

# **EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund**

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund



Gill Lakin Fund manager

#### Fund manager's commentary

Monetary policy turned more hawkish in response to inflation data above central bank targets as a result of higher prices for a broadening range of goods and services. The Bank of England raised interest rates to 0.25% and the Federal Reserve accelerated the rundown of quantitative easing and pencilled in three rate rises for 2022. Global bonds fell 2.46% in sterling. In the UK, government bonds and investment-grade corporate bonds fell 2.64% and 1.12% respectively, but high-yield bonds rose 0.66%. Within the EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund, the best performers were Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income and TwentyFour Dynamic Bond, which returned 1.05% and 1.00% respectively. Global equities rose 1.62% in sterling as early data suggested the Covid-19 Omicron variant might be less severe than feared and Fundsmith Equity outperformed, rising 3.03%. US stocks rose 2.06% in sterling despite the technology sector's 0.72% fall. Polar Capital Global Technology and Vulcan Value Equity suffered from sector weakness, falling 3.05% and 2.00% respectively. UK stocks gained 4.81% and small companies outperformed, rising 4.99%, because of the UK's bias towards cyclical sectors. Within the portfolio, Man GLG Income and Artemis UK Special Situations did best, returning 5.47% and 5.45% respectively, while Chelverton UK Equity Growth and the Vanguard FTSE 250 exchange-traded fund were weakest, gaining 4.25% and 4.41% respectively. All the equity holdings in Asia excluding Japan and emerging markets underperformed, with Baillie Gifford Pacific the weakest, down 3.57%. The EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund rose 1.07%† in December while the sector rose 1.29%.

Financial data source: Refinitiv 31 December 2021 † B Acc shares

### Investment objective

To achieve moderate growth

# **Key facts** Fund size

Launch date 9 January 2014 Launch price **Mixed Investment** IA sector and benchmark 20-60% Shares

£25.4 million

Base currency Sterling Valuation point Noon

#### **B Shares (Retail)**

Price at 31/12/21 164.01p Minimum investment £1,000 Minimum top-up £500 Minimum regular savings £100 Investment management fee 0.75% Initial charge 2% Total expense ratio 1.71%

## I Shares (Institutional)

Price at 31/12/21 160.56p Minimum investment £100,000 Minimum top-up £10,000 Investment management fee 1% 1.96% Total expense ratio

ACD admin charge 0.25% Ex-dividend date 1 August Income distribution date 30 September Structure **OEIC** sub-fund Year end 31 July B SEDOL code **BG6LVS3** B ISIN code GB00BG6LVS30 I SEDOL code **BG6LVT4** GB00BG6LVT47 I ISIN code

### Portfolio breakdown \*

# UK fixed income

Schroder Strategic Credit Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income

# Global fixed income

Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond (£-hedged)

PIMCO Global Law Duration Real Return (£-hedged)

TwentyFour Dynamic Bond

Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond

# Alternative

3i Infrastructure

Man GLG UK Absolute Value BlackRock European Absolute Alpha

### UK equity

Artemis UK Special Situations Liontrust Special Situations Man GLG Income Chelverton UK Equity Growth Vanguard FTSE 250

#### Europe ex-UK equity

BlackRock European Dynamic Martin Currie European Unconstrained

### US equity

iShares Core S&P 500 Vulcan Value Equity

#### Japanese equity

Lindsell Train Japanese Equity T Rowe Price Japanese Equity

# Pacific ex-Japan equity

Matthews Asia ex Japan Dividend Baillie Gifford Pacific

## Emerging market equity

Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity

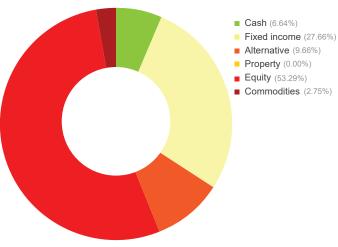
# Global equity

Fundsmith Equity

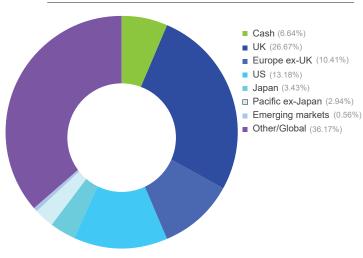
#### Polar Capital Global Technology Commodities

iShares Physical Gold

## Asset allocation









<sup>\*</sup> excluding cash



#### **Investment policy**

The Fund will typically invest a minimum of 80% of its net asset value in collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds, unregulated collective investment schemes, and may also include transferable securities (including investment trusts and similar instruments), money-market instruments, fixed income instruments, deposits and foreign exchange contracts.

It is expected that exposure to equity markets will typically range from a minimum of 20% to a maximum of 60% of the total Fund, with the aim of achieving the Fund's objective. However, investments will not be confined by industrial, economic or geographical sector.

The Fund may also hold, on a temporary basis, all or part of its assets in cash or other ancillary liquid assets.

The Fund may utilise derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (typically hedging, including investing in hedged share classes, which attempts to mitigate against falls in the value of the Fund's assets and the effects of changes in currency exchange rates against the Fund's base currency, which is pounds sterling).

The Fund's benchmark is IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares. This represents a comparator benchmark because the Fund's performance can be compared to funds which also sit within this industry sector.

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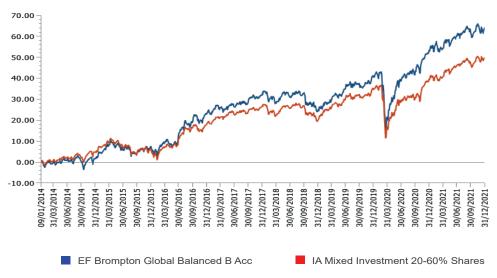
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#### Performance

Percentage growth, 9 January 2014 to 31 December 2021

EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc v IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares since launch



Source: Lipper, NAV-NAV, sterling, net income reinvested Past performance is not an indicator of future performance

Discrete period performance (%)	Year to 31 Dec 2021	Year to 31 Dec 2020	Year to 31 Dec 2019	Year to 31 Dec 2018	Year to 31 Dec 2017
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	7.10	8.85	13.08	-5.91	7.50
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	7.45	3.51	12.21	-5.11	7.19
Quartile ranking	3	1	2	3	2

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 December 2021	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Since launch
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	1.07	1.28	2.37	7.10	64.01
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	1.29	1.86	2.68	7.45	49.74
Quartile ranking	3	3	3	3	1

Source: Lipper, NAV-NAV, sterling, net income reinvested 1st quartile means the fund is ranked in the top 25% of funds in its sector

#### Important information

For full details of the fund and its risks please refer to the prospectus or Key Investor Information and Supplementary Information Document, which can be found on the Brompton Asset Management website, www.bromptonam.com. The value of assets and income generated from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get a steady income flow and, on disposal, may not receive all their capital back.

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