

# Discovery Balanced Fund

# Quarterly update—ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Investment objective

The objective of the Fund is to provide returns through a combination of capital growth and income over a market cycle (5 years). The fund will primarily gain exposure indirectly via eligible collective investment schemes and other collective investment vehicles (for example, investment companies, exchange traded funds) and may also invest directly in eligible assets (excluding property and commodities). Derivatives will be used only for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management.

## **Fund manager**

## Indicative risk rating



### James Kempster

James has over 20 years experience building and managing multi-asset investment portfolios. Beginning his career at Canada Life, he has more recently worked with financial advice firms to create managed portfolio solutions for end clients.



## Fund managers' commentary

The second quarter of 2024 started strongly with a continuation of the theme from the previous review, namely a momentum-driven market rally focused on mega cap US companies. This was helped by expectations that interest rates were about to start falling, however, this rhetoric was challenged towards the end of the period as stubborn American inflation quashed hopes that the Federal Reserve would be able to act as quickly as markets had hoped.

With US stocks finally not dominating returns it was our positions in the UK, Japan and Emerging Markets which were the biggest positives over the quarter. At the other end of the scale, diminishing hopes of interest rate cuts were bad news for some of our fixed income holdings, including those in Gilts. However, we expect the Bank of England to begin cutting rates before too long which should be a boon for these sorts of assets.

#### Performance summary as at 30/04/2024

|                                    | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 1 YEAR | 3 YEARS | 5 YEARS | MANAGER<br>START DATE |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Discovery Balanced Fund C Acc      | 3.76%    | 11.40%   | 8.22%  | 3.30%   | 16.39%  | 38.16%                |
| IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares | 3.51%    | 12.25%   | 8.74%  | 6.57%   | 24.22%  | 62.36%                |

### Three year performance to 30/04/2024



30/04/2021 - 30/04/2024 Data from FE fundinfo2024



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### **Key facts**

| Inception Date            | 21/03/2005   |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Number of holdings        | 30           |  |  |
| Ongoing charge figure (C) | 1.11%        |  |  |
| Estimated yield (C Acc)   | 2.15%        |  |  |
| Fund size                 | £89.54m      |  |  |
| ISIN (C Acc)              | GB00BYN66598 |  |  |

#### **Current asset allocation**

| Alternatives              | 11.66% |  |
|---------------------------|--------|--|
| Cash                      | 4.59%  |  |
| Fixed Interest            | 17.46% |  |
| UK Equities               | 19.32% |  |
| International Equities    | 38.32% |  |
| Property & Infrastructure | 4.94%  |  |
| Multi-Asset               | 3.71%  |  |

### Top 10 holdings as at 30/04/2024

| HSBC FTSE 100 Index                     | 8.82% |
|---|-------|
| HSBC American Index                     | 6.75% |
| Al Multi-Strategy Target Return         | 5.69% |
| Fundsmith Equity                        | 4.74% |
| iShares Overseas Corporate Bond         | 4.50% |
| IShares Pacific Ex Japan Equity Tracker | 3.85% |
| M&G Global Dividend                     | 3.81% |
| Schroder US Smaller Companies           | 3.76% |
| Artemis High Income                     | 3.71% |
| Legal & General All Stocks Gilt         | 3.56% |

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