

# MAIA Blended Defensive Portfolio Bulletin

**Investment Objective:** The investment objective of the portfolio is to achieve capital appreciation with a cautious to moderate risk profile generating a total return.

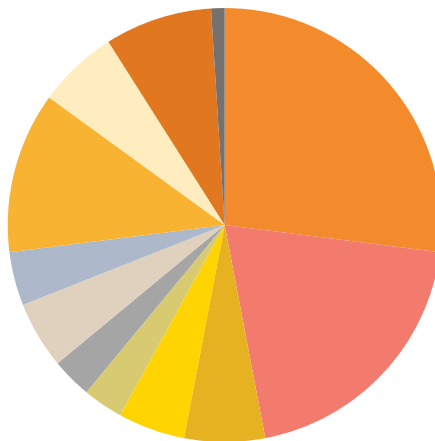
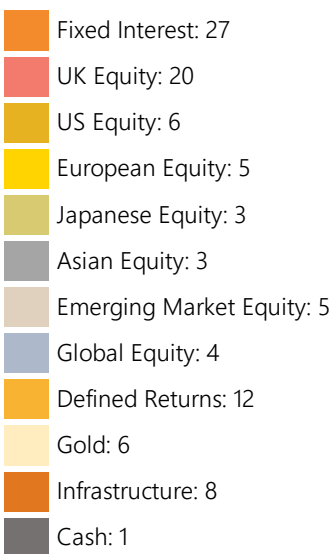
**Strategy:** The portfolio is made up of a blend of funds and exchange traded funds, adopting a multi-asset approach to portfolio construction.

**Guidelines:** The portfolio is suitable for investors who are prepared to accept a low to moderate risk to their capital, to potentially gain reasonable rates of return, over the long term through capital growth. It is designed for investors with a low to medium tolerance for risk, that would accept variation or movement to capital value, to achieve their longer term objective. This portfolio is aimed at investors who require a diversified portfolio and who have an investment horizon of at least 5 years. The funds are blended together to provide a broad exposure to UK and global markets, as well as areas chosen for their potential for outperformance to enhance returns. 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.

## Asset Allocation (weightings %)

As at 31/12/2023



## Top 10 holdings (weightings %)

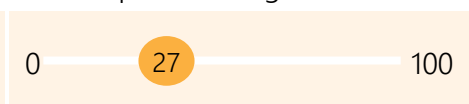
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Top 10	%
iShares 15 Years Gilt Index	8
Church House IG Fixed Interest	7
JOHCM UK Equity Income	7
Vanguard FTSE 100 Index	7
AHFM Defined Returns	6
iShares Physical Gold	6
Levendi Thornbridge Defined Return	6
Liontrust Monthly Income Bond	6
SPDR S&P US Dividend Aristocrats	6
Lightman European	5

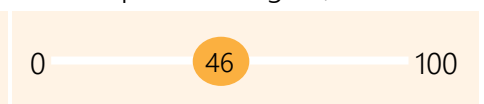
MAIA Risk Rating Score



Asset Exposure Range Fixed Interest %



Asset Exposure Range Equities %



Annual Management Charge

0.50%

Ongoing Fund Charges\*

0.49%

Benchmark\*\*

IA Mixed Investment 20 - 60% Shares

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## 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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