

# WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED - ETHICAL BALANCED

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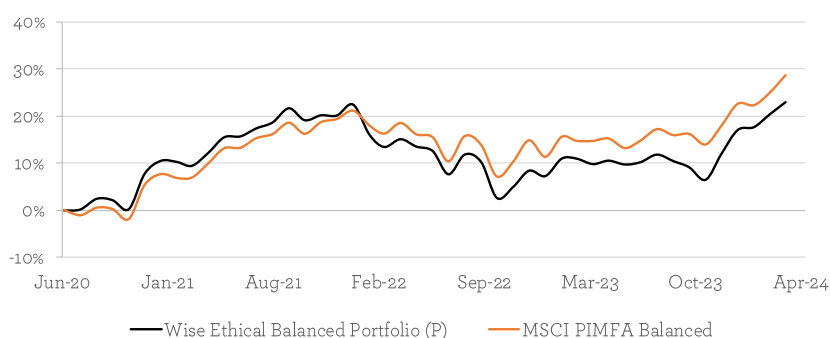
## MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st March 2024

### PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The Wise Ethical Balanced Model Portfolio is designed for clients who are looking for a total return in line with the MSCI PIMFA Balanced index over a 5 to 10-year period. We aim to achieve this by exclusively investing in a focussed list of ethical and sustainability-oriented funds (unit trusts, investment trusts and OEICs). These funds will have specific objectives of providing capital to businesses whose operations and activities either meet specific ethical standards or are engaged in improving the long-term sustainability of the earth's resources. The portfolio will have diversification across geography, asset class and investment style. The funds invest in real assets, such as company shares (listed both in the UK and overseas), property, fixed interest and cash. The Portfolio is managed so that 50%-80% is invested in 'medium' risk assets, such as shares and property, 20%-50% is held in assets defined as 'moderate', 'low' or 'minimal' risk, which are mainly comprised of fixed interest (UK government and higher quality company debt) and cash, any remaining balance up to 10% can be held in higher risk assets such as shares in specific countries and industries. We consider the portfolio to be suitable for those willing to adopt a balanced risk profile.

### PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (using month-end data)



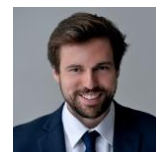
### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	Launch
Wise Ethical Balanced Portfolio (P)	2.2%	5.1%	12.7%	12.0%	9.6%	23.1%
MSCI PIMFA Balanced	3.1%	5.0%	10.7%	12.2%	17.0%	28.6%

### DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	31/03/2023	31/03/2022	31/03/2021
	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
Wise Ethical Balanced Portfolio (P)	12.0%	-4.6%	2.6%
MSCI PIMFA Balanced	12.2%	-3.2%	7.8%

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



**WILLIAM GEFFEN**  
Head of Investment  
Management

William joined Wise Investment in November 2023 and has 4 years' experience in managing equity funds. His main responsibility is the selection of suitable investments for portfolios and ensuring our investment service meets your requirements.

William successfully passed all three level of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams gaining the qualification in 2021.

### Key Portfolio Details

<b>Launch Date</b>	30th June 2020
<b>Holdings</b>	9
<b>Historic Yield<sup>1</sup></b>	2.2%
<b>Volatility<sup>2</sup></b>	9.2%
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI PIMFA Balanced
<b>Model OCF<sup>3</sup></b>	0.5%
<b>Service Charge<sup>4</sup></b>	1.9%

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1 The Historic Yield is the weighted average yield of the model based on the model's current constituents

2 Volatility is the annualised monthly volatility of the model portfolio to the most recent month end over a 3 year period or since launch if this period is less than 3 years

3 The Model OCF calculates the annual charges levied by the underlying fund holdings according to the model portfolio weights

4 The Service Fee incorporates the model OCF, the standard non-tiered annual fees levied by Wise Investments Limited and custodian fees, of which this is the highest possible fee. Further details of these charges are disclosed to clients investing in the model portfolios.



## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

March was another strong month for investors as markets continued on a steady “bull run” that started in back in October spurred by the hope of upcoming central bank rate cuts and particular enthusiasm for technology stocks which has broadened to a more general market surge.

Global equities returned a 3.35% (in sterling) largely driven by the world’s largest market, the US, returning 3.29%. The most notable geography, however, was the UK market which had a strong month after a very long period of underperformance, returning 4.73% in March. This perhaps signals the beginning of a bounce back for UK equities which have not only lagged in returns (8.77% vs 22.45% on a 1 year rolling basis) but also still trade at a significant valuation discount to its US and global peers.

Fixed income had a solid month as well with UK Gilts returning 1.82% and corporate bonds returning 1.78%. High yield bonds lagged behinds, returning just 0.87%.

Finally, property had a good rebound this month, moving in similar line to fixed income due to its associated debt levels. The UK direct holdings benchmark was up 0.39% while the listed real estate index rose a strong 5.15% to regain its losses from February.

The Ethical Balanced model returned +2.23%, behind the +3.07% return for the benchmark (PIMFA Growth). This was driven by a slight underperformance of the Vanguard Global ESG index fund vs the non-ESG benchmark in March as well as a disappointing return from our UK equity exposure in the Aegon UK equity fund, which underperformed the UK CBOE benchmark.

We made a small change to the Ethical Balanced model portfolio this month with trimming our holding in the Aegon Ethical equity fund to initiate a new 5% position in the AB international healthcare fund to take advantage of the attractive valuations in the healthcare sector – a sector that also has enjoyed strong long-term returns due to the high quality nature of many healthcare businesses and the steady secular growth trends they are exposed to (e.g ageing populations).

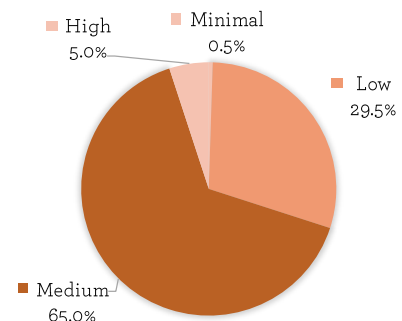
We continue favour higher quality and shorter dated bonds in our fixed income portfolio along with a solid core of global equity exposure via the low fee passive Vanguard ESG developed world all cap equity index fund as well as the Fundsmith sustainable equity fund. We also maintain a modest 10% position in the Aegon ethical equity fund to capture the discount we see in the UK market as well as a modest 5% position in Schroder Global Cities Real Estate fund as we continue to see value in this down beaten asset class as shown by the depressed prices in commercial properties and large net asset value discounts in listed real estate trusts.

The Ethical Balanced model remains a bit behind its benchmark on a 1yr and 3 yr basis, returning 12.02% and 9.62% respectively (vs 12.20% and 17.0% for the benchmark).

## HOLDINGS

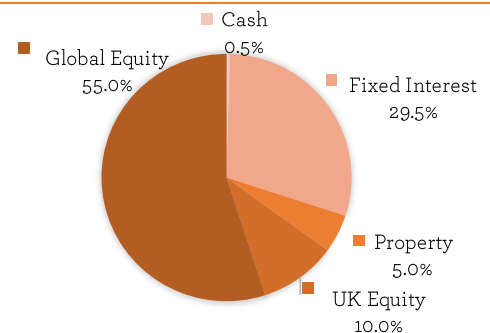
Name	Weight	OCF
EdenTree R&S Short Dated Bond	10.0%	0.38%
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	5.0%	0.66%
TwentyFour Sustainable Short term bond	14.5%	0.36%
Schroder Global Cities Real Estate	5.0%	0.93%
Aegon Ethical Equity	10.0%	0.77%
Fundsmith Ethical	15.0%	0.96%
Vanguard ESG Developed World Equity Index	35.0%	0.20%
Alliance Bernstein International Healthcare	5.0%	0.96%
Cash	0.5%	0.00%

## RISK ALLOCATION



For Asset Risk Category definitions see the Wise Investment Risk Appendix, supplied to investors in the model portfolios.

## ASSET ALLOCATION



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Portfolio returns from the Wise Investment Model Portfolio Service will be subject to investment market fluctuations and there is no guarantee that the portfolio objectives, including any income targets, will be achieved. Where income is received as dividends, these will be automatically reinvested in the Model Portfolio, which may result in the Model Portfolio returns being higher than what a client portfolio can actually achieve. The performance will be reduced by the withdrawal of income and the impact of the ongoing charges and portfolio transaction costs. The charges can vary. Prices of funds and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Consequently, an investment into this portfolio should be considered for a 5 to 10 year period. The funds may invest in higher-yielding or non-investment grade bonds. The funds may hold investments denominated in currencies other than sterling. Changes in exchange rates will cause the value of these investments and the income from them to rise or fall. The funds can use derivatives for investment purposes. These instruments can be more volatile than investment in equities or bonds. Every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of the data used in this document, but no warranties are given. Wise Investment has expressed its own views and these may change. The data contained in this document has been sourced by Wise Investment and should be independently verified before further publication or use. Wise Investment is a trading brand of Wise Investments Ltd. Wise Investments Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Ref no. 230553.

