

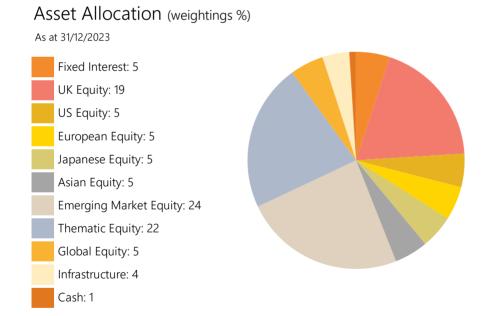
## MAIA Blended Adventurous Portfolio Bulletin

**Investment Objective:** The investment objective of the portfolio is to achieve capital growth from predominantly global thematic equity funds.

**Strategy:** The portfolio is made up of a blend of funds and exchange traded funds, adopting a multi-asset approach to portfolio construction.

**Guidelines:** The portfolio is suitable for investors who are prepared to accept an above average level of risk to their capital, to gain potentially higher rates of total return, over the long term. It is designed for investors with a higher tolerance for risk, that would accept significant variation or movement to capital value, to achieve their longer term objective. This portfolio is aimed at investors who require an actively managed and diversified portfolio and who have an investment horizon of at least 5 years. The portfolio is unconstrained and has high exposure to equities, especially overseas and specialist asset classes that MAIA's portfolio managers have identified as the best potential for possible growth over the long term. The funds are blended together to provide a broad exposure to global markets. The funds selected are managed by highly regarded and expert investment managers.

**Portfolio Managers:** Laurence Boyle is the CIO. Beccie Williams, Head of Research and Investment Manager, is assisted by Sophie Taylor and Simon Jackson, and actively manage the portfolio based on the asset allocation set by the research team.



## Top 10 holdings (weightings %)

As at 31/12/2023

Top 10	%
Schroder ISF Emerging Markets Value	
Gresham House UK Micro Cap	
HSBC FTSE 250 Index	
L&G Future Wld Climate Change Eq Factor	
L&G Global Technology Index	
Franklin FTSE Brazil	
Franklin FTSE India	
HSBC American Index	
HSBC Japan Index	
HSBC Pacific Index	5

MAIA Risk Rating Score	Asset Exposure Range Fixed Interest %	Asset Exposure Range Equities %
1 8 10	0 5 100	0 90 100
Annual Management Charge	Ongoing Fund Charges*	Benchmark**
0.50%	0.49%	IA Flexible Investment

<sup>\*</sup>Source: MAIA Asset Management & FE Analytics, January 2024. \*\*Source: MAIA Asset Management & Morningstar, January 2024.



## Market Commentary

As we moved into the final months of the year, markets began to provide investors with a more positive footing for 2024 as inflation figures started moving lower, towards central bank targets. This provided the markets with some optimism that 2024 may bring interest rate cuts to many economies, which led to assets rallying and providing investors with positive returns.

Moving into the new year, we believe the backdrop for equities will improve but risks will not fully dissipate. We continue to be selective in where we invest on a geographic, size and style basis. Active selection is key as new opportunities will arise with changing markets. We are favouring funds that are focusing on quality businesses with manageable debt levels, high barriers to entry and solid growth opportunities which should outperform over time.

For the first time in several years, fixed income is providing investors with both the opportunity for positive capital return and positive real yields that are above inflation. Due to the reduction in inflation over the past few quarters, central banks are now pricing in future interest rate cuts which should provide a better backdrop for fixed income, especially for longer duration assets.

Within alternatives, we believe the assets that should provide the best opportunities will have low correlation to equities & bonds and their own sources of alpha. We continue to utilise infrastructure, gold and defined returns assets within our portfolios for these reasons.

Due to the positive changes to the macroeconomic backdrop, the opportunity for investors across asset classes is far more positive than has been the case over the past few years.

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