

# AB SRI Balanced Growth Portfolio

as at 31 Aug 2021

# **Investment Objectives**

The AB SRI Balanced Growth Model Portfolio will seek to deliver long-term capital growth by blending collective strategies and employing our proprietary rating and risk profiling systems.

The equity allocation of the portfolio will be managed 20.0% within our self imposed parameter of 40% - 85% and in line with a Alpha Beta Risk Profile of 5 - 7.

#### **Investment Growth**



- AB SRI Balanced Growth ■ IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares 42.9%

# Snapshot

Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Mo Yield	0.93%
Ongoing Charge	0.83%
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.25%
Portfolio Cost	1.08%

#### **Benchmark**

Benchmark	UK RPI+49		
Comparator Ronchmark	IA Mixed Investment 40, 85%		

## Risk

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
AB SRI Balanced Growth	2.07	8.22
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	1.54	8.08

#### **Top 10 Holdings**

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2021

	Portfolio
	Weighting %
Liontrust Sust Fut Glbl Gr 2 Net Acc	11.25%
EdenTree Global Equity Cls B Inc	10.17%
Brown Advisory US Sust Gr GBP B Inc	9.42%
FP WHEB Sustainability C GBP Inc	9.13%
FP Foresight Global RI Infras A GBP Acc	8.92%
Impax Asian Environmental Markets IRL X	8.81%
CASH	5.83%
Pictet-Water I dy GBP	5.03%
EdenTree Short Dated Bond Cls B Inc	4.86%
Rathbone Ethical Bond I Inc	4.77%
	78.18%

### **Investment Team**

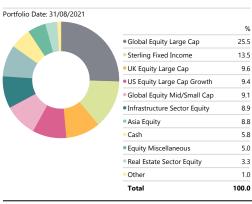
Investment Manager

Alpha Beta SRI Investment Team

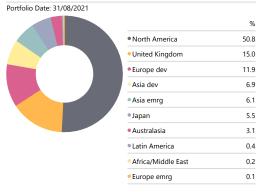
# Trailing Returns

Data Point: Return						
	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
AB SRI Balanced Growth	7.52	15.78	14.94	25.74	33.50	58.32
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	4.72	9.63	9.60	17.92	22.95	42.94

#### **Asset Allocation**



## **Equity Regional Exposure**



#### Manager's Commentary

The efficient market hypothesis assumes that stock markets are very efficient discounting mechanisms and price in all available information, including present and potential future known events. This, along with the extraordinary amount of liquidity provided by the central banks, helps understand why equities have recovered to register all-time highs since the start of pandemic. We now stand on the verge of a full reopening and potential immunity from the virus. The inoculation drive throughout the developed world has helped deliver some form of immunity to the prevalent variants. Of course, there is always a chance that a more deadly variant may emerge to wreck it all, but the progress made in the

With all the extraordinary monetary and fiscal measures taken by the central banks and governments, asset prices are now stretched on most of the fundamental measures we look at relative to the outlook for the real economy. Consequently, how inflation, global growth and corporate earnings play out from here will play an even more crucial role in determining the direction of markets. The month was positive for the risk assets. US equities (S&P 500 Index) made new highs after a dovish statement from Chairman Powell at the Jackson Hole meeting. The US unemployment rate fell to 5.2% percent although the non-Farm payrolls data considerably undershot expectations. We remain cognisant of the potential changes in the Fed's posture and the economic data points that can drive such a change. Chairman Powell previously hinted upon creating a taper committee and was widely expected to expand on that subject at Jackson Hole but delivered little on the subject of substance.

For now, the US Treasury markets remain resilient, and yields remain range bound despite an increase in the inflation breakeven numbers. However, inflation pressure continues to build for now, despite a general cooling of the global economy, with supply-side squeezes now accentuated by Covid factors and by disruptive weather. We are keeping a close eye on wage pressures and service sector inflation which continue to suggest that inflation is not yet contained. We recently decreased our interest rate sensitivity to protect against an increase in rates.

At a portfolio level, the SRI Balanced Growth model has benefited from its US exposure, with its biggest contributor being the Brown Advisory US Sustainable Growth Fund, which is first quartile within its sector. The Brown Advisory US Sustainable Growth Fund considers that sustainable strategies can drive a company's financial performance leading to attractive returns for shareholders as well as benefits for the environment and society globally.

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