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Fund manager

## EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund

### Investment objective

To achieve moderate growth

### Key facts

Fund size	<b>£22 million</b>
Launch date	<b>9 January 2014</b>
Launch price	<b>100p</b>
IA sector and Benchmark	<b>Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares</b>
Base currency	<b>Sterling</b>
Valuation point	<b>Noon</b>

### B Shares (Retail)

Price at 31/03/20	<b>121.53p</b>
Minimum investment	<b>£1,000</b>
Minimum top-up	<b>£500</b>
Minimum regular savings	<b>£100</b>
Investment management fee	<b>0.75%</b>
Initial charge	<b>2%</b>
Total expense ratio	<b>1.69%</b>

### I Shares (Institutional)

Price at 31/03/20	<b>119.50p</b>
Minimum investment	<b>£100,000</b>
Minimum top-up	<b>£10,000</b>
Investment management fee	<b>1%</b>
Total expense ratio	<b>1.94%</b>

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

### Fund manager's commentary

Global equities fell 10.83% in sterling while bonds rose 0.70% as more countries moved into lock-down to combat Covid-19. The Federal Reserve and Bank of England cut interest rates to near zero and announced quantitative easing. The US and UK governments launched fiscal stimulus packages of \$2 trillion and £330 billion respectively to help businesses and families. The global gross domestic product fall will be sharp and large but should prove temporary and the large monetary and fiscal measures may in time ensure a strong recovery. Oil prices fell 53.35% in sterling in response to the Russo-Saudi price war. Lower energy costs may provide a further economic stimulus. UK equities lagged, falling 13.44%, while smaller companies did even worse, down 28.01%. Among the EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund's UK equity holdings, Liontrust Special Situations was relatively resilient, down 12.91%, but the Vanguard FTSE 250 exchange-traded fund (ETF) fell 24.17%. Within the UK equity allocation, the SPDR FTSE UK All Share ETF holding was increased. The actively-managed global equity investments outperformed, with Fundsmith Equity, down 3.66%, the most resilient. UK government bonds rose 1.59% but sterling corporate and high-yield bonds fell 7.52% and 13.19% respectively. The sterling-hedged Vanguard Global Bond holding fell 1.86% as sterling fell 2.92% against the dollar while Schroder Strategic Credit fell 11.19%. Among the alternative funds, BlackRock European Absolute did best, rising 2.16%. The holding in 3i Infrastructure, down 16.53%, was increased. The EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund fell 10.51%† in March while the sector fell 10.21%.

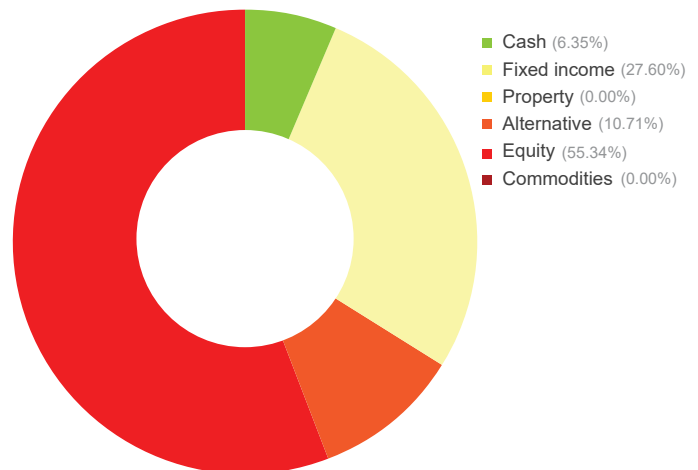
Financial data source: Thomson Reuters 31 March 2020 † B Acc shares

### Portfolio breakdown \*

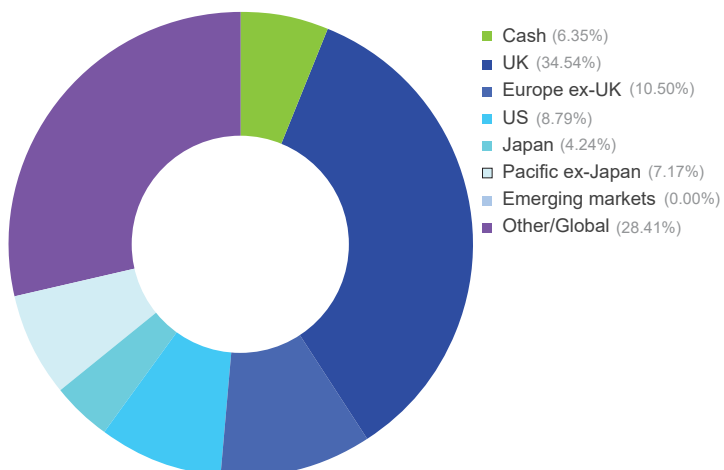
- UK fixed income**
  - Artemis Strategic Bond
  - Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income
  - Schroder Strategic Credit
- Global fixed income**
  - TwentyFour Dynamic Bond
  - Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond
  - Vanguard Global Bond (£-hedged)
  - RWC Asia Convertibles (£-hedged)
- Alternative**
  - Man GLG UK Absolute Value
  - 3i Infrastructure/Trojan
  - BlackRock European Absolute Alpha
  - Man GLG European Mid-Cap Equity Alternative
- UK equity**
  - Liontrust Special Situations
  - Majedie UK Focus
  - Vanguard FTSE 250
  - SPDR FTSE All Share
  - Man GLG UK Income
  - Chelverton UK Equity Growth
- Europe ex-UK equity**
  - BlackRock European Dynamic
  - Fidelity Germany
  - Threadneedle European Smaller Companies
- US equity**
  - iShares Core S&P 500
- Japanese equity**
  - T Rowe Price Japanese Equity
  - Comgest Growth Japan
- Pacific ex-Japan equity**
  - Fidelity Asian Special Situations
- Global equity**
  - iShares Core MSCI World
  - Polar Capital Global Technology
  - Fundsmith Equity
  - Polar Capital Healthcare Opportunities

\* excluding cash

### Asset allocation



### Geographic allocation



Please see overleaf for performance and other important information



## 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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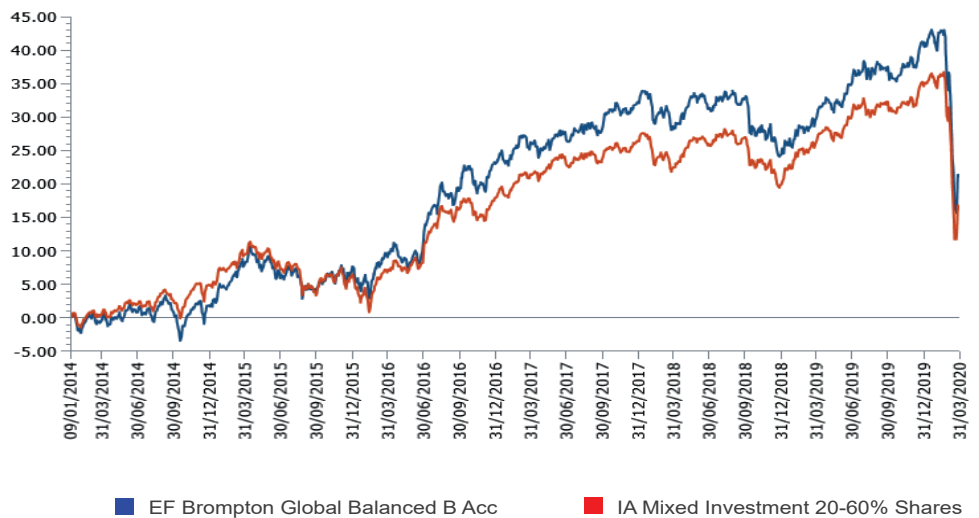
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### Performance

Percentage growth, 9 January 2014 to 31 March 2020

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



Source: Lipper, NAV-NAV, sterling, net income reinvested  
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Discrete period performance (%)	Year to 31 Mar 2020	Year to 31 Mar 2019	Year to 31 Mar 2018	Year to 31 Mar 2017	Year to 31 Mar 2016
<b>EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc</b>	<b>-6.18</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>15.16</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares</b>	<b>-7.26</b>	<b>2.91</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>13.24</b>	<b>-2.02</b>
<b>Quartile ranking</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 March 2020	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Since launch
<b>EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc</b>	<b>-10.51</b>	<b>-13.62</b>	<b>-11.63</b>	<b>-6.18</b>	<b>21.53</b>
<b>IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares</b>	<b>-10.22</b>	<b>-13.19</b>	<b>-11.64</b>	<b>-7.26</b>	<b>16.88</b>
<b>Quartile ranking</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

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](http://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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