# WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED ETHICAL BALANCED Pershing



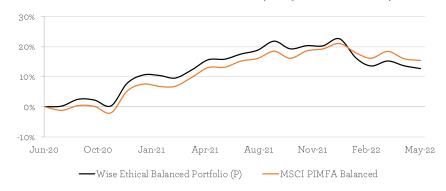
## MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st May 2022

# 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 no more than 80% is invested in 'medium' risk assets, such as shares and property. The balance of at least 20% 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. No exposure will be allocated to higher risk assets. 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   | Launch |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Wise Ethical Balanced Portfolio (P) | -0.8% | -0.8% | -6.3% | -2.7% | 12.7%  |
| MSCI PIMFA Balanced                 | -0.5% | -0.7% | -3.2% | 2.0%  | 15.4%  |

#### DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

|                                     | 31/05/2021 |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|
|                                     | 31/05/2022 |  |
| Wise Ethical Balanced Portfolio (P) | -2.7%      |  |
| MSCI PIMFA Balanced                 | 2.0%       |  |

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



# ROBERT BLINKHORN

# Head of Investment Management

Robert joined Wise Investment in July 2017 and has 20 years' experience in managing private

client multi asset class portfolios. His main responsibility is the selection of suitable investments for portfolios and ensuring our investment service meets your requirements. Robert is a member of the CFA Society of the UK and has successfully passed the examinations for all three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst qualification.

# Key Portfolio Details

| Launch Date                            | 30th June 2020 |
|--|----------------|
| Holdings                               | 10             |
| $HistoricYield^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$ | 2.2%           |
| Volatility <sup>2</sup>                | 8.6%           |

Benchmark MSCI PIMFA Balanced

Model OCF<sup>3</sup> 0.7% Service Charge<sup>4</sup> 2.2%

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All data used on this factsheet is supplied by Financial Express. Rounding may result in charts and tables not adding up to 100% if displayed data. Performance is based on total returns on a bid-to-bid basis, net of UK dividend tax credits and is calculated referencing a model portfolio. Actual portfolio statistics may differ because of investment performance, cash movements, transaction costs and the timing of sales and purchases within the portfolio. Quoted performance does not include fees levied by Wise Investments Ltd or any fees from custodial services. Service fees will apply. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. This document should no be construed as an investment recommendation.

- 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

In May, global equities declined slightly by just over -0.3% in sterling terms with the US equity markets offsetting positive returns from other regions. Technology companies continue to weigh on US equity valuations with large caps such as Microsoft and Google down as much as 10% during the month, despite staging a recovery in the closing week. The US equity market has a large exposure to Technology oriented businesses which had been viewed as winners in a world that required people to distance themselves from one another. During the pandemic there was a rapid uptake of technological products and services by businesses and individuals to facilitate work and leisure activities in a physically compromised world. Consequently, this accelerated the earnings growth of these businesses in the last couple of years. However, prices of these companies also accelerated, far outstripping (what we believed to be) a reasonable assessment of long-term earnings and therefore we chose to maintain a low and gradually diminishing exposure to such companies. Since October of last year, the enthusiasm for Technology stocks has waned with the US Technology Services sector down by over -33% in 7 months. This rapid reassessment of value has given us cause to look more closely at the sector and the possibility of rebuilding our exposure as it begins to look oversold.

 $In \ UK \ Commercial \ Property, listed \ securities \ were \ generally \ weaker \ whilst \ physical \ property \ funds$ delivered a low positive return. The future of open-ended property funds remains undecided with the Bank of England and Financial Conduct Authority consultation paper on the liquidity management of these funds yet to reach a conclusion. In the meantime, Janus Henderson's physical property fund has finally been sold to an undisclosed buyer after being suspended for four months whilst the sale process was conducted. Such uncertainty around liquidity coupled with a question over the long-term existence of these vehicles makes it difficult for us to consider investing in this area currently.

Fixed interest was generally weaker with UK Government Index Linked Bonds leading the retreat. Linkers were down almost -9% on the month. A number of factors aligned that drove inflation proofed securities lower. These were rising nominal interest rates, declining inflation expectations from record levels and the long maturity of many index-linked securities (making them more sensitive to general interest rate moves). The long-term inflation assumptions priced into index linked securities continue to look excessive, in our view, and therefore we would continue to be wary of this area. That said, the pace of the sell off in UK Government Bonds (as in other sovereign markets) has been spectacular by historical standards and therefore we wouldn't rule out a pause and possibly some recovery in the short term.

In the Ethical Balanced model portfolio, returns were lower by -0.8% in May, behind the MSCI PIMFA Balanced benchmark which returned -0.5%. Against the index, negative relative performance was driven by weaker returns from UK equity exposure compared to the benchmark. This was compounded by the high quality, growth company bias of our Alternatives exposure which also underperformed its respective benchmark. Ethical or, more broadly, Sustainable strategies tend to have a technology bias to their exposure as companies in this sector often fit with the mandate of maintaining a portfolio made up of businesses with a low or positive environmental impact, positive social outcomes and strong governance. As noted above, ASSET ALLOCATION Technology as a sector has been under some pressure since late last year.

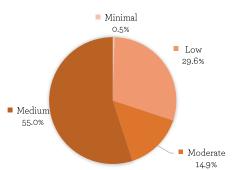
There were some changes made to the portfolio in May. Notably, the substantial underweight towards global equities was decreased albeit the portfolio remains slightly underweight to global equities. UK equity exposure was reduced to neutral and fixed interest exposure was also dialled

Having made small, gradual changes to our portfolio allocation over the last 12 months, recent volatility is creating a variety of interesting opportunities across asset classes and sectors. Having made some asset allocation shifts during the month we are now focussing on specific security exposure to ensure portfolios are positioned appropriately for the future.

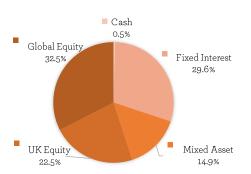
#### HOLDINGS

| Name   | Weight | OCF   |
|--|--------|-------|
| Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund                       | 14.8%  | 0.65% |
| Royal London Ethical Bond                        | 14.8%  | 0.40% |
| BNY Mellon Sustainable Real Return Inst          | 14.9%  | 0.81% |
| EdenTree Responsible & Sustainable UK Equity     | 6.5%   | 0.79% |
| BMO Responsible UK Income                        | 8.5%   | 0.80% |
| Jupiter Responsible Income                       | 7.5%   | 0.93% |
| BMO Responsible Global Equity                    | 13.0%  | 0.80% |
| EdenTree Responsible & Sustainable Global Equity | 8.0%   | 0.81% |
| Kempen Global Listed Infrastructure              | 11.5%  | 0.91% |
| Cash   | 0.5%   | 0.0%  |

# **ASSET RISK**



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



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

