

Discovery Balanced Fund

Quarterly update—ending 30th April 2025

Investment objective

The objective of the Fund is to provide returns through a combination of capital growth and income over a market cycle (5 years). The fund will primarily gain exposure indirectly via eligible collective investment schemes and other collective investment vehicles (for example, investment companies, exchange traded funds) and may also invest directly in eligible assets (excluding property and commodities). Derivatives will be used only for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management.

Fund manager

Indicative risk rating



James Kempster

James has over 20 years experience building and managing multi-asset investment portfolios. Beginning his career at Canada Life, he has more recently worked with financial advice firms to create managed portfolio solutions for end clients.



Fund managers' commentary

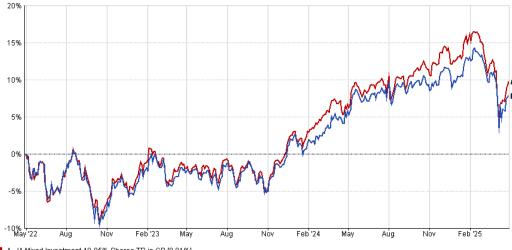
The quarter was dominated by Donald Trump's 'Liberation Day' announcement which unveiled sweeping new import taxes. Markets reacted sharply, particularly in America, where tech stocks led a broad sell-off. In contrast, European markets proved more resilient, helped by more stable economic data and relatively modest exposure to the sectors most affected by US-China tensions. As UK investors, a weaker US dollar helped to soften some of the losses in overseas markets.

At the latest review we chose to replace the Japanese Equity funds used in this portfolio with the passive fund which is already in use elsewhere in the range. We had retained an active position in this model to aid with diversification because it has a larger allocation to the sector, however, our analysis has shown that we can achieve an improved risk/return outcome by making the switch. This also helps to bring down the overall cost of the portfolio.

Performance summary as at 30/04/2025

	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
Discovery Balanced Fund C Acc	-4.51%	-1.08%	1.99%	7.91%	25.46%	49.40%
IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	-5.43%	-1.02%	2.94%	9.81%	33.22%	70.76%

Three year performance to 30/04/2025



A - IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares TR in GB [9.81%]
B - VT - Discovery Balanced C Acc GBP in GB [7.91%]

29/04/2022 - 30/04/2025 Data from FE fundinfo2025



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Key facts

Manager Start Date	27/03/2019		
Inception Date	05/02/2016		
Number of holdings	27		
Ongoing charge figure (C)	1.00%		
Estimated yield (C Acc)	2.92%		
Fund size	£81.68m		
ISIN (C Acc)	GB00BYN66598		

Current asset allocation

Alternatives	7.41%
Cash	4.46%
Fixed Interest	21.30%
UK Equities	19.79%
International Equities	36.26%
Property & Infrastructure	6.73%
Multi-Asset	4.06%

Top 10 holdings as at 30/04/2025

HSBC FTSE 100 Index	9.07%
Legal & General All Stocks Gilt Index	6.21%
HSBC American Index	6.06%
Al Multi-Strategy Target Return	5.30%
iShares Overseas Corporate Bond	4.95%
Fundsmith Equity	4.40%
HSBC European Index	4.09%
Artemis High Income	4.06%
First Sentier Global Listed Infrastructure	4.01%
M&G Emerging Markets Bond	3.88%

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