

### Investment Objectives

Our objective is to outperform RPI UK + 3% over the medium to long term, keeping within the prescribed volatility limits whilst investing in low cost ETFs or Index funds, physically invested and with a low tracking error.

To achieve the investment objective we deploy quantitative and qualitative techniques and extensive research that shape our macro economic views.

### Investment Growth

Time Period: 01/01/2018 to 28/02/2022



### Snapshot

Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Mo Yield	1.80%
Ongoing Charge	0.23%
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.20%
Portfolio Cost	0.43%

### Calendar Year Returns

Data Point: Return

	3Month	6Month	YTD	2021	2020	2019	Since inception [01/01/2018]
Alpha Beta AB4 Core	-3.92	-3.29	-5.56	12.95	6.92	18.50	31.39
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	-4.84	-5.03	-6.31	11.10	5.50	15.94	19.59

### Benchmark

Benchmark	UK RPI+3%
Comparator Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 40-85%

### Risk Profile

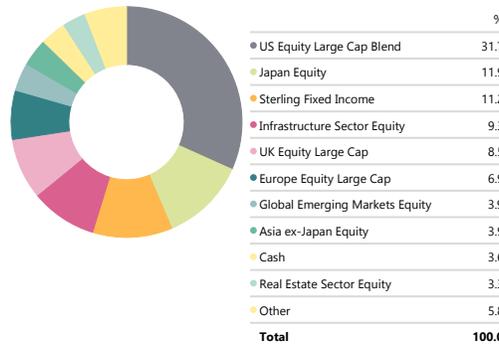
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### Risk

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
Alpha Beta AB4 Core	0.29	7.43
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	-0.01	7.41

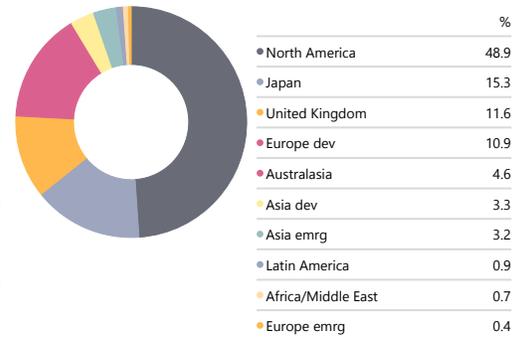
### Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 28/02/2022



### Equity Regional Exposure

Portfolio Date: 28/02/2022



### Top 10 Holdings

Portfolio Date: 28/02/2022

Portfolio	Weighting %
iShares North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc	22.57%
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc	11.88%
First Sentier Glb Lstd Infra B GBP Acc	9.32%
Vanguard U.S. Eq Idx £ Acc	9.14%
Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc	8.50%
Vanguard FTSE Dev €pe ex-UK Eq Idx £ Acc	6.88%
Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond B Acc	4.46%
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx £ Acc	3.93%
Vanguard Pac exJpn Stk Idx £ Acc	3.87%
Royal London Short Duration Gilts M Inc	3.70%
	84.25%

### Manager's Commentary

The economic consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine continue to unfold but this action coupled with strong inflationary pressure and a tightening cycle for monetary policy have given rise to a challenging beginning to 2022.

The situation in Ukraine worsened during the month and it introduced another dose of sentiment driven selling to an already fragile market. Interestingly, these turn of events have not had a material impact on interbank liquidity. Economists are busy recalibrating possible trajectories for inflation given the current squeeze on energy prices, particularly oil. US Consumer Price Inflation may exceed previous reading for February, before falling back to c5% by year-end due to price inflation in agricultural and energy commodities.

The FOMC later this month is going to propose its first-rate hike and by all indications, it is going to be in the region of 25bps. The Fed Chairman has cited geopolitical risks to the US economy in his recent communication, suggesting we may have a relatively dovish tone in the upcoming FOMC.

With US 10-year breakeven inflation indicators sitting around 2.8%, the market certainly expects a moderation in inflation looking further ahead. Indeed, we expect supply chain bottlenecks to ease significantly as we progress through the year, and base effects are likely to bring down the headline inflation figures beginning in quarter two this year. This however, is very much dependent on the resolution of current live risk.

The People's Bank of China have now cut rates and is actively supporting the Chinese economy. The Chinese GDP growth target for this year is 5.5%. We expect an upward rebound in growth and equity valuations as the economy reopens and a reopening China will also help to pull back inflationary pressure in the West. This however is dependent on the conclusion of the reforms drive, ending covid restrictions and wider geopolitical risk.

The US equity and European equity indices registered material drawdowns during the month. Europe remains exposed to energy and food security risk if the situation in Ukraine escalates. The UK market has performed well, aided by sector composition benefitting from commodity price increases recently.

All portfolios remained inside their allocated risk corridors during the month. We anticipate markets moving higher before we contemplate our next move whilst retaining a clear and vivid focus on the risks in play.

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