. This exposure is limited as bonds offer less upside potential than equities. The portfolio may also include some exposure to absolute return funds if they are viewed as an attractive opportunity. The strategy should lead to higher overall growth rates, although there is also the potential for heavy losses in the short term when markets fall.

### FUND LIST:

Name	Weighting
Premier Miton Tellworth UK Select	2.00%
Artemis SmartGARP Global Emerging Markets Equity	3.00%
iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index (UK)	2.00%
Man Sterling Corporate Bond Fund	10.00%
Royal London UK Government Bond	6.00%
Nomura Global Dynamic Bond	5.00%
PIMCO GIS Global Bond ESG	4.00%
Royal London Global Bond Opportunities	3.00%
HSBC American Index	20.00%
Brown Advisory US Sustainable Growth	8.00%
HSBC European Index	7.00%
GMO Quality Investment	6.00%
GQG Partners U.S. Equity	5.00%
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	4.00%
CT American Smaller Companies (US)	3.00%
CT Japan	2.00%
Man Japan Core Alpha	2.00%
Premier Miton European Opportunities	2.00%
Vanguard Global Small-Cap Index	2.00%
Man Income Fund	2.00%
Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust	2.00%

### PAST PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW (NET OF PORTFOLIO COSTS):



### DISCRETE PERFORMANCE TO LAST QUARTER END:

Period	0-12 Months	12-24 Months	24-36 Months	36-48 Months	48-60 Months
Portfolio	1.86%	13.74%	-3.00%	10.19%	25.62%
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	3.36%	10.16%	-4.54%	5.23%	26.44%

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## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE TO LAST MONTH END:

Period	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Portfolio	-3.66%	-1.04%	1.86%	12.38%	55.54%
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	-1.20%	0.02%	3.36%	8.68%	44.60%

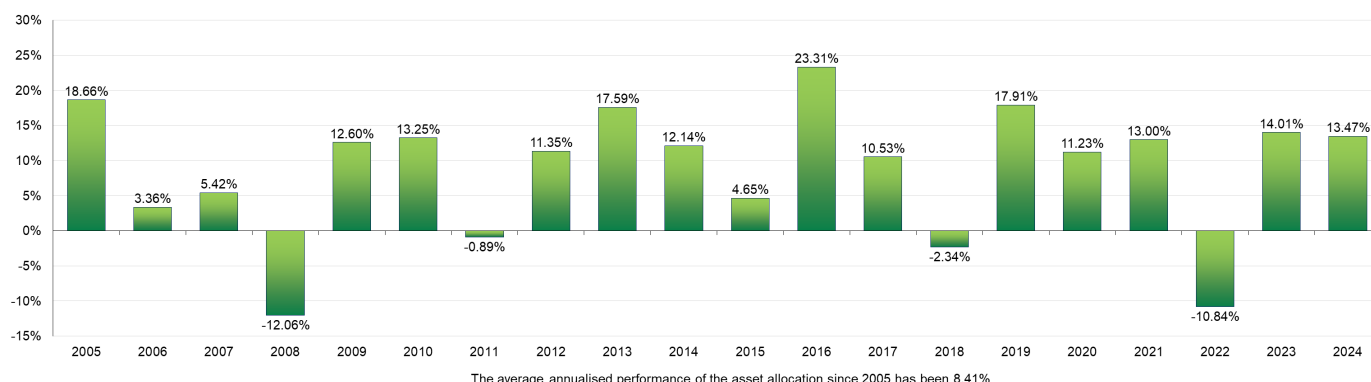
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## RISK ANALYSIS: (uses actual performance from inception in April 2024 and simulated history prior to this from May 2019)

Best Month: 9.02%      Best 6 Months: 17.43%  
Worst Month: -9.93%      Worst 6 Months: -14.11%

## RISK ILLUSTRATION: (uses current strategic asset allocation over 20 years)

To provide a better impression of how the portfolio might be expected to perform over the longer term we have provided simulated data back twenty years. The data has been compiled by taking the portfolio's current strategic asset allocation, proposed by our actuaries as the most appropriate in order for the portfolio to deliver on its objectives over the length of investment. The asset allocation of the portfolio may differ slightly due to the nature of investing in active funds and the shorter term tactical positioning of the portfolio. Each asset class will be represented by a passive investment fund. The performance provides an illustration of how the current portfolio may have behaved, although historical positioning may have been different due to a variety of factors, including the input from our actuaries, the impact of fund selection and changes of asset allocation by the portfolio management team.



**All information presented on this page is only illustrative of what has happened in the past, it should not be seen as a guarantee that losses will not exceed past levels. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and you may get back less than you originally invested.**

## WHAT IT COSTS:

Financial Instruments OCF: 0.46%

Financial Instruments Transactional Costs: 0.26%

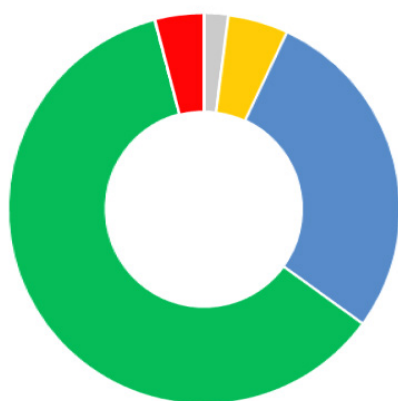
Investment Services: 0.19%

Third Party Payments: 0.00%

Total Cost of Investment: 0.91%

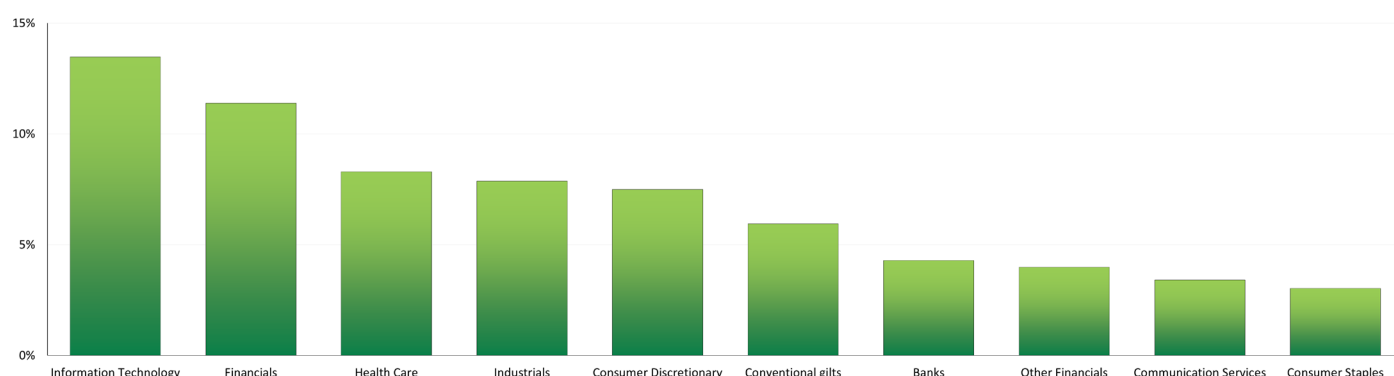
The Financial Instruments OCF refers to the underlying costs of managing the funds. Transactional costs refers to additional costs which this does not capture such as trading fees, investment research and foreign exchange fees. It also includes implicit costs that can have an impact on performance but are not charged directly to the end investor. The Investments Services charge is the cost of managing the portfolio. Other charges may apply that cannot be factored into this report, for instance platform charges. **The charges represent the current maximum charges.**

## ASSET ALLOCATION:



Alternative Assets	2.00%
Emerging Markets	5.00%
Fixed Income	28.00%
Global Developed Equity	61.00%
UK Equity	4.00%

## TOP 10 SECTOR ALLOCATION:



## WHAT YOU'RE INVESTED IN:

### Premier Miton Tellworth UK Select

**Weighting:** 2.00%

The fund will seek to achieve returns that are in excess of one month SONIA interest rate, after fees, over a three-year rolling period, though there is no guarantee that it will do so. In addition, the fund aims for positive annual returns with lower volatility than the Deutsche Numis All Share Index. The fund uses a long/short investment approach where it can benefit from an increase in companies it invests in and can also benefit from the share price falling in stocks where it holds a short position. It typically invests in UK companies with a market cap greater than £500m and usually holds 40 long and 40 short positions. The fund aims to avoid being moved by macroeconomic factors and aims to be style and sector neutral.

### iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index (UK)

**Weighting:** 2.00%

This fund provides passive exposure to emerging markets by tracking the FTSE Emerging Index. It has been chosen due to its low costs and its ability to replicate the index as closely as possible. The fund has been added as part of a general increase in exposure to emerging markets.

### Artemis SmartGARP Global Emerging Markets Equity

**Weighting:** 3.00%

The fund employs automated analysis which it believes is better positioned to efficiently and effectively identify investment opportunities. Artemis's proprietary tool, called SmartGARP, rates every stock in the universe based on seven factors: growth, value, earnings revisions, momentum, accruals (where the aim is to identify changes in accounting practices), investor sentiment and macroeconomic forecasts. It is looking for companies growing faster than the market, but trading on lower valuation. The fund has been added to aid diversification in the portfolio's equity investments.

### Man Sterling Corporate Bond Fund

**Weighting:** 10.00%

The fund aims to generate outperformance in both rising and falling credit markets. It seeks 'deep value' opportunities in UK sterling investment grade corporate bonds. The manager screens potential investments to identify those trading at high discount to peers but the sustainability of cashflow. Credit selection is the core driver of returns for the strategy, and moves in interest rates are not expected to have as significant an effect. Up to 20% may be invested in sub-investment-grade rated debt. The fund has been added to complement exposure to other UK corporate bond exposure and US investment grade credit.

#### ■ Royal London UK Government Bond

**Weighting:** 6.00%

This fund invests almost exclusively in British government bonds. The managers compare their outlook for interest rates compared to the market to identify bonds which are under- or over-valued to identify buying opportunities. The portfolio is actively managed, as the managers adjust overall exposure to interest rate risk while at times also investing minor portions of the portfolio into high-quality corporate bonds, foreign government bonds and inflation-linked gilts.

#### ■ PIMCO GIS Global Bond ESG

**Weighting:** 4.00%

This fund invests in global government and high-quality corporate bonds and can also invest in emerging markets and lower quality 'high yield' bonds when the opportunities arise. Investment decisions are based on macroeconomic research produced in-house by one of the world's largest bond managers. The fund also uses credit research to identify companies with improving credit profiles. The fund is globally diversified but hedges all foreign currency exposures back to UK sterling.

#### ■ HSBC American Index

**Weighting:** 20.00%

The fund provides passive exposure to the S&P 500 Index of large cap US companies and helps construct the global developed equity portion of the portfolio. It has been chosen because it provides low-cost exposure to US markets, which can prove difficult to beat using an active strategy. The fund replicates the index by holding all 500 stocks within it.

#### ■ HSBC European Index

**Weighting:** 7.00%

This fund provides passive exposure to the FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK index and helps construct the global developed equity portion of the portfolio. It has been chosen due to its low costs compared to other passive funds and its ability to replicate the index as closely as possible. The fund replicates the market by holding all stocks within the index.

#### ■ GQG Partners U.S. Equity

**Weighting:** 5.00%

This fund aims for long-term capital growth by investing in high-quality, attractively-priced companies exhibiting competitive advantages. The fund invests in a concentrated portfolio of mainly US-listed companies, but it can have an allocation to other markets. The resulting portfolio seeks to manage the downside risk of equity investments while providing attractive returns to long-term investors over a full market cycle. The fund has been added as its dynamic investment style allows us to reach undervalued sectors within the broader index.

#### ■ CT American Smaller Companies (US)

**Weighting:** 3.00%

The fund aims to build a portfolio of smaller companies that will improve more than the market anticipates over the medium term. The team looks for sustainable improvement in four key indicators of quality: capital allocation, profitability, margin growth and ESG integration. The team likes to invest in companies at an early stage to capture rapid growth phase of a company's development.

#### ■ Nomura Global Dynamic Bond

**Weighting:** 5.00%

This fund invests across bond markets globally (on a currency-hedged basis), with limited restrictions. The manager combines ideas in a portfolio that reflects his views on the macroeconomic environment. The strategy uses derivatives and options to best manage some of the risks. The portfolio typically targets a yield of 3.5% to 5%. The fund has been added to bring balanced exposure to government and corporate bonds, including to European and emerging markets.

#### ■ Royal London Global Bond Opportunities

**Weighting:** 3.00%

The majority of the fund is invested in investment grade and high yield bonds, with additional allocations to structured products such as mortgage-backed securities. Assets range across the credit spectrum and approximately half the portfolio is regularly invested in lower-quality assets. Bonds unassigned credit ratings ('unrated') are also a significant allocation. This is a market where the Royal London team believes its expertise in analysing company credit and lender risk protections gives it a competitive advantage over other investors. The fund invests globally, predominantly in UK sterling, US dollar and euro markets.

#### ■ Brown Advisory US Sustainable Growth

**Weighting:** 8.00%

The managers aim to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in US companies that have outstanding business models and a sustainability focus that will directly benefit financial performance, specifically by increasing revenue growth and enhancing franchise value. Whilst looking for companies with structural growth characteristics, the fund managers also look to take valuations into account and avoid overpaying for growth.

#### ■ GMO Quality Investment

**Weighting:** 6.00%

The fund seeks to generate returns by investing in equities the managers believe to be of high quality. The managers believes that companies with an established track record of profitability and which have strong fundamentals are able to outgrow the average company over time and are therefore worth a premium price. The fund's uses both quantitative analysis and fundamental research to assess the relative quality and valuation to identify global companies with potential to grow over a long-term investment horizon while withstanding short-term volatility.

#### ■ Vanguard Japan Stock Index

**Weighting:** 4.00%

This fund provides passive exposure to the MSCI Japan index and helps construct the global developed-equity portion of the portfolio. It has been chosen due to its exceptionally low costs compared to other passive funds and its ability to replicate the index as closely as possible. The fund does this by holding all (or substantially all) the stocks within the index. Japan generally has a low correlation to other equity markets and this helps to increase the diversification levels of the portfolio.

#### ■ CT Japan

**Weighting:** 2.00%

The fund can be considered a core Japanese equity fund. It invests in companies where the manager has a high conviction that the share price is undervalued. This fund can invest in any industry or economic sector, with significant sector and share weightings taken at the fund manager's discretion. There is no restriction on company size; however, investment tends to focus on larger companies.

#### ■ **Man Japan Core Alpha**

**Weighting:** 2.00%

The fund focuses on large cap, value investing in Japan. The managers believe that there is an opportunity in large companies versus small ones, despite the latter doing well recently. They believe that cyclicality strongly influences every sector of the Japanese market, and that outperformance can be generated by exploiting extremes of valuation – buying stocks that are completely unloved and selling them when they become popular. The fund has been added as weakness in the Japanese yen provides opportunities for some cyclical sectors.

#### ■ **Vanguard Global Small-Cap Index**

**Weighting:** 2.00%

The fund invests in the shares of smaller companies from around the world by tracking the MSCI World Small Cap Index. The fund replicates the performance of the index by buying the underlying holdings. This helps minimize tracking error to the index, and provides good liquidity and the managers have managed to keep costs very low.

#### ■ **Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust**

**Weighting:** 2.00%

This fund focuses on investing in companies that have strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) qualities and offer potential for growth, as well as being relatively undervalued by the market. The team applies its rigorous, qualitative positive screening to identify companies that are actively seeking out better ways of producing goods and services for the benefit of society. The fund is distinguishable from its ethical peers, who focus predominantly on negative screening, in that the manager goes a step further and screens all 'ethical' companies to isolate those that are actively engaging in sustainable areas as well as those that operate in socially neutral areas, such as alcohol production, but which utilise responsible methods of production.

#### ■ **Premier Miton European Opportunities**

**Weighting:** 2.00%

The fund can invest in companies of any size and has a substantial mid-cap bias with a focus on 'quality growth' companies. After screening out unsuitable companies, the fund looks for businesses that exhibit a high return on capital, substantial barriers to entry and growth opportunities, which are undergoing positive changes. The fund aims to avoid macroeconomic risk by splitting its portfolio evenly between cyclical and defensive buckets. The final portfolio comprises between 40 to 55 stocks, thus delivering a level of diversification. The fund has been added due to the better outlook for growth stocks as the European Central Bank begins cutting rates.

#### ■ **Man Income Fund**

**Weighting:** 2.00%

The objective of this fund is to achieve a level of income above the FTSE All Share Index as well as producing some capital growth through investing, directly or indirectly, primarily in UK equities. It may also invest in equities of companies which derive a substantial part of their revenues from activities in the UK.

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