Alpha Beta Portfolios
AB Core Plus Cautious

as at 31 Aug 2021

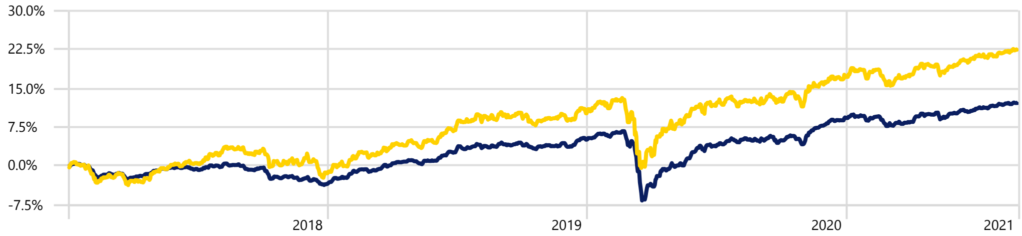
Investment Objectives

Our objective is to outperform RPI UK + 1% over the medium to long term, keeping within the prescribed volatility limits whilst investing in low cost ETFs or Index funds for the core and active funds for the satellite positions.

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

Investment Growth

Time Period: 01/01/2018 to 31/08/2021



AB Core Plus Cautious 22.7% IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares 12.4%

Snapshot

Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Mo Yield	1.35%
Ongoing Charge	0.32%
Management Fee (VAT where applicable)	0.20%
Portfolio Cost	0.52%

Calendar Year Returns

Data Point: Return

	3Month	6Month	YTD	2020	2019	2018	Since Inception [01-01-2018]
AB Core Plus Cautious	3.01	6.13	4.69	6.37	11.72	-1.38	22.69
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	2.03	4.30	2.83	3.98	8.80	-3.41	12.36

Benchmark

Benchmark	UK RPI+1%
Comparator Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 0-35%

Risk Profile

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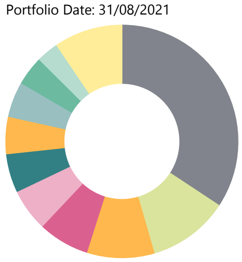
Risk

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
AB Core Plus Cautious	1.27	4.67
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	0.99	4.08

Asset Allocation

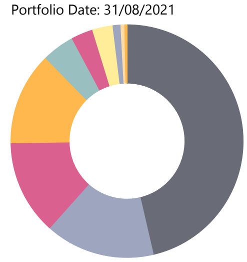
Portfolio Date: 31/08/2021



	%
Sterling Fixed Income	34.3
Global Fixed Income	11.3
US Equity Large Cap Blend	9.4
Infrastructure Sector Equity	7.1
Japan Equity	5.9
Healthcare Sector Equity	5.4
Cash	5.2
UK Equity Large Cap	4.9
Cautious Allocation	4.1
US Fixed Income	3.1
Other	9.5
Total	**100.0**

Equity Regional Exposure

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2021



	%
North America	46.4
Japan	15.3
Europe dev	13.2
United Kingdom	12.9
Asia emrg	4.5
Australasia	3.0
Asia dev	2.8
Latin America	1.1
Africa/Middle East	0.5
Europe emrg	0.3

Top 10 Holdings

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2021

	Portfolio Weighting %
Royal London Short Duration Gilts M Inc	15.86%
L&G Global Inflation Linked Bd Idx I Acc	7.93%
First Sentier Glb Lstd Infra B GBP Acc	7.12%
Vanguard U.S. Eq Idx £ Acc	5.98%
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx £ Acc	5.89%
BlackRock Corporate Bond 1-10 Year D Acc	5.88%
Schroder Global Healthcare Z Acc	5.37%
CASH	5.16%
Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc	4.92%
Fidelity Mlt Asst Allctr Defesv W Acc	4.07%
	68.18%

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 last 18 months is impressive.

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. The Global Technology and Sustainable Energy sectors posted positive returns through August. Chinese equities continue to struggle amid concerns over the government's crackdown and new regulations. We expect the Chinese regulators and the central bank to address these issues in the near future.

Equities, especially the US equities, remain overbought both fundamentally and technically and we have taken some precaution in our portfolios and have moved to cautiously risk-on in the short term and risk-on medium to long term.

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