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## WAY Global Balanced Portfolio

A unit trust managed by  
Brompton Asset Management

### 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 WAY Global Balanced Portfolio, Polar Capital Global Technology gained 5.71%. 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 Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent was relatively resilient, down 0.16%. 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 Core-Alpha rose 4.24%; the Comgest Growth Japan holding was increased. In the bond allocation, TwentyFour Strategic Income rose 1.50% and the sterling-hedged Redwheel Asia Convertibles holding fell 1.49%. BlackRock European Absolute Alpha, up 2.45%, was the strongest alternative holding. The WAY Global Balanced Portfolio rose 0.13%† in January while the sector fell 0.40%.

Financial data source: Refinitiv 31 January 2024. † E Acc shares

### Portfolio breakdown\*

#### UK fixed income

TwentyFour Strategic Income  
Jupiter Dynamic Bond  
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond

#### Global fixed income

Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond (£-hedged)  
Vanguard \$ Treasury Bond  
Redwheel Asia Convertibles (£-hedged)  
Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond (£-hedged)

#### Alternative

Man GLG UK Absolute Value  
BlackRock European Absolute Alpha  
CT Real Estate Equity Market Neutral

#### UK equity

Liontrust Special Situations  
Artemis UK Special Situations  
Man GLG Undervalued Assets

#### Europe ex-UK equity

BGF Continental European

#### US equity

iShares Core S&P 500

#### Japanese equity

Comgest Growth Japan  
Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha  
T Rowe Price Japanese Equity

#### Pacific ex-Japan equity

Man GLG Asia (ex Japan) Equity

#### Emerging market equity

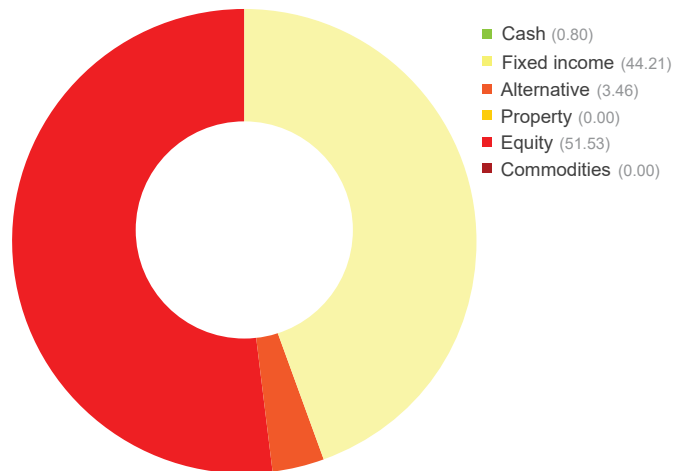
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Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent  
Redwheel Global Emerging Markets

#### Global equity

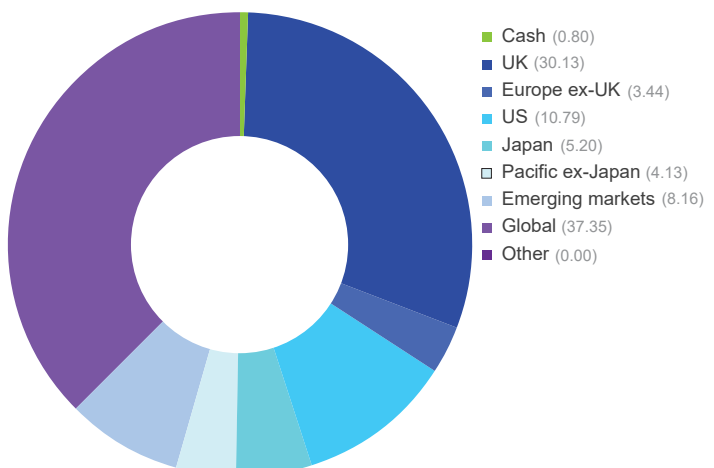
Polar Capital Global Technology  
Fidelity Index World  
Dimensional Global Targeted Value  
iShares Gold Producers

\* excluding cash and holdings of less than 0.25% of NAV

### Asset allocation (%)



### Geographic allocation (%)



### Investment objective

The objective of the Fund is to provide long-term capital growth.

### Key facts

Fund size	<b>£39.3 million</b>
IA sector	<b>Mixed Investment</b>
	<b>20-60% Shares</b>
Base currency	<b>Sterling</b>
Valuation point	<b>Noon</b>
Launch date	<b>9 December 1991</b>

The fund is managed with a 0% target yield.

### T Income Shares

Launch date	<b>15 January 2013</b>
Launch price	<b>100p</b>
Price at 31/1/24	<b>160.60p</b>
Minimum investment	<b>£10,000</b>
Minimum regular savings	<b>N/A</b>
Investment management fee	<b>1.30%</b>
Initial charge	<b>2%</b>
Total expense ratio	<b>2.03</b>
Year end	<b>31 March</b>
Distribution date	<b>31 May</b>
Structure	<b>Unit trust</b>
SEDOL code	<b>B8BBGK9</b>
ISIN code	<b>GB00B8BBGK95</b>

T class shares are for use within the WAY IHT plans.

### E Income & Accumulation Shares

Launch date	<b>15 January 2013</b>
Launch price	<b>100p</b>
E Inc price at 31/1/24	<b>166.07p</b>
E Acc price at 31/1/24	<b>165.88p</b>
Minimum investment	<b>£10,000</b>
Minimum regular savings	<b>£100</b>
Investment management fee	<b>1.00%</b>
Initial charge	<b>2%</b>
Total expense ratio	<b>1.73%</b>
Year end	<b>31 March</b>
Distribution date	<b>31 May</b>
Structure	<b>Unit trust</b>
Inc SEDOL code	<b>B972001</b>
Inc ISIN code	<b>GB00B9720012</b>
Acc SEDOL code	<b>B96WY44</b>
Acc ISIN code	<b>GB00B96WY448</b>

E class shares are available for direct fund investment. For information, please ring the dealing line, 01202 855856.

Please see overleaf for performance and other important information

### Investment objective & policy

The objective of the Fund is to provide long-term capital growth.

The Fund will seek to achieve its objective from an actively managed and diversified portfolio of collective investment schemes (including investment trusts) with exposure to cash, fixed interest securities, equity and equity-linked investments selected from various markets worldwide encompassing a variety of economic sectors. The Fund will typically invest between 20% and 60% of its portfolio in schemes which invest in equity securities.

The use of derivatives is not permitted but borrowing of up to 10% of the Fund's net asset value will be permitted on a temporary basis.

The Fund may invest in hedged share classes of underlying funds.

Although the Fund will normally remain fully invested, the property of the Fund may consist of up to 10% cash or near cash where this may be reasonably regarded as necessary in order to enable the pursuit of the Fund's objective, the settlement of redemptions of units and the efficient management of the Fund in accordance with its objectives or other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the objectives of the Fund.

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.

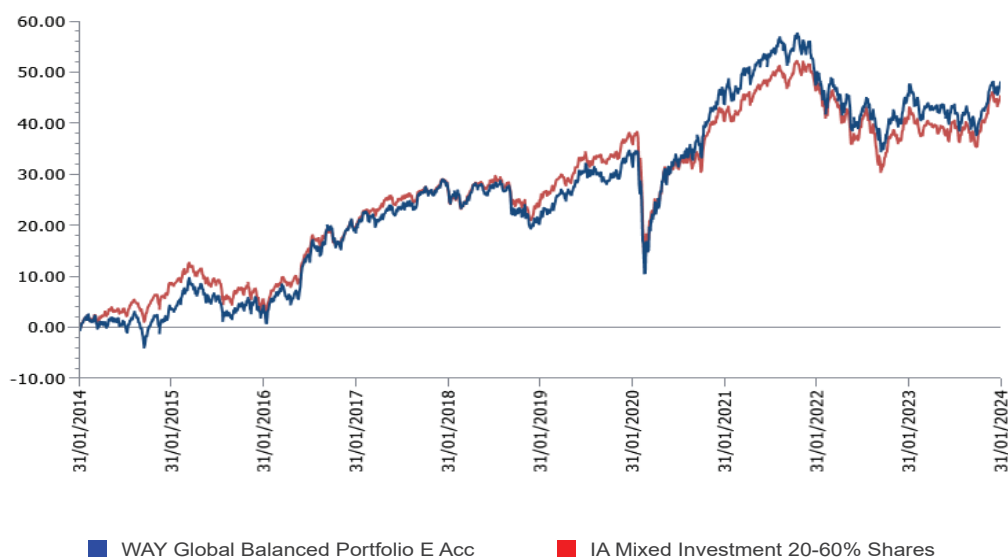
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### Performance†

Percentage growth for 10 years to 31 January 2024

WAY Global Balanced Portfolio E Acc\* v IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares



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
WAY Global Balanced Portfolio E Acc	1.88	-1.57	2.74	8.76	9.65
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	3.26	-4.00	4.45	3.13	9.28
Quartile ranking	4	1	3	1	2

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 January 2024	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	10 years
WAY Global Balanced Portfolio E Acc	0.13	7.43	3.43	1.88	48.20
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	-0.40	7.20	3.65	3.26	45.46
Quartile ranking	1	2	3	4	2

\*Source: Lipper, NAV-NAV, sterling. The E Accumulation share class launched on 15 January 2013. Performance history prior to that date is that of the A Acc share class. The backdated performance is based upon the actual returns of the A Acc share class with no alteration for differing fee levels between these share classes.

† Brompton took over management of the fund on 20 December 2013.

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

### 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 are unlikely to receive income and, on disposal, may not receive all their capital back. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

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