

# NEXUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS PORTFOLIO A (EURO)

A Sub Fund of Libero International SICAV plc

FACTSHEET - May 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 a strong start to the year, April was a tougher month for investors. Signs of persistent inflation upset the rally in risk assets, alongside a weak first quarter US GDP print. Against this backdrop the Nexus Solutions portfolio ended the month -1.40%.

In April alone, markets priced out one and a half rate cuts in the US this year and the timing of the first cut was pushed further out. 2-year Treasury yields rose 40 basis points to 5.0%, while 10-year Treasury yields rose 47bps to 4.7%. The changing interest rate environment was particularly visible in interest rate-sensitive sectors, such as small caps and REITs.

Eurozone inflation in April remained flat at 2.4% year on year, but the important services component fell 30bps to 3.7%. UK headline inflation also receded, although there are still concerns about the stickiness of some core components. A less inflationary environment, combined with the prospect of stable but slow growth in the euro area and UK, means that markets are more confident in the prospects for rate cuts from the European Central Bank and Bank of England than from the Federal Reserve.

The economic backdrop remains supportive to corporate earnings and the first quarter earnings season in the US has seen companies broadly beat expectations, albeit against a low bar.

Bucking the recent trend, it was the UK equity component that performed best over April, aided by bids for both Darktrace and Anglo American. AstraZeneca and HSBC also had pleasing months following results that were taken well by the market. Conversely the US and Japan both struggled to maintain their recent momentum. Bonds generally continued their 2024 struggle for reasons explained above.

April highlighted that persistent inflation remains a key risk and has the potential to upset the rally in risk assets. We remain focused on quality, diversification and liquidity as the cornerstones of the Nexus portfolio.

## INVESTMENT THEMES

### Darktrace

Last month we noted the strong performance of portfolio stock Darktrace. In April we saw a bid from Thoma Bravo, valuing the company at £4.3bn. While good for shareholders short term, it is another example of UK tech businesses being taken private. Thoma Bravo took Sophos from us in 2020 and Softbank acquired ARM in 2016, and there are many others.

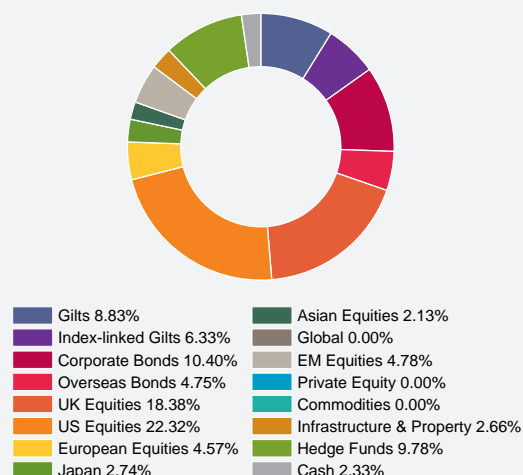
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## OBJECTIVE

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 2024



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

| TOP 10 HOLDINGS                                 | %             |
|---|---------------|
| iShares Core £ Corporate Bond UCITS ETF         | 6.57          |
| 0.125% Index-linked 2036                        | 6.33          |
| Ardea Global Alpha Fund                         | 2.45          |
| iShares Core £ Corporate Bond 0 - 5yr UCITS ETF | 2.39          |
| Hermes Unconstrained Credit Fund                | 2.38          |
| Wellington Global Credit ESG Fund               | 2.37          |
| 4.5% Gilt 2042                                  | 2.34          |
| PIMCO Dynamic Multi-Asset Fund                  | 2.31          |
| Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity Fund   | 2.30          |
| Mygale Event Driven Fund                        | 2.26          |
| <b>Total Top 10</b>                             | <b>31.70%</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 2024 | 1m    | 1y   | 3y    | 5y   | Since Launch |
|--|-------|------|-------|------|--------------|
| Retail 'A' Acc Shares                    | -1.40 | 5.09 | -5.49 | 3.71 | 19.09        |

Source: Financial Express 30/04/2024 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 | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 0.19  | 0.35   |
| 2014 | -1.95 | 2.65  | -1.33 | 0.37  | 1.14  | -0.68 | -0.38 | 0.53  | -1.68 | 0.06  | 2.72  | -0.36 | 0.97   |
| 2015 | 2.04  | 1.05  | 0.33  | -0.24 | 0.49  | -2.34 | -0.12 | -3.03 | -1.17 | 2.02  | 0.59  | -1.26 | -1.76  |
| 2016 | -1.73 | 0.42  | 0.53  | -0.08 | 0.77  | 0.80  | 6.50  | 1.44  | 0.33  | -0.37 | -1.72 | 3.25  | 10.36  |
| 2017 | -0.80 | 2.77  | 0.23  | -0.83 | 1.87  | -1.81 | 0.24  | 1.38  | -1.09 | 1.57  | -0.76 | 2.11  | 4.87   |
| 2018 | -0.69 | -1.75 | -1.65 | 2.33  | 2.08  | -0.36 | 0.90  | -0.26 | -0.47 | -4.45 | -0.57 | -3.43 | -8.23  |
| 2019 | 3.13  | 1.18  | 2.05  | 2.0   | -1.15 | 2.89  | 2.42  | -1.34 | 0.81  | -1.85 | 1.15  | 0.88  | 12.70  |
| 2020 | -0.23 | -4.01 | -7.69 | 5.54  | 3.09  | 1.45  | -0.81 | 1.59  | -0.36 | -2.06 | 5.74  | 2.46  | 3.96   |
| 2021 | -1.50 | -0.97 | 1.87  | 2.39  | -0.30 | 1.60  | 0.87  | 1.81  | -2.52 | 2.27  | 0.37  | 0.52  | 6.44   |
| 2022 | -4.18 | -2.50 | 1.44  | -3.87 | -0.98 | -4.72 | 4.05  | -2.24 | -5.45 | 1.69  | 3.42  | -2.50 | -15.24 |
| 2023 | 3.18  | -1.16 | -1.15 | 0.60  | -1.60 | 0.71  | 1.23  | -1.49 | -0.34 | -2.31 | 3.53  | 3.85  | 4.91   |
| 2024 | -0.77 | 1.47  | 2.32  | -1.40 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1.59   |

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## FUND DATA

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Launch Date        | 22 November 2013                            |
| Launch Price       | EURO 100.00                                 |
| Current Price      | A EURO 119.0937                             |
| Fund Size          | £82,917,727.88                              |
| Fund Structure     | UCITS V                                     |
| ISAs/SIPPs/SASSs   | Eligible                                    |
| Base Currency      | GBP   |
| Share Classes      | Sterling<br>Euro<br>US Dollar               |
| Fund Charges       | 4% Initial                                  |
| Minimum Investment | €1000 EURO                                  |
| Dealing Schedule   | Daily                                       |
| AMC                | 1.5%  |
| ISIN No.           | Class A EUR<br>Investor Shares MT7000007696 |

## 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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