

SOCIAL IMPACT

SYNAPTIC RISK PROFILE 5 | INCEPTION DEC. 2015

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide capital growth on a long term basis by exposure to assets considered to be ethical by the managers.

STRATEGY RISK PROFILE AND SUITABILITY

The portfolio will be fully invested in the Blenheim Ethical opportunities Fund. This is a multi-asset fund, investing in a range of asset classes which are considered by the managers to be ethical investment choices.

The fund is managed with a cautious to a medium risk tolerance. In addition to the typical risks inherent in any investment, the additional ethical overlay does narrow the investment universe when compared to a normal multi-asset portfolio, and may have an adverse impact on the performance. The fund's exposure to equities will vary between a minimum of 20% and a maximum of 60% with the remaining balance invested in other suitable asset classes for diversification purposes. Diversification is further enhanced by investing no less than 70% of the fund in collectives.

ETHICAL CRITERIA

To be eligible for investment:

- Collective investment schemes must have a stated Environmental social or governance (ESG) objective and policy or a stated socially responsible (SRI) objective and policy.
- Property oriented collective investment schemes must have an independent accreditation for their ESG or SRI credentials.
- Direct investments must align to one or more of the sustainable development goals, as measured by the Investment manager's assessment of the business model.
- The investment manager will check at the point of investment and at least annually that a minimum of 70% of the collectives focusing on shares and Bonds, avoid companies that derive any revenue from any of the following: Human rights abuses, Environmental abuse, Animal testing for cosmetics and armaments.

The portfolio is suitable for investors who are looking for capital growth on a long-term basis (5 years plus), and are prepared to accept a cautious to medium level of risk.

MANAGEMENT

The portfolio is managed by Beckett Asset Management's team of investment professionals: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian and Elliot Basford.

As well as deciding on asset allocation, the team also manages the underlying Blenheim range of funds. These are actively managed utilising a wide investment universe, in line with their investment objectives.

BENCHMARK

ARC Sterling balanced Assets Private Clients Index is a suitable benchmark. This index has a targeted volatility band of 40%- 60% relative to World Equities.

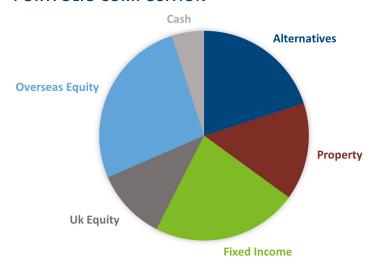
YIELD

Historic Distribution Yield: 2.10% Prospective Yield: 3.71%

ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF)

0.81%

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



PORTFOLIO CONSTITUENTS

Blenheim Ethical Opportunities				100%
PERFORMANCE				
	6M	1YR	3YR	5YR
Social Impact Portfolio	3.70	6.09	5.70	32.71
ARC Sterling Balanced Asset PCI	4.92	5.98	3.65	20.80

BAM MPS PERFORMANCE FIGURES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ONGOING CHARGES OF THE UNDERLYING HOLDINGS BUT EXCLUDE ADVISER CHARGES AND PLATFORM FEES. INCLUSION OF THESE WILL RESULT IN A LOWER RETURN TO THE END INVESTOR, DEPENDING ON THE CLIENT AGREEMENT AND THE PLATFORM USED. PROSPECTIVE YIELD IS NOT GUARANTEED AND DOES NOT INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS FOR EXPENSES AND TAX. IT IS CALCULATED USING THE HOLDINGS' EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS (DATA AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023). ANY VARIATION IN THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS PAID WILL IMPACT THE TOTAL YIELD. THIS IMPACT COULD BE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE.

ARC PCI: ASSET RISK CONSULTANTS (ARC) OPERATE THE PRIVATE CLIENT INDICES (PCI) ACROSS THE RISK SPECTRUM AS PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND YARDSTICKS FOR DISCRETIONARY PORTFOLIO MANAGERS. THIS DATA INCLUDES PLATFORM FEES AND MAY BE ESTIMATED AND SUBJECT TO REVISION.

MANAGER COMMENTARY

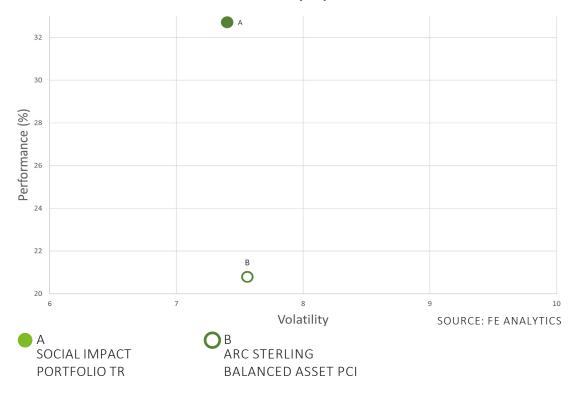
While the last quarter of 2023 was soggy in terms of the Great British weather along with periodic strike action, markets and portfolios finished 2023 brightly. In fact, it was one of the strongest quarters for decades. This was because investors quickly realised that interest rates were too high and are due to fall sharply in 2024, supported by Fed Chair Powell's comments after the December Fed meeting. There is quite a wide dispersion of views about the magnitude and pace of interest rate cuts from economists, and actions will be very data dependent. This short-term exuberance is likely to be followed by a period of correction, and we aren't getting too carried away and still have some "dry powder", which will be put to work opportunistically.

All Blenheim holdings made a positive contribution to the performance in the last quarter of 2023. The overseas equity portion of the fund was the dominant contributor, helping the strategy outperform the estimated return for the ARC Sterling Balanced peer group.

There were some changes in the Fixed Income element of the underlying Ethical Opps fund over the quarter as well as reduction in cash. You can find more detail on ongoing activity in the monthly Blenheim fact sheet.

Despite the strong end to 2023, the coming year looks set to mirror the same uncertainty of 2023, and there are several questions we continue to debate: growth or recession? When will rate cuts start? What will inflation do? To name just a few. We still have ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, which could rattle markets and maybe the inflation picture.

RETURN AND VOLATILTY 5 YEARS TO 31/12/2023



AS IS THE VERY NATURE OF INVESTING, THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS AND THE VALUE OF YOUR INVESTMENT WILL BOTH RISE AND FALL OVER TIME. PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT PAST PERFORMANCE WILL REPEAT ITSELF AND YOU MUST BE COMFORTABLE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE LESS THAN YOU ORIGINALLY INVESTED. CHANGES IN RATES OF EXCHANGE MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE VALUE, PRICE OR INCOME OF AN INVESTMENT. THE OPINIONS STATED ARE THOSE OF BECKETT ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD, WHICH IS AUTHORISED AND REGULATED BY THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY. PROSPECTIVE YIELD IS NOT GUARANTEED AND DOES NOT INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS FOR EXPENSES AND TAX. IT IS CALCULATED USING THE HOLDINGS' EXPECTED DISTRIBUTIONS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS (DATA AS AT 30 JUNE 2023). ANY VARIATION IN THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS PAID WILL IMPACT THE TOTAL YIELD. THIS IMPACT COULD BE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE.