

EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund



Gill Lakin Fund manager

Fund manager's commentary

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates in December to 1.25-1.5%. Since the previous policy-setting meeting, US economic growth has proved stronger and unemployment lower than expected while inflation has been as expected by the Federal Open Markets Committee. President Trump's tax cuts may lead to stronger growth in 2018, prompting further rate rises. In response, US equities underperformed, rising 1.18% in sterling while global equities gained 1.71%. Financial stocks should, however, benefit from rising longer-term interest rates and the EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund's holding in the iShares S&P 500 Financials exchange-traded fund (ETF) outperformed, gaining 1.99%. UK equities gained 5.03% as Brexit talks progressed and entered their second phase, which will include trade. All the UK equity holdings underperformed but 3i Infrastructure, which has significant UK assets, was the portfolio's top performer, returning 5.42%. Commodity prices strengthened, with oil rising 5.37% in sterling as Russia and members of Opec honoured their supply agreements while copper rose 7.17% on Chinese production cuts. Stronger commodity prices contributed to outperformance from equities in emerging markets and Asia excluding Japan, up 3.71% and 2.81% respectively in sterling. Goldman Sachs India outperformed, rising 4.72%. Investment in absolute return funds, which may generate modest positive returns irrespective of trends within equity and fixed income markets, increased through the addition of Smith & Williamson Enterprise. Man GLG UK Absolute Value, which has a similar style, returned 1.21%. The EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund gained 0.88%† in December while the sector gained 1.04%. Financial data source: Thomson Reuters 31 December 2017 † B Acc shares

Key facts

Investment objective

To achieve moderate growth

£27.8 million Fund size Launch date 9 January 2014 Launch price IA sector **Mixed Investment** 20-60% Shares Base currency Sterling Valuation point Noon

B Shares (Retail)

Price at 31/12/17 132.23p Minimum investment £1,000 Minimum top-up £500 £100 Minimum regular savings Investment management fee 0.75% Initial charge 2% Total expense ratio 1.75%

I Shares (Institutional)

Price at 31/12/17 130.76p Minimum investment £100,000 £10,000 Minimum top-up Investment management fee 1% 2.00% Total expense ratio

ACD admin charge 0.25% Ex-dividend date 1 August Income distribution date 30 September **OEIC** sub-fund Structure 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

M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond Artemis Strategic Bond Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income

Global fixed income

Royal London Short Duration Global High

Templeton Emerging Markets Bond (£-hedged)

Legal & Géneral Global Inflation Linked Bond (£-hedged)
Man GLG Global Emerging Markets Debt

Legg Mason Western Asset Macro Opportunities Bond

Alternative

Trojan 3i Infrastructure F&C Real Estate Equity Long/Short Man GLG UK Absolute Value Smith & Williamson Enterprise

UK equity

Schroder Recovery Liontrust Special Situations Aberforth UK Small Companies

Europe ex-UK equity iShares Edge MSCI Europe Value Factor Schroder European Fidelity Germany WisdomTree Europe SmallCap Dividend

US equity

iShares S&P 500 Financials

Japanese equity

Lindsell Train Japanese Equity GLG Japan CoreAlpha (£-hedged)

Pacific ex-Japan equity Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity

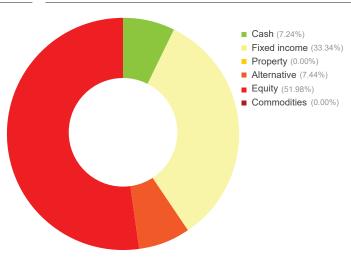
Emerging market equity

Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Goldman Sachs India Equity

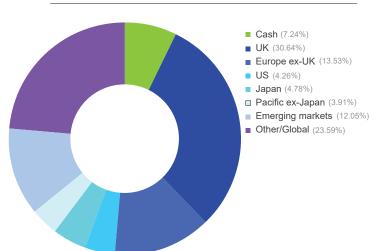
Global equity RobecoSAM Smart Materials

* excluding cash

Asset allocation



Geographic allocation





Investment policy

The Fund will invest mainly in collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds and unregulated collective investment schemes (which include limited partnerships) 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 equity funds will form part of the Fund's assets, although this will generally be limited to a maximum of 60% of the total Fund. However, investments will not be confined to any particular 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.

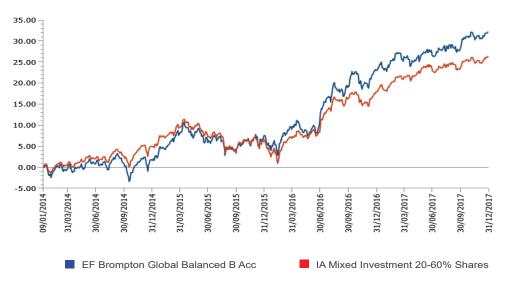
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Performance

Percentage growth, 9 January 2014 to 31 December 2017

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 2017	Year to 31 Dec 2016	Year to 31 Dec 015
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	7.50	14.29	5.87
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	7.16	10.80	1.53
Quartile ranking	2	1	1

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 December 2017	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Since launch
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	0.88	3.27	4.45	7.50	32.23
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	1.04	2.29	2.86	7.16	26.42
Quartile ranking	3	1	1	2	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

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Important information

For full details of the fund and its risks please refer to the prospectus or simplified prospectus, 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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