

# **EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund**

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund



Gill Lakin Fund manager

#### Fund manager's commentary

Global equities fell 3.82% in sterling on fears of a trade war. President Trump proposed tariffs on steel, aluminium, industrial technology, transport and medical products. China retaliated, announcing tariffs on agricultural products and aircraft. The EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund benefited from its relatively-low holdings in US equities, which lagged, falling 4.27% in while RobecoSAM Smart Materials, which has significant US holdings, fell 4.96%. Equities in Asia excluding Japan and emerging markets fell 3.25% and 3.58% respectively in sterling and the portfolio's three Asia-ex Japan and emerging markets holdings underperformed, with Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity, down 4.89%, doing worst. UK equities were relatively resilient, however, falling 2.11%. Within the portfolio, Aberforth UK Small Companies outperformed, rising 0.42%, but Schroder Recovery Real Estate Equity Long Short, posted gains, up1.63% and 0.42% respectively, but Smith & Williamson Enterprise fell 0.60%. The dollar fell 1.78% against sterling and currency movements contributed to a fall of 0.73% for global bonds. Three of the portfolio's four global bond fund holdings posted gains, however, with the sterling-hedged Templeton Emerging Markets Bond portfolio's three UK bond funds fell. The EF Brompton Global Balanced Fund fell 2.41%† in March while the sector fell 1.77%. Financial data source: Thomson Reuters 31 March 2018 † B Acc shares

sterling. The iShares S&P 500 Financials exchange-traded fund was, however, the portfolio's worst performer, falling 6.05%, **Key facts** £27.1 million Fund size fell 3.10%. Two of the portfolio's three holdings in daily-traded long/short equity funds, Man GLG UK Absolute Value and F&C Launch date 9 January 2014 Launch price IA sector **Mixed Investment** 20-60% Shares investment returning 1.19%. UK government bonds and sterling corporate bonds rose 2.03% and 0.38% respectively but the Base currency Sterling Valuation point Noon

## **B Shares (Retail)**

Investment objective

To achieve moderate growth

Price at 31/3/18 128.24p Minimum investment £1,000 Minimum top-up £500 £100 Minimum regular savings Investment management fee 0.75% Initial charge 2% Total expense ratio 1.79%

### I Shares (Institutional)

Price at 31/3/18 126.73p Minimum investment £100,000 £10,000 Minimum top-up Investment management fee 1% 2.04% 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) 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

Schroder European Fidelity Germany

WisdomTree Europe SmallCap Dividend Threadneedle European Smaller Companies

# US equity

iShares S&P 500 Financials

### Japanese equity

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

#### Pacific ex-Japan equity

Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity

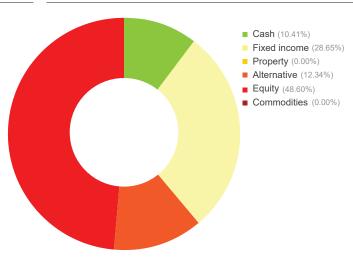
# Emerging market equity

Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Goldman Sachs India Equity

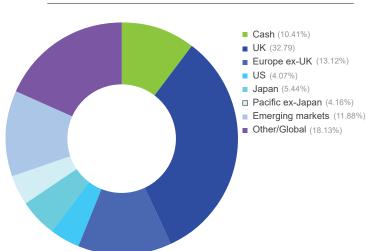
Global equity RobecoSAM Smart Materials

\* excluding cash and cash funds

## Asset allocation



# Geographic allocation



Please see overleaf for performance and other important information



### **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.

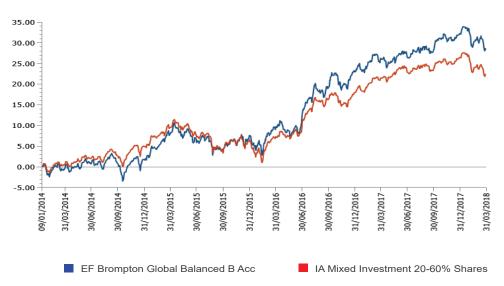
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#### **Performance**

Percentage growth, 9 January 2014 to 31 March 2018

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 Mar 2018	Year to 31 Mar 2017	Year to 31 Mar 2016	Year to 31 Mar 2015
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	1.58	15.16	1.36	8.51
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	0.77	13.24	-2.02	8.86
Quartile ranking	1	1	1	3

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 March 2018	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Since launch
EF Brompton Global Balanced B Acc	-2.41	-3.02	0.16	1.58	28.24
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	-1.77	-3.18	-0.94	0.77	22.43
Quartile ranking	4	2	1	1	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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