



January 2024

Lead Manager

Miles Moseley

Launch Date

January 2005

Gross Dividend Yield

3.5%

Distribution Dates

18th Jan, 18th Apr,
18th Jul, 18th Oct

Structure

Collectives

Number of Holdings

15-30

Minimum Investment

£20,000

Initial Charge

Nil

**Annual
Management Charge**

0.75% + VAT

Dealing Commission

1.25% on the first £7,500
0.75% on the next
£12,500
0.5% thereafter

**Annual
Compliance Charge**

£40 or £80 + VAT
Based on portfolio
value

Investment Objective

The Balkerne Asset Management Balanced MFS (Managed Fund Service) is an actively-managed portfolio of 15 to 30 holdings, with a minimum cash holding of 2% and has the Investment Objective to provide long-term capital appreciation and income with a **Medium Risk Profile**.

Suitability

This portfolio is suited to clients who are willing to take the degree of risk necessary to achieve a potentially higher return than can normally be achieved by an 'Income' portfolio approach, with a bias towards equity market growth. Potential returns will be sought from a balanced portfolio of assets, used in the 'Income' portfolio, as well as a wider range of capital growth and income generating assets which may experience higher levels of volatility, but the potential to provide a higher return. Investors understand that the value of their investments, and the income from them, are not guaranteed and may rise and fall to a greater extent than with an 'Income' portfolio.

Investment Policy

To achieve the investment objective by investing principally, but not exclusively, in fixed-interest/bond and cash investments (minimum weighting 17%), UK blue-chip equities (minimum weighting 40%) and, as appropriate, property, international (minimum weighting 5%) and specialist stocks through collective investments and alternative investments (such as absolute return funds or multi-asset strategy funds).

Valuations & Reporting

Quarterly valuations are issued as at 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December each year. Included with the valuation is a schedule of income received for the period.

Asset Allocation (as at 02/01/2024)

<u>Asset Type</u>	
Equities	55.6%
Fixed Interest	24.6%
Alternative	9.9%
Commercial Property	7.0%
Cash	2.9%

<u>Geographical Split</u>	
United Kingdom	81.3%
International	18.7%

<u>Top Sectors</u>	
UK Blue Chip Funds	30.5%
Bond Funds	24.6%
International Equity Funds	18.7%
Alternative Assets	9.9%
Real Estate Investment Trusts	7.0%
UK Smaller Company Funds	6.4%
Cash	2.9%

<u>Top 10 Holdings</u>	
EdenTree Resp & Sust UK Equity	10.3%
AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	8.8%
Slater Growth Fund	6.4%
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	6.2%
Royal London Corporate Bond	6.1%
Artemis Corporate Bond Fund	6.1%
Mercantile Trust	6.0%
Baillie Gifford UK Growth Trust	5.4%
Scottish Mortgage Trust	3.4%
Jupiter Strategic Bond Fund	3.3%

Performance Profile (as at 31/12/2023)

% Growth, Annualised	01.01.19 31.12.19	01.01.20 31.12.20	01.01.21 31.12.21	01.01.22 31.12.22	01.01.23 31.12.23
Balkerne Asset Management Balanced MFS	18.3%	10.0%	9.3%	-23.6%	7.3%

% Growth, Cumulative	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Balkerne Asset Management Balanced MFS	8.5%	7.3%	-10.5%	16.4%	39.4%

Lead Manager's Commentary as at 31.12.23

The Balanced MFS returned +8.5% over the final quarter of 2023 and +7.3% over the last 12 months.

Performance was driven by both asset allocation and stock selection. We hold an overweighting in fixed-interest/corporate bonds. Our best performing funds over the quarter being Jupiter Strategic Bond Fund and Artemis Corporate Bond Fund.

The Balanced MFS holds a neutral weighting to equities. Outperformers in the quarter included Mercantile Trust, EdenTree Responsible and Sustainable UK Equity Opportunities Fund, Scottish Mortgage Trust and 3i Group Trust. Underperformers included Blackrock World Mining Trust, Schroder Oriental Income Trust and Artemis Positive Future Fund.

We are overweight alternative assets. Our best performing commercial property holding was Tritax Big Box REIT and our best performing alternative was Supermarket Income REIT.

No new holdings were established in the quarter. No positions were exited in the quarter.

The Balanced MFS is defensively positioned as the world battles with higher inflation and high interest rates. We favour income producing assets, with some inflation protection and a balanced exposure to UK & International equities and corporate debt, whilst retaining a minimal weighting to direct sovereign debt.

Company Profile

At Balkerne Asset Management we have always held the belief that managing client monies is a privilege and not a right and it is this ethos which underpins the day to day management and processes within the organisation.

Established since the early 1980's, Balkerne Asset Management has built a strong tradition for offering both bespoke and model Discretionary Portfolio Management services, tailored to the objectives and risk profile of their clients. With a team of experienced and knowledgeable individuals within the investment and financial services professions, Balkerne Asset Management are well positioned to manage a broad range of investment portfolios inclusive of a diverse spread of assets across all market and geographic sectors.

Detailed attention to the daily management of portfolios is a critical aspect of the firm's process and has helped earn Balkerne Asset Management a respected reputation for providing a unique approach to discretionary portfolio management for discerning clients.

Management Profile

Miles Moseley, FCCA, FCSI, IMC, Lead Manager

Miles has responsibility for the day to day management of the Balkerne Asset Management Balanced MFS. Miles is a Certified Accountant and joined the Group in November 1987. He qualified in Private Client Investment Advice and Management, and gained the prestigious Investment Management Certificate in 1997. In 2005 Miles led a successful management buyout of the Group.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Factsheet should be read in conjunction with the full Key Features Document, which is available on request.

All performance data contained within this Factsheet has been obtained from the Lead Manager. Errors and Omissions excluded.

The performance figures included in this Factsheet show the growth of the investments. For illustrative purposes, dividends have been re-invested though they may be taken as income.

The value of the Balkerne Asset Management Balanced MFS, and any income from it, is not guaranteed and you may not get back the amount invested. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future returns

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