

Investment Objective

The Balanced model aims to provide long term capital growth with some income for investors who are willing to accept a medium to high level of risk by investing across global markets into a range of asset classes. Equity exposure within this portfolio will not exceed 80%. The portfolio's benchmark is the ARC Sterling Steady Growth PCI.

Commentary In the last quarter of the year, the DFM Balanced model returned a positive 4.4%, lagging the ARC Sterling Steady Growth PCI by 0.9%. But, for the year as a whole, the model beat the peer group by 0.2%, registering a 7.5% number. 2023 will likely go down in the annals as a year of contradiction. Economic growth was relatively slow (arguably Europe witnessed a recession), inflation – although falling – remains much higher than recent past numbers (and stubbornly so) and interest rates continue to rise. In terms of politics, “stability” is not a word that would be bandied around comfortably. In pretty much every editorial relating to capital markets, the word “recession” is increasingly used too. With such headwinds, it’s surprising that many markets performed really well. The tech heavy NASDAQ for instance was up almost 50% for the year (and approaching 10% for the quarter.) We closely follow over 150 indices – a mixture of equities, bonds, currencies and commodities – and in the last quarter of the year more than 10% of these were up more than 10%. When looking at the winning indices in the final quarter, it is interesting to note that among them were gilts, non-gilts, technology, real estate, smaller companies, and value. Although the market headlines continue to be dominated by the “magnificent 7” stocks, it feels like there are opportunities across a number of asset classes and investment styles. 2024 could see inflation fall further and Central Banks start to reduce rates. Although we are not dismissing a recession, that doesn’t necessarily mean stock markets will crash. Creating a balanced, blended portfolio should be a key objective in volatile times such as these. We find the portfolio remains suitable for a client looking to obtain a broad exposure of assets diversified by manager, investment style, geography and income.

Performance Summary as at 31st December 2023

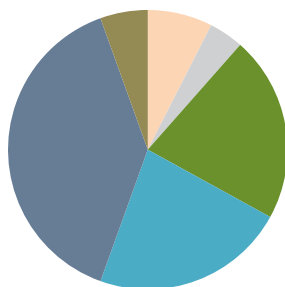
FE fundinfo

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE
Balanced Model	3.6%	4.4%	5.5%	7.5%	6.5%	25.6%	137.0%
ARC Sterling Steady Growth PCI	4.1%	5.3%	5.0%	7.3%	6.1%	27.6%	110.2%

Source: FE fundinfo & Hawksmoor. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested and are gross of any Hawksmoor fees that may be deducted. Deduction of this charge will reduce the illustrated performance. All ARC benchmark figures are quoted net of fees.

Current Asset Allocation

Alternatives	7.5%
Cash	4.0%
Fixed Interest	21.5%
UK Equities	22.5%
International Equities	39.0%
Property	5.5%



Top 10 Holdings

FTF Martin Currie UK Equity Income	6.5%
M&G Global Dividend	6.0%
CT UK Commercial Property 2	5.5%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities	5.5%
Rathbone Income	5.5%
Man GLG Japan Core Alpha	5.0%
Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond	5.0%
TwentyFour Corporate Bond	5.0%
WS Lightman European	4.5%
WS Ruffer Diversified Return	4.5%

Model Details

Inception Date	1 st Feb 2008
Number of Holdings	24
Underlying fund Ongoing Charge Figure (exc. fees) *	0.63%
Investment Management Fee	0.35%
Estimated Yield*	2.8%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	8.25%

* Based on the current portfolio weightings using the latest available data of the underlying funds. The yield is not guaranteed and may fluctuate.

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