

# **EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund**

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund



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#### Fund manager's commentary

Global equities rose 0.71% in sterling, led higher by growth stocks, up 1.41%, while bonds fell 1.27% as leading central banks left their policy interest rates on hold amid signs of abating inflationary pressures. Despite earlier monetary tightening, fourth-quarter US economic growth was 3.3% while unemployment remained low at 3.7%. US technology stocks outperformed, up 3.99% in sterling as companies reported better-than-expected figures. This fuelled the 1.79% gain for US stocks overall. Within the EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund, Polar Capital Global Technology gained 5.71% while the iShares Nasdaq 100 exchange-traded fund (ETF) gained 1.97%. Equities in Asia excluding Japan and emerging markets underperformed, however, down 5.34% and 4.53% respectively in sterling as Chinese stocks fell 10.52%. China's economic growth is slowing as property sector woes affect economic activity. In addition, a threat by Donald Trump, the likely Republican nominee for this year's US presidential election, to increase trade sanctions and remove China's most-favoured nation trading status affected investor sentiment. Redwheel Global Emerging Markets Equity was the weakest holding, down 5.75%, but Prusik Asian Equity Income was relatively resilient, down 3.28%. Japanese stocks rose 4.09% in sterling despite the yen's 3.45% fall against the pound as Japan's ultra-easy monetary policy was maintained. Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha rose 4.02% but Comgest Growth Japan fell 0.14%. Within the bond allocation, TwentyFour Dynamic Bond returned 1.35% but the sterling-hedged Redwheel Asia Convertibles holding fell 1.49%. The EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund rose 0.42%† in January while the sector fell 0.40%. Financial data source: Refinitiv 31 January 2024. † B Acc shares

# Key facts

Fund size

Investment objective

To achieve moderate growth

Launch date 9 January 2014
Launch price 100p

IA sector and benchmark Mixed Investment
20-60% Shares

Base currency Sterling

£23.6 million

Noon

**B Shares (Retail)** 

Valuation point

 Price at 31/1/24
 156.21p

 Minimum investment
 £1,000

 Minimum top-up
 £500

 Minimum regular savings
 £100

 Investment management fee
 0.75%

 Initial charge
 2%

 Total expense ratio
 1.61%

ACD admin charge

Ex-dividend date
Income distribution date
Structure
Year end
B SEDOL code
B ISIN code

0.25%
1 August
30 September
OEIC sub-fund
31 July
B GELVS3
GB00BG6LVS30

### Portfolio breakdown \*

# UK fixed income

TwentyFour Dynamic Bond Jupiter Dynamic Bond Schroder Strategic Credit Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income

#### Global fixed income

Vanguard Global Bond (£-hedged) iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10 Years (£-hedged)

Redwheel Asia Convertibles (£-hedged)

### Alternative

3i Infrastructure Man GLG UK Absolute Value CT Real Estate Equity Market Neutral

# UK equity

Man GLG Income Artemis UK Special Situations Liontrust Special Situations Aberforth UK Small Companies

# Europe ex-UK equity

BlackRock European Dynamic Lightman European

#### US equity

iShares Core S&P 500 iShares Nasdaq 100

#### Japanese equity Comgest Growth Japan

Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha

## Pacific ex-Japan equity

Man GLG Asia (ex Japan) Equity Baillie Gifford Pacific Prusik Asian Equity Income

#### Emerging market equity

Redwheel Global Emerging Markets

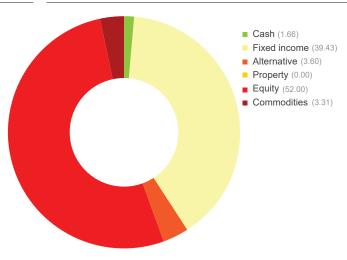
#### Global equity

Polar Capital Global Technology iShares Core MSCI World Guinness Global Equity Income Polar Capital Global Insurance

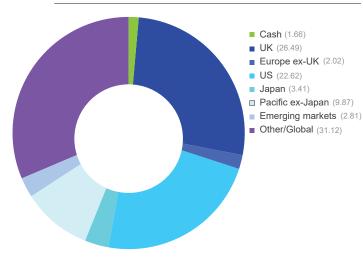
#### Commodities

iShares Physical Gold

# Asset allocation (%)



### Geographic allocation (%)





<sup>\*</sup> excluding cash and cash equivalents



### **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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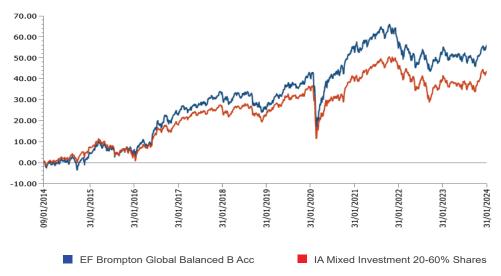
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#### Performance

Percentage growth, 9 January 2014 to 31 January 2024

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 Jan 2024	Year to 31 Jan 2023	Year to 31 Jan 2022	Year to 31 Jan 2021	Year to 31 Jan 2020
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	2.29	-1.48	1.48	8.68	11.57
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	3.26	-4.00	4.45	3.13	9.28
Quartile ranking	3	1	4	1	1

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 January 2024	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Since launch
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	0.42	6.79	2.77	2.29	56.21
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	-0.40	7.20	3.65	3.26	43.81
Quartile ranking	1	3	4	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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