

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

Equity markets displayed remarkable resilience in the first quarter amidst various challenges. Despite concerns such as higher interest rates and geopolitical tensions, most indices had a strong quarter, with technology leading the charge. Against this backdrop, Solutions was +2.24% over March, taking the Q1 gain to +2.79%.

The ebullient mood was supported by the continued resilience of the economy. The US economy grew by more than expected during the final quarter of 2023, while the composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remains firmly in expansionary territory. Macroeconomic data elsewhere around the world also showed encouraging signs, further supporting the prospect of a soft landing.

Fixed income investors have had a more challenging start to the year. Stickier inflation, the aforementioned resilient economic activity, and a backpedalling Federal Reserve (Fed) combined to leave bonds generally in negative territory for Q1. The implied number of US rate cuts for 2024 reduced from six cuts at the end of 2023, to no more than three rate cuts in total, starting in the summer. This is broadly inline with the Fed's latest dot plot.

Despite the relatively poor performance of the UK stockmarket it was two domestic stocks that performed best in March, namely DS Smith and Darktrace. DS Smith benefitted as a second company, International Paper, declared an interest in buying it. Darktrace rallied after a solid set of results. There was also a sense that the story for Darktrace is looking cleaner after further sell downs from Mike Lynch and family, along with Summit.

All in all, it has been a pretty good start to the year for investors. A forecast for interest rates underpins the immediate outlook for asset markets. The simple part is that inflation should continue to decline. Far more complicated is an assessment of how the Fed will act in the year ahead.

INVESTMENT THEMES

Darktrace

Darktrace was one of the best performing holdings in March for the portfolio. The British cyber security company reported revenues up 27% with annualised recurring revenue up 24%. Profitability improved significantly with EBITDA margin up to 25.6% driven by operating leverage as costs were held down. We continue to like Darktrace as fundamentals are improving into H2 and the discount it trades on versus peers.

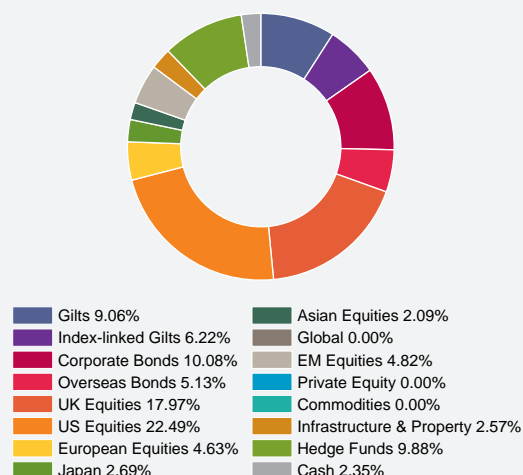
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OBJECTIVE

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 March 2024



TOP 10 HOLDINGS

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	%
iShares Core £ Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	6.39
0.125% Index-linked 2036	6.22
Hermes Unconstrained Credit Fund	2.59
PIMCO Dynamic Multi-Asset Fund	2.54
Wellington Global Credit ESG Fund	2.54
Mygale Event Driven Fund	2.39
4.5% Gilt 2042	2.35
Ardea Global Alpha Fund	2.32
iShares Core £ Corporate Bond 0 - 5yr UCITS ETF	2.29
Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity Fund	2.20
Total Top 10	31.83%

NEXUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO B (EURO)

Cumulative Performance (%) 31 March 2024	1m	1y	3y	5y	Since Launch
Retail 'B' Acc Shares	2.24	6.25	-4.57	2.18	6.78

Source: Financial Express 31/03/2024 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18	-2.23	0.17	1.58	-0.76	0.06	-0.02
2014	-2.03	2.47	-1.35	0.24	0.95	-0.76	-0.56	0.38	-1.73	-0.06	2.58	-0.49	-0.49
2015	1.53	0.83	0.27	-0.31	0.25	-2.49	-0.25	-2.83	-1.18	1.46	0.43	-1.18	-3.51
2016	-1.63	0.40	0.41	-0.32	0.54	0.74	6.28	1.32	0.35	-0.40	-1.95	2.97	8.79
2017	-0.81	2.58	0.14	-0.87	1.74	-1.82	0.15	1.25	-1.12	1.42	-0.83	1.94	3.72
2018	-0.75	-1.77	-1.72	2.14	1.89	-0.46	0.80	-0.31	-0.52	-4.40	-0.64	-3.43	-8.96
2019	2.92	1.02	1.92	1.93	-1.25	2.72	2.30	-1.43	0.60	-1.81	1.04	0.79	11.13
2020	-0.30	-3.99	-7.54	5.23	2.82	1.27	-0.55	1.47	-0.49	-2.10	5.39	2.32	2.82
2021	-1.51	-0.95	1.79	2.24	-0.39	1.47	0.77	1.70	-2.49	2.13	0.33	0.39	5.47
2022	-4.66	-2.52	1.33	-3.86	-1.04	-4.67	3.80	-2.29	-5.47	1.57	3.24	-2.53	-15.89
2023	3.01	-1.21	-1.20	0.51	-1.66	0.63	1.14	-1.59	-0.34	-2.39	3.44	3.77	3.92
2024	-0.87	1.41	2.24										2.79

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FUND DATA

Launch Date	21 June 2013
Launch Price	EURO 100.00
Current Price	B EURO 106.7841
Fund Size	£87,076,641.52
Fund Structure	UCITS V
ISAs/SIPPs/SASSs	Eligible
Base Currency	GBP
Share Classes	Sterling Euro US Dollar
Minimum Investment	€1000 EURO
Dealing Schedule	Daily
AMC	1.5%
Initial fee	4%
ISIN No.	Class B EURO Investor Shares MT7000007720

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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