



February 2025

Lead Manager

Miles Moseley

Launch Date

March 2009

Gross Dividend Yield

4.0%

Distribution Dates

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

Structure

Shares & collectives

Number of Stocks Held

25-35

Minimum Investment

£50,000

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 Conservative MSS (Managed Stockbroking Service) is an actively-managed portfolio of 25 to 35 holdings, with a minimum cash holding of 5% and has the Investment Objective of capital preservation and income with a **Lower Risk Profile**.

Suitability

This portfolio is particularly suited to clients whose main priority is the preservation of the original value of their investment. Investors understand that the value of any investment can rise and fall, and in order to minimise the risk to their portfolio, are prepared to accept lower returns.

Investment Policy

To achieve the investment objective by investing principally, but not exclusively, in fixed-interest/bond and cash investments (minimum weighting 55%) and, as appropriate, UK blue-chip equities, property, international 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 of each year. Included with the valuation is a schedule of income received for the period.

Asset Allocation (as at 18/02/2025)

<u>Asset Type</u>	
Fixed Interest	50.4%
Equities	28.1%
Alternative	10.6%
Commercial Property	6.2%
Cash	4.7%

<u>Geographical Split</u>	
United Kingdom	86.5%
International	13.5%

<u>Top Sectors</u>	
Bond Funds	50.4%
International Equity Funds	13.5%
UK Equity Funds	11.3%
Alternative Assets	10.6%
Real Estate Investment Trusts	6.2%
Cash	4.7%
UK Smaller Company Funds	3.3%

<u>Top Holdings</u>	
Royal London Corporate Bond	12.5%
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	12.4%
Artemis Corporate Bond Fund	11.7%
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	7.1%
Jupiter Strategic Bond Fund	6.7%
Scottish Mortgage Trust	5.4%
Eden Tree Resp & Sust UK Equity	4.6%
Mercantile Trust	4.0%
Supermarket Income REIT	3.7%
Slater Growth Fund	3.3%

Performance Profile (as at 31/12/2024)

% Growth, Annualised	01.01.20 31.12.20	01.01.21 31.12.21	01.01.22 31.12.22	01.01.23 31.12.23	01.01.24 31.12.24
Balkerne Asset Management Conservative MSS	5.3%	7.2%	-19.1%	9.6%	0.8%

% Growth, Cumulative	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Balkerne Asset Management Conservative MSS	-3.2%	0.8%	-10.7%	0.8%	23.8%

Lead Manager's Commentary as at 31.12.24

The Conservative MSS returned **-3.2%** over the final quarter of 2024 and +0.8% 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 Artemis Corporate Bond Fund and Royal London Corporate Bond Fund.

The Conservative MSS holds a underweight position in equities. Outperformers in the quarter included Edinburgh Worldwide Trust, Scottish Mortgage Trust, EdenTree Responsible & Sustainable UK Equity Opps Fund and Slater Growth Fund. Underperformers included BlackRock World Mining Trust and AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap Fund.

We are overweight alternative assets. Our best performing commercial property holding was Londonmetric Property REIT and our best performing alternative was Target Healthcare REIT.

No new holdings were established in the quarter. Two positions were exited in the quarter 3i Group Trust and Baillie Gifford UK Growth Trust.

The Conservative MSS is positioned to benefit from the recovery in the western world and take advantage of lower 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 Conservative MSS. 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 Conservative MSS, 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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