

# NEXUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO A

A Sub Fund of Libero International SICAV plc

FACTSHEET - May 2023



## INVESTMENT PROCESS

The fund manager's approach to investment combines strong valuation disciplines within a long-term strategic framework, together with a willingness to adjust asset allocation and stock selection in response to short term market opportunities. The Fund is not constrained by one particular investment style such as growth or value, but instead the manager believes that the best returns are achieved by correctly positioning the portfolio to benefit at all stages of each economic cycle. The manager has the mandate to search out value in all asset classes and so is well placed to judge the relative merits of a wide range of investment opportunities.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Positive economic momentum supported risk assets in April despite further stress in the banking sector. Against this backdrop Nexus Solutions advanced +0.76%, taking the year-to date gain to +2.11%.

In April data showed that growth remains remarkably resilient in the face of higher interest rates. US, eurozone, and UK Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) surveys all beat expectations, and China's Q1 GDP print was also stronger than expected.

Meanwhile falling energy prices helped bring headline inflation down in the major developed economies with the contribution from energy turning negative in the US and the eurozone. In the UK, fuel prices fell while the contribution from broader energy remained positive due to the lags caused by the energy price cap. OPEC announced a cut in production aimed at stabilising oil prices at around \$80 a barrel and while this may reduce base effects, the comparison with sky high 2022 prices mean energy should still drag on inflation in the coming months.

With the value style dominating, US equities generally underperformed their peers in April while the UK stock market was a relative outperformer with notable contributions from Prudential, Haleon and Segro. Dechra Pharmaceuticals was subject of a takeover bid from EQT and we decided to lock in the profit and exit the position. At the other end of the scale a number of our semiconductor related stocks detracted. Property bounced back in April and added value whilst hedge fund returns were more mixed.

Data in April showed economic activity remained robust in the face of mounting headwinds. Equity markets continued their rally and have now broadly recovered from the tumult in March. While near-term recessionary risk seems to have receded somewhat, the closure of another US financial institution at the end of April highlights that the cumulative impact of central bank tightening has still not been fully felt by developed economies.

## INVESTMENT THEMES

### BT

BT has faced some major headwinds in the recent past. However revenues have stabilised and earnings estimates have stopped falling. Given pressure from OFCOM, BT is now embracing a proper fibre rollout and industrialising the installation process, bringing down cost. Good news for UK connectivity. BT's valuation looks inexpensive and with a new Chairman (Jon Du Plessis) and new CEO (Philip Jansen) we expect a fresh strategy going forward. We made an investment in April.

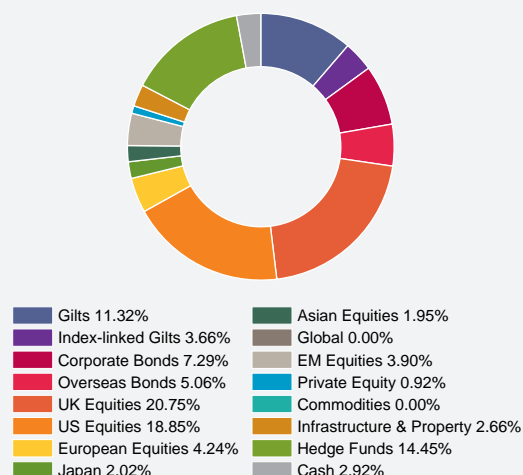
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## OBJECTIVE

The Nexus Global Solutions Portfolio is an actively managed, globally diversified, multi-asset class fund. The aim is growth over the medium term, with a dual focus on capital protection as well as capital appreciation. An understanding of macro economic conditions together with detailed research into individual securities is used to construct diversified, highly liquid portfolios, able to adapt to a unique range of market conditions.

## ASSET ALLOCATION

As at 30 April 2023



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

| TOP 10 HOLDINGS                                 | %             |
|---|---------------|
| iShares Core £ Corporate Bond UCITS ETF         | 4.25          |
| Federated Hermes Unconstrained Credit Fund      | 4.08          |
| PIMCO Dynamic Multi-Asset Fund                  | 3.67          |
| 0.125% Index-linked 2036                        | 3.66          |
| Mygale Event Driven Fund                        | 3.42          |
| Ardea Global Alpha Fund                         | 3.25          |
| 0.25% Treasury 2025                             | 2.57          |
| MW Tops Fund                                    | 2.32          |
| 4.5% Gilt 2042                                  | 2.12          |
| iShares Core £ Corporate Bond 0 - 5yr UCITS ETF | 1.95          |
| <b>Total Top 10</b>                             | <b>31.29%</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 (%) 30 April 2023 | 1m   | 1y    | 3y   | 5y   | Since Launch |
|--|------|-------|------|------|--------------|
| Retail 'A' Acc Shares                    | 0.76 | -4.13 | 5.73 | 5.70 | 28.80        |

Source: Financial Express 30/04/2023 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 | -0.93 | -4.64 | 4.11  | -2.08 | -5.58 | 2.01  | 3.52  | -2.23 | -14.09 |
| 2023 | 3.46  | -1.06 | -1.00 | 0.76  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 2.11   |

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## FUND DATA

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Launch Date        | 20 June 2013                                |
| Launch Price       | GBP 100.00                                  |
| Current Price      | A GBP 128.8023                              |
| Fund Size          | £100,099,097.72                             |
| Fund Structure     | UCITS V                                     |
| ISAs/SIPPs/SASSs   | Eligible                                    |
| Base Currency      | GBP   |
| Share Classes      | Sterling<br>Euro<br>US Dollar               |
| Fund Charges       | 5.5% Initial                                |
| Minimum Investment | £1000 Sterling                              |
| Dealing Schedule   | Daily                                       |
| AMC                | 1.85%                                       |
| ISIN No.           | Class A GBP<br>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.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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