

# NEXUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO A

A Sub Fund of Libero International SICAV plc

FACTSHEET - May 2022



## INVESTMENT PROCESS

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## MARKET COMMENTARY

After some respite in the second half of March, markets resumed their downward trend for the year in April. Nexus Solutions was not immune to this, falling -3.66% over the month.

The war in Ukraine, lockdowns in China and the prospect of substantially tighter US monetary policy all weighed on sentiment. Global equities resumed their recent decline, with MSCI All Country World falling by -8.0% over the month. Growth stocks saw substantial losses of -11.9%, while value stocks continued their recent outperformance, down by only 4.9% in comparison. With US headline inflation standing at 8.5% – the highest level since 1981 – several members of the Fed's Board of Governors used speeches in April to highlight their desire to take rates back to neutral as quickly as possible.

Fixed income continued to come under pressure, with global bonds delivering a -5.5% return in April as US 10-year Treasury yields approached 3%. Expectations for the path of monetary policy have seen a major shift this year, with markets now pricing in interest rates of well over 2% in both the US and the UK by year-end, while eurozone rates are expected to move into positive territory as early as October.

During the month it was the portfolio's semiconductor stocks that came under the most pressure over fears for the short-term outlook for the industry. Amazon also disappointed after posting its first quarterly loss since 2015. More positively a number of the pharmaceutical positions added value, proving to be relatively defensive in nature during these turbulent markets. Merck, Sanofi, Novo Nordisk, AstraZeneca and Novartis all added value over the month. Coca Cola was amongst the best performers after releasing better than expected results towards the end of the month; that coming despite the suspension of its business in Russia due to the war. As noted above it was a tough period for fixed interest but it was pleasing to see the hedge funds add value.

Inflation is elevated, but is likely to moderate in the second half of 2022, whilst US monetary tightening is front-end loaded but now mostly priced in. We continue to think the macroeconomic backdrop and current earnings trajectory will support stocks, albeit volatility seems likely to remain high. The continued emphasis on quality, liquidity and diversification across asset class and geography remains firmly in place and Nexus Solutions remains well positioned for long term growth.

## INVESTMENT THEMES

### Standard Chartered

Standard Chartered has a history of over 150 years in banking and operates in many of the world's fastest growing markets with an extensive global network, but with its focus region stretching eastwards from North Africa and across Asia. Serving both consumer and wholesale customers the Group combines local knowledge with global capability to offer a wide range of products. We made an investment in April, reflecting our positive view on the UK Asian banks. This is because of their better loan growth and gearing to more dependable US rate rises relative to domestic UK peers.

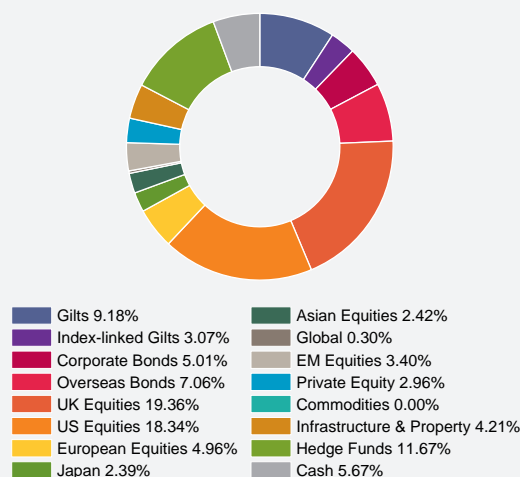
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## OBJECTIVE

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## ASSET ALLOCATION

As at 29 April 2022



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	%
Pimco Global Investment Grade Credit Fund	4.10
iShares Core Corporate Bond ETF	3.20
4.5% Gilt 2042	3.20
0.125% Index-linked 2036	3.10
PIMCO Dynamic Multi-Asset Fund	3.00
Federated Hermes Unconstrained Credit Fund	3.00
LFIS Vision Premia Fund	2.50
iShares STOXX Europe 600 Real Estate ETF	2.40
4.75% Gilt 2030	2.20
Mygale Event Driven Fund	2.20
<b>Total Top 10</b>	<b>28.90%</b>

**IMPORTANT:** The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up. You may not recover what you invest.

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Cumulative performance (%) 29 April 2022	1m	1y	3y	5y	Since Launch
Retail 'A' Acc Shares	-3.66	-3.71	7.25	13.57	34.21

Source: Financial Express 29/04/2022 Past performance is not a guide to future performance and future returns are not guaranteed.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2013							1.33	-2.11	0.54	1.81	-0.45	0.35	1.48
2014	-1.79	2.65	-1.27	0.39	1.38	-0.69	-0.35	0.89	-1.62	0.34	2.83	-0.39	2.26
2015	2.03	1.21	0.48	-0.03	0.75	-2.30	0.08	-3.05	-1.20	2.49	0.58	-1.07	-0.18
2016	-1.55	0.45	0.65	0.20	0.84	0.62	7.06	1.54	0.51	0.09	-1.72	3.12	12.17
2017	-0.56	2.83	0.32	-0.63	1.97	-1.78	0.49	1.58	-1.18	1.71	-0.69	2.20	6.30
2018	-0.44	-1.69	-1.57	2.51	2.17	-0.31	1.13	-0.15	-0.35	-4.30	-0.43	-3.35	-6.76
2019	3.21	1.25	2.06	2.11	-1.10	3.10	2.76	-1.30	0.80	-1.48	1.23	0.95	14.29
2020	-0.12	-3.99	-8.29	5.37	3.11	1.51	-0.39	1.62	-0.30	-1.95	5.63	2.48	3.89
2021	-1.33	-0.82	1.91	2.43	-0.24	1.72	0.92	1.88	-2.37	2.28	0.46	0.53	7.50
2022	-4.09	-2.42	1.49	-3.66									-8.49

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## FUND DATA

Launch Date	20 June 2013
Launch Price	GBP 100.00
Current Price	A GBP 134.3523
Fund Size	£110,407,615.12
Fund Structure	UCITS V
ISAs/SIPPs/SASSs	Eligible
Base Currency	GBP
Share Classes	Sterling Euro US Dollar
Fund Charges	5.5% Initial
Minimum Investment	£1000 Sterling
Dealing Schedule	Daily
AMC	1.85%
ISIN No.	Class A GBP Investor Shares MT7000007688

## STRATEGY MANAGERS



**Karl Williamson, CFA**

### Fund Manager

Karl graduated from LSE with a BSc in economics in 2002. He started his career in Amsterdam with market maker Mako Global Derivatives

before moving back to London to make markets in various equity and fixed income products. In 2008 Karl moved to Quilter Cheviot, where he manages portfolios on behalf of individuals, trusts and charities. He is a Member of the Chartered Securities Institute (MCSI). Karl has been managing the Nexus Portfolios since launch in 2010, initially with David Miller and since 2022 has been the lead manager. The team won the 2013 City of London Wealth Management Award for best performing fund for the Libero Cautious fund.



**Bertie Butler**

### Fund Manager

Bertie graduated from the University of Leeds with a BSc in Economics in 2014 before joining Kleinwort Benson in London. He moved to

Quilter Cheviot in 2015 and qualified as an investment manager in 2018. He is a Member of the Chartered Securities Institute (MCSI) and has been involved with managing the fund since 2018. Bertie also manages portfolios for individuals, corporates, charities and trusts.

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