

# NEXUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO A (USD)

A Sub Fund of Libero International SICAV plc

FACTSHEET - January 2024



## 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

After something of a reality check in the third quarter, the last two months of the year saw strong returns across most major asset classes. Growing anticipation that central banks will cut interest rates sooner in 2024 than previously expected resulted in a broad rally and the Solutions portfolio benefitted, rising 3.97% in December, resulting in a 2023 return of +6.80%.

The end of the 'higher for longer' narrative boosted growth stocks over the quarter, but value stocks also delivered very respectable returns. Real estate investment trusts and small cap stocks, which had struggled in the face of higher rates, bounced back as the market priced in six cuts for the Federal Reserve in 2024.

The US was the standout performer in the equity space in 2023, boosted by a handful of large tech companies deemed at the forefront of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Around half of the US market returns came from the "magnificent seven" tech companies, of which the Solutions portfolio owns five. These seven firms now make up a larger proportion of the world equity index than the cumulative weighting for all UK, French, Japanese and Chinese stocks.

In December a number of our growth stocks performed well, including AMD (+21%) and Micron (+11%), whilst United Rentals, Rockwell Automation and the relatively new holding Sika also made pleasing progress. Bonds continued their good run, particularly longer duration stocks, whilst all sub-sectors within alternatives added value.

Looking ahead, there is plenty of political uncertainty on the horizon with UK and US elections expected in the coming 12 months. Equity valuations are still fairly reasonable, although there is a concern that markets are still quite optimistic on earnings. We continue to focus on quality and diversification within the portfolio.

## INVESTMENT THEMES

### Micron

In December Micron, a manufacturer of both DRAM and Flash Memory, reported first-quarter results that topped estimates on both the top and bottom lines. Businesses have begun to incorporate generative artificial intelligence (AI) into various products and services, and memory is a key ingredient in AI servers.

Demand for Micron's new High Bandwidth Memory (HBM3e) has been very strong, while more broadly demand looks to be outstripping supply in 2024, leading to improved memory pricing.

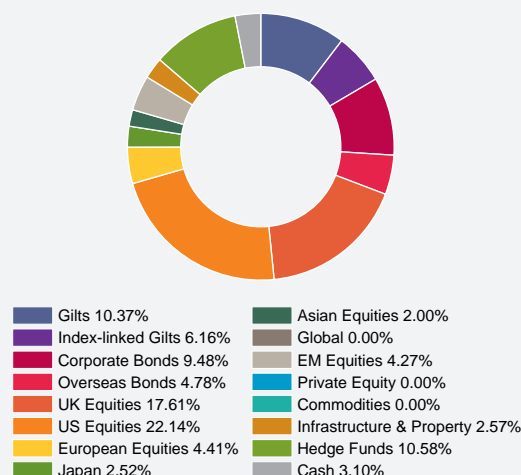
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## OBJECTIVE

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 31 December 2023



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	%
0.125% Index-linked 2036	6.16
iShares Core £ Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	6.03
Mygale Event Driven Fund	2.59
Ardea Global Alpha Fund	2.52
Hermes Unconstrained Credit Fund	2.39
Wellington Global Credit ESG Fund	2.39
PIMCO Dynamic Multi-Asset Fund	2.32
4.5% Gilt 2042	2.26
iShares Core £ Corporate Bond 0 - 5yr UCITS ETF	2.15
0.25% Gilt 2025	2.04
<b>Total Top 10</b>	<b>30.85%</b>

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Cumulative Performance (%) 31 December 2023	1m	1y	3y	5y	Since Launch
Retail 'A' Acc Shares	3.97	6.80	-1.14	21.50	31.57

Source: Financial Express 31/12/2023 **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
2015	-	1.15	0.56	-0.31	0.70	-2.38	-0.05	-3.04	-1.15	2.34	0.50	-1.04	-3.05
2016	1.54	0.47	0.62	0.07	0.86	0.57	6.42	1.59	0.52	-0.27	-1.60	3.11	11.11
2017	-0.54	2.89	0.44	-0.74	2.14	-1.74	0.41	1.77	-1.19	1.73	-0.66	2.38	6.97
2018	-0.71	-1.55	-1.52	2.48	2.21	-0.19	1.23	-0.02	-0.23	-4.31	-0.28	-3.08	-6.02
2019	3.42	1.71	2.37	2.30	-0.88	3.14	2.35	-0.65	0.94	-1.61	1.39	1.21	16.70
2020	-0.06	-3.80	-7.44	5.48	3.07	1.54	-0.47	1.72	-0.31	-2.15	5.68	2.70	5.32
2021	-1.50	-0.93	2.02	2.22	-0.19	1.47	0.94	1.86	-2.55	2.31	0.29	0.75	6.75
2022	-3.09	-2.46	1.54	-0.70	-0.42	-4.74	3.88	-2.01	-4.83	1.97	3.93	-2.24	-13.29
2023	3.41	-0.95	-0.96	0.69	-1.44	0.73	1.26	-1.24	-0.16	-2.16	3.70	3.97	6.80

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## FUND DATA

Launch Date	20 June 2013
Launch Price	USD 100.00
Current Price	A USD 131.5739
Fund Size	£93,615,397.23
Fund Structure	UCITS V
ISAs/SIPPs/SASSs	Eligible
Base Currency	GBP
Share Classes	Sterling Euro US Dollar
Minimum Investment	\$1000 Dollar
Dealing Schedule	Daily
AMC	1.5%
Initial fee	4% Initial
ISIN No.	Class A USD Investor Shares MT7000007704

## 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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