

## GBP A SHARE CLASS

## TM STONEHAGE FLEMING

# **GLOBAL BALANCED PORTFOLIO FUND**









A global portfolio of long term investment opportunities, including talented active managers and passive strategies.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To preserve capital in the medium term and to achieve capital growth in real terms over the longer term, whilst generating moderate levels of income.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER PERFORMANCE



#### †29.5% Balanced Fund 24.1% Comparator Index

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

%	3m	2022 to date	I2m	3yrs p.a.	5yrs p.a.	
Balanced Fund	-2.7	-2.7	5.4	6.0	4.6	
Comparator Index	-3.2	-3.2	3.6	4.9	3.7	
%	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	
Balanced Fund	8.9	4.6	14.4	-6.3	9.1	
Comparator Index	7.6	4.3	11.7	-5.1	6.7	

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Total assets (Millions GBP)	292.3
Net income yield <sup>1</sup>	1.0%
Income paid as dividend	Feb, May, Aug, Nov
Fund type	UK domiciled UCITS OEIC
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) <sup>2</sup>	0.99%
Comparator index <sup>3</sup>	ARC GBP Balanced Asset PCI
Base currency	GBP
Fund inception	7 July 2011
Portfolio manager inception	31 October 2016
Number of holdings	25
Dealing frequency	Daily
Settlement period	T+4
ISIN code	GB00B3QRG186

### **TOP 5 ACTIVE STRATEGIES**

Fund	% of Portfolio
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Fund	7.6
PIMCO Income Fund	5.5
Lyrical US Value Fund	5.5
BlueBay Global Investment Grade Bond Fund	4.7
Evenlode Global Income Fund	4.1

### **TOP 5 PASSIVE STRATEGIES**

Fund	% of Portfolio
iShares S&P 500 GBP Hedged UCITS ETF	6.9
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund	5.3
iShares Physical Gold ETC	5.1
iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	4.2
Fidelity USA Quality Income UCITS ETF	3.7

## PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

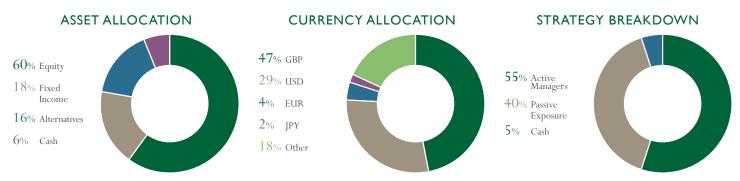
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<sup>1</sup>Net figure based on dividends paid over the past 12 months. <sup>2</sup>The OCF is the management fee plus additional fund expenses (excluding transaction costs) as a percentage of the assets of the fund. This gives an indication of annual expenses which may vary over time. <sup>3</sup>ARC Research Ltd PCI www.assetrisk.com.



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### **DETAILED ASSET ALLOCATION (%)**

Cash	5.4	Government Bonds	5.9	Non-Government Bonds	12.4	Alternative Strategies	8.8	Commodities	7.4
US Equity	35.9	Europe ex UK Equity	5.0	UK Equity	9.2	Asian Equity (Inc. Japan)	3.0	Emerging Market Equity	7.0

Portfolio exposures are sourced from underlying managers, are approximate and are not guaranteed.

#### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Global Balanced Portfolio returned 2.4% in March, taking 2022 returns so far to -2.7%.

The economic and geopolitical environment has evolved rapidly in the past three months. The Russian invasion of Ukraine adds a new dimension to an already uncertain outlook, particularly the post-pandemic recovery and future path of inflation. The market backdrop has been volatile, creating a challenging environment for the portfolio. Despite a meaningful recovery in equities since the initial invasion, daily gyrations have been vicious at times, with most markets posting losses for the first quarter. Bond yields have trended higher, as central banks have guided to a steeper rate hiking cycle. Importantly for inflation, commodity prices have surged, particularly core Russian exports like natural gas, wheat and oil, with meaningful effects on economic growth.

The portfolio has delivered negative returns in the first quarter, although our approach to diversify across multiple assets types has been beneficial. In particular, our allocation to broad commodities and physical gold, which combine to approximately 7% of the portfolio as of the end of March, returned 27.7% and 9.6% respectively. Most of the weakness was felt in the equity portfolio during January. Growth leaning managers, such as Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas and Driehaus US Small Cap, experienced a challenging period as expectations for interest rates were raised. We made three main changes to the portfolio in the first quarter. Firstly, we exited our dedicated position in emerging markets local currency debt, as geopolitical and economic headwinds intensified. We switched our allocation in the Nasdaq 100 ETF to the FTSE 100 ETF, in recognition of the tailwinds for the UK market, and we added a new position in short-dated US Treasury bonds, following a sharp increase in yields.

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



#### **GRAHAM WAINER**

Graham is CEO and Head of Investments for Stonehage Fleming Investment Management. He also Chairs the Investment Committee.

Prior to joining the Group, Graham was GAM's Group Head of Investments — Multi Asset Class Solutions and Chairman of GAM's Investment Advisory Board where he had overall responsibility for the firm's discretionary mandates and related co-mingled funds.



#### PETER MCLEAN

Peter is a Director for Stonehage Fleming Investment Management with responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Global Balanced and Global Growth Portfolio funds.

Peter joined the Group in 2010 and became a member of the Investment Committee in 2016, focusing on multiasset portfolio management. He is a CFA Charterholder.

Please refer to the prospectus for details of the investment policy.

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