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# ABACUS DFM MODEL PORTFOLIOS

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# MODEL PORTFOLIOS

#### ABACUS DFM MODEL PORTFOLIOS

The Abacus DFM Model Portfolios are risk progressive and designed to cater for the varying risk appetite of different investors. Each Abacus DFM Model Portfolio provides investors with multi-asset global coverage with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity, and property markets. The Abacus DFM Model Portfolios are actively managed and comprise of a blended allocation to Tavistock Wealth's ACUMEN Portfolio range.

#### ABOUT TAVISTOCK WEALTH

Tavistock Wealth manages over £1bn of assets on behalf of all clients. We aim to provide private clients with access to institutional quality portfolio management at a retail price. Our model portfolios provide individual investors with the benefit of collective buying power to ensure that the charges they incur for model portfolio management, platform fees and dealing are amongst the lowest in the industry. Tavistock Wealth is a subsidiary of Tavistock Investments Plc, the UK wide financial services group. Currently, Tavistock has over 175 financial advisers helping 50,000+ private clients look after more than £3.5bn of investments.

#### TAVISTOCK GROUP STRUCTURE

The Group has separate investment management and advisory businesses. Tavistock Wealth delivers institutional quality portfolio management at a retail price, providing individuals with the benefit of collective buying power to ensure their portfolio management, platform and dealing charges are amongst the lowest in the industry. Our advisory businesses provide compliance, administration and accounting services to the independent financial advisers (Tavistock Partners) and to financial advice firms (The Tavistock Partnership). Tavistock Private Client is a multi-award winning practice that provides independent financial advice and investment management services to higher net worth private clients.

#### **INVESTMENT TEAM**

The investment team is comprised of 6 professionals who collectively manage the risk progressive range of ACUMEN Portfolios and Tavistock PROFILES. John Leiper is the Chief Investment Officer of Tavistock Wealth and carries direct responsibility for all investments in the Centralised Investment Proposition at the firm. Together with the research and investment team, he manages the ACUMEN Portfolios and the Abacus DFM Model Portfolios. John has more than 13 years' experience in financial markets having previously worked in a variety of roles at RBS, Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse. John holds a BSc degree in Economics from Warwick University and an MSc degree in Economic History from the London School of Economics. John Leiper is a CFA<sup>®</sup> charterholder.

#### **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

The ACUMEN Portfolios invest in exchange traded funds (ETFs) with diversified holdings in equity, bond, commodity and property markets. The ACUMEN Portfolios form the building blocks for the risk progressive Abacus DFM Model Portfolios. The ACUMEN Portfolios and Abacus DFM Model Portfolios are managed to Dynamic Planner's expected volatility range and relative to their respective benchmarks.

# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CURRENCY HEDGING

#### WHEN ARE CLIENTS SUBJECTED TO CURRENCY RISK?

- Whenever they are invested in a globally diversified portfolio
- Whenever they own assets denominated in a currency other than GBP

#### WHAT IS THE RISK TO THE PORTFOLIO?

- Returns are driven from the currency markets, not from the asset allocation
- · Strategy upon which portfolio is marketed can be made redundant
- Volatility of portfolio becomes misaligned with client's ATR profile

#### WHAT IS THE RISK TO THE CLIENT?

- They are subjected to the movements in currency markets when they are not expecting it
- May subsequently see themselves losing money when expecting to make gains (or vice versa)
- They are subjected to unexpected levels of volatility
- May be experiencing 'Risk Profile 8' volatility when recommended a 'Risk Profile 5' portfolio

#### WHAT IS THE RISK TO THE ADVISER?

- By not mentioning currency risk when recommending a global portfolio:
  - Risk of poor advice regarding the driver of a client's returns
  - Risk of poor advice regarding the volatility a client is exposed to
  - Risk of complaints in relation to both of the above
  - No defence for insufficiently explaining the risks at the outset
  - No defence for failing to match a portfolio to a client's needs
  - No defence for not monitoring the ongoing volatility of a portfolio



## **INVESTING IN THE ABACUS DFM MODEL PORTFOLIOS**

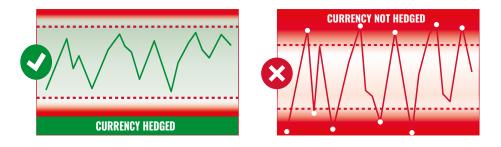
Baskets of ETFs constructed by Tavistock primarily using • Market leading range of ETFs
• Market leading range of ETFs

Mitigation of foreign exchange risk through tactical currency hedging: • Ensuring asset allocation is the driver of returns (rather than currency moves)

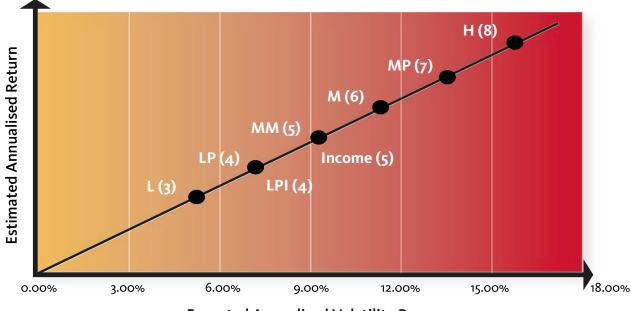
Managed to the European regulatory gold standard - UCITS Compliant: • Investment safeguards continually protecting client holdings

Managed to Dynamic Planner's expected volatility range: • Volatility bands that match the attitude to risk profiles of individual clients

Abacus DFM Model Portfolios are managed to Dynamic Planner's expected volatility range and relative to their respective benchmarks. In order to remain within the defined volatility ranges, the Portfolios may hedge overseas currency exposure back to sterling. When overseas exposure is not hedged the currency markets will impact the returns of the portfolio, and more importantly, the level of volatility the portfolio takes.



### ABACUS DFM MODEL PORTFOLIOS RISK vs RETURN



Expected Annualised Volatility Range



# Abacus Low (3) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of Abacus Low - DFM is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is actively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments including equities, bonds, commodities and property.

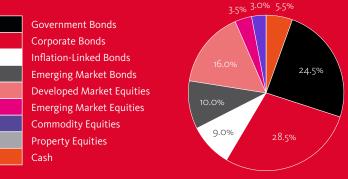
#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus Low - DFM is typically comprised of lower and medium risk investments such as cash, bonds and property as well as a few higher risk investments such as equities and commodities. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 4.20% to 6.30% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

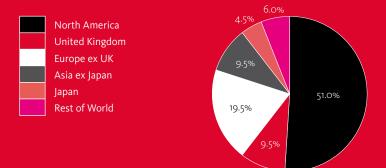
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#### ASSET ALLOCATION



#### **REGION ALLOCATION**



## MODEL PORTFOLIO BENEFITS:

#### Industry Leading Risk Management

- Comprehensive risk management via a series of in-• house asset class dashboards
- Rigorous quantitative analysis using AlternativeSoft with data from Thomson Reuters Eikon and Lipper for Investment Management
- Relative value technical analysis using Tradesignal

#### Hedged Currency Exposure

- Ability to tactically hedge overseas portfolio exposure back to GBP
- No unexpected risks within the portfolio
- Ensuring portfolio will remain aligned with specific volatility target

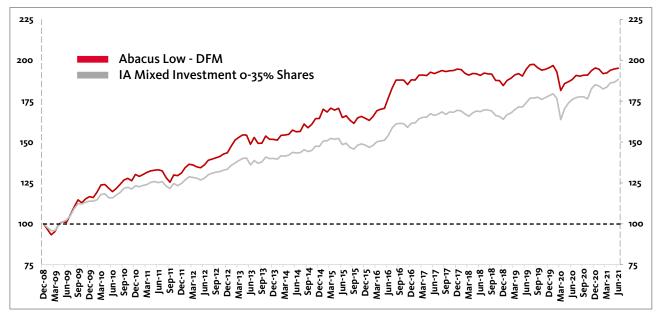
#### **Monitoring of Portfolio**

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Abacus Low - DFM		
31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus Low - DFM	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares
Annualised Return	5.49%	5.19%
Cumulative Return	95.15%	88.23%
Positive Months	62.67%	66.67%
Standard Deviation/Annual	5.89%	4.87%
Sharpe Ratio	0.80	0.90
Max Drawdown Return	-8.10%	-8.85%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	7.00	2.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
3.70%	2.33%	10.25%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS
iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond
iShares Global Govt Bond
iShares US Short Duration Corp
iShares USD TIPS 0-5
UBS MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable
Top 5 holdings comprise 44.5% of the portfolio



# Abacus Low Plus (4) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of Abacus Low Plus - DFM is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is actively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments including equities, bonds, commodities and property.

#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus Low Plus - DFM is typically comprised of lower and medium risk investments such as cash, bonds and property as well as a few higher risk investments such as equities and commodities. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 6.30% to 8.40% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

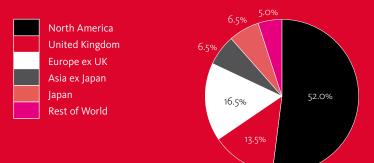
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- Comprehensive risk management via a series of in-• house asset class dashboards
- Rigorous quantitative analysis using AlternativeSoft with data from Thomson Reuters Eikon and Lipper for Investment Management
- Relative value technical analysis using Tradesignal

#### Hedged Currency Exposure

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- No unexpected risks within the portfolio
- Ensuring portfolio will remain aligned with specific volatility target

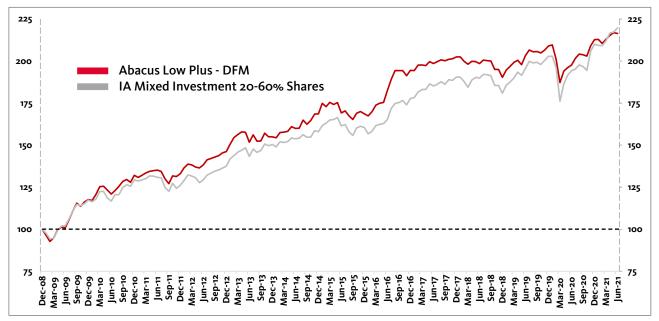
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Abacus Low Plus - DFM		
31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus Low Plus - DFM	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Annualised Return	6.37%	6.50%
Cumulative Return	116.38%	119.74%
Positive Months	63.33%	66.00%
Standard Deviation/Annual	6.53%	7.02%
Sharpe Ratio	0.85	0.80
Max Drawdown Return	-10.68%	-13.16%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	2.00	2.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
9.53%	9.00%	18.60%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS
Invesco Industrials S&P US
iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond
iShares FTSE 100
iShares Global Govt Bond
iShares MSCI USA Value
Top 5 holdings comprise 29.5% of the portfolio



# Abacus Medium Minus (5) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of Abacus Medium Minus - DFM is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is actively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments including equities, bonds, commodities and property.

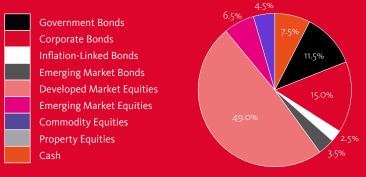
#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus Medium Minus - DFM is typically comprised of lower and medium risk investments such as cash, bonds and property as well as higher risk investments such as equities and commodities. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 8.40% to 10.50% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

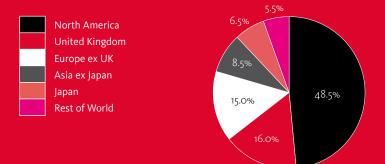
#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Asset allocation, rather than stock selection, is the key driver of risk and returns and the Abacus DFM Model Portfolios are structured accordingly, in line with the Investment Association's Sector guidelines. Each portfolio is comprised of holdings in the risk progressive ACUMEN Portfolios, which invest in highly diversified baskets of ETFs providing cost effective and tax efficient exposure to global markets. The ACUMEN Portfolios are constructed by Tavistock primarily using iShares.

#### ASSET ALLOCATION



#### **REGION ALLOCATION**



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#### Industry Leading Risk Management

- Comprehensive risk management via a series of in-• house asset class dashboards
- Rigorous quantitative analysis using AlternativeSoft with data from Thomson Reuters Eikon and Lipper for Investment Management
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#### Hedged Currency Exposure

- Ability to tactically hedge overseas portfolio exposure back to GBP
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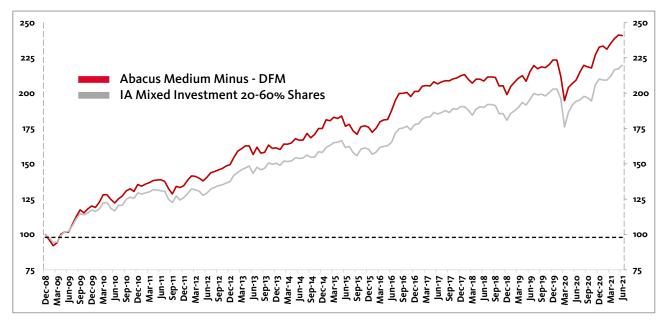
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Abacus Medium Minus - DFM		
31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus Medium Minus - DFM	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Annualised Return	7.28%	6.50%
Cumulative Return	140.76%	119.74%
Positive Months	65.33%	66.00%
Standard Deviation/Annual	7.47%	7.02%
Sharpe Ratio	0.85	0.80
Max Drawdown Return	-12.85%	-13.16%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	3.00	2.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
15.05%	15.43%	28.31%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS
Invesco Industrials S&P US
iShares FTSE 100
iShares MSCI USA Value
iShares S&P Financial Sector
Lyxor New Energy
Top 5 holdings comprise 25.0% of the portfolio



# Abacus Medium (6) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of Abacus Medium - DFM is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is actively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments including equities, bonds, commodities and property.

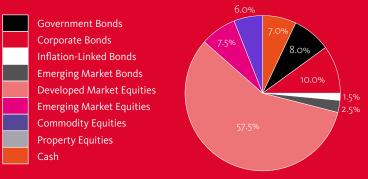
#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus Medium - DFM is typically comprised of higher risk investments such as equities and commodities but will also contain a few lower and medium risk investments such as cash, bonds and property. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 10.50% to 12.60% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

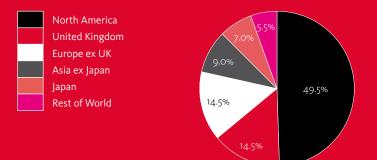
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#### ASSET ALLOCATION



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#### Hedged Currency Exposure

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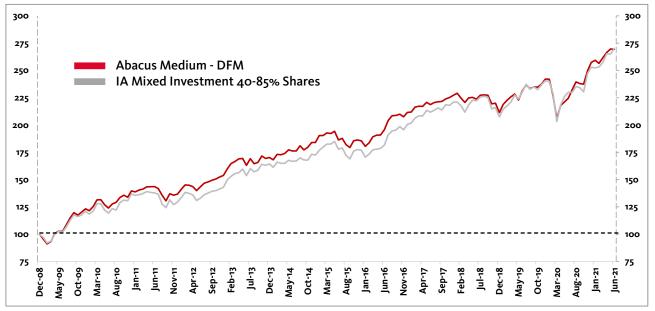
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Abacus Medium - DFM		
31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus Medium - DFM	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
Annualised Return	8.25%	8.28%
Cumulative Return	169.24%	170.19%
Positive Months	67.33%	62.00%
Standard Deviation/Annual	8.61%	9.35%
Sharpe Ratio	0.84	0.78
Max Drawdown Return	-14.97%	-15.49%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	3.00	3.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
19.87%	20.38%	37.54%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS
Invesco Industrials S&P US
iShares MSCI USA Value
iShares MSCI World SRI
iShares S&P Financial Sector
Lyxor New Energy
Top 5 holdings comprise 34.0% of the portfolio



# Abacus Medium Plus (7) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of Abacus Medium Plus -DFM is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is actively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments including equities, bonds, commodities and property.

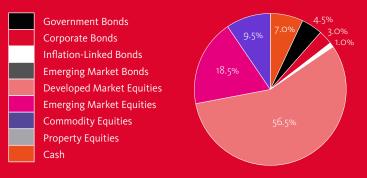
#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus Medium Plus - DFM is typically comprised of higher risk investments such as equities and commodities but will also contain a few lower and medium risk investments such as cash, bonds and property. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 12.60% to 14.70% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

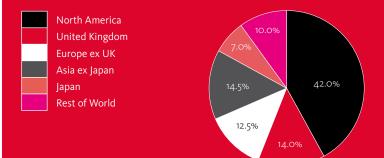
#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

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#### Hedged Currency Exposure

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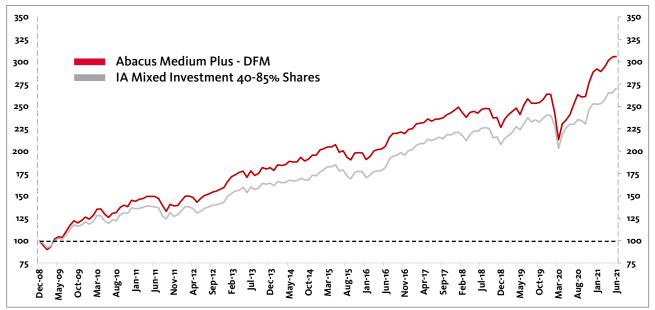
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Abacus Medium Plus - DFM		
31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus Medium Plus - DFM	IA Flexible Investment
Annualised Return	9.36%	8.28%
Cumulative Return	205.88%	170.19%
Positive Months	70.00%	62.00%
Standard Deviation/Annual	10.20%	9.35%
Sharpe Ratio	0.81	0.78
Max Drawdown Return	-19.36%	-15.49%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	3.00	3.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
26.92%	26.15%	48.81%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS
Invesco Industrials S&P US
iShares MSCI USA Value
iShares MSCI World SRI
iShares S&P Financial Sector
Lyxor New Energy
Top 5 holdings comprise 37.5% of the portfolio



# Abacus High (8) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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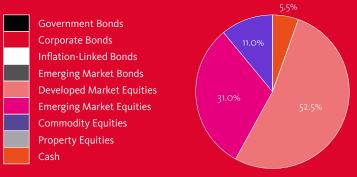
#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus High - DFM is typically comprised of higher risk investments such as equities and commodities but will also contain a few medium risk investments such as bonds and property. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 14.70% to 16.80% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

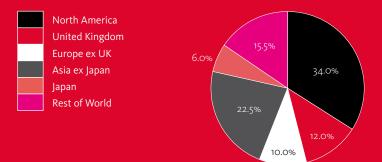
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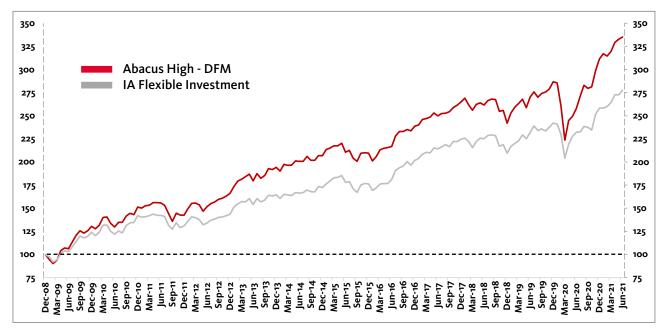
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31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus High - DFM	IA Flexible Investment
Annualised Return	10.16%	8.51%
Cumulative Return	235.14%	177.70%
Positive Months	68.00%	63.33%
Standard Deviation/Annual	11.21%	9.88%
Sharpe Ratio	0.80	0.76
Max Drawdown Return	-22.00%	-15.59%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	3.00	3.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
30.00%	<b>28.</b> 11%	54.64%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS	
iShares MSCI Brazil	
iShares MSCI Taiwan	
iShares MSCI USA Value	
iShares MSCI World SRI	
Kraneshares China Infrastructure	
Top 5 holdings comprise 39.0% of the portfolio	



# Abacus Low Plus Income (4) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of Abacus Low Plus Income - DFM is to deliver approximately 1.5% income with the potential for capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is actively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments.

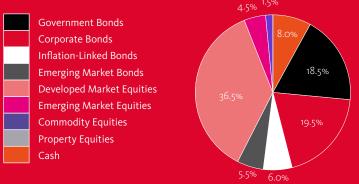
#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus Low Plus Income - DFM is typically comprised of lower and medium risk investments such as cash, bonds and property as well as a few higher risk investments such as equities and commodities. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 6.30% to 8.40% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

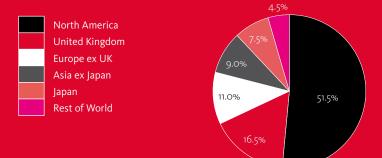
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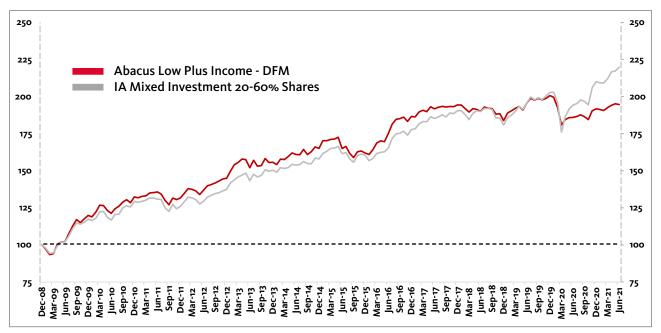
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Abacus Low Plus Income - DFM		
31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus Low Plus Income - DFM	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Annualised Return	5.49%	6.50%
Cumulative Return	94.99%	119.74%
Positive Months	60.67%	66.00%
Standard Deviation/Annual	6.59%	7.02%
Sharpe Ratio	0.72	0.80
Max Drawdown Return	-9.87%	-13.16%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	3.00	2.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
4.86%	2.55%	11.44%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS
iShares Global Govt Bond
iShares MSCI World SRI
iShares Short Duration High Yield Corp
iShares USD TIPS
Vanguard FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield
Top 5 holdings comprise 34.5% of the portfolio





# Abacus Income (5) - DFM

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of Abacus Income - DFM is to deliver approximately 4% income per annum, with the potential for capital growth by investing in a range of global financial markets. The portfolio is actively managed and comprised of multi-asset investments.

#### **RISK PROFILE**

Abacus Income - DFM is typically comprised of lower and medium risk investments such as cash, bonds and property as well as higher risk investments such as equities and commodities. The portfolio is managed to Dynamic Planner's volatility range of 8.40% to 10.50% and has a blended allocation to the range of ACUMEN Portfolios.

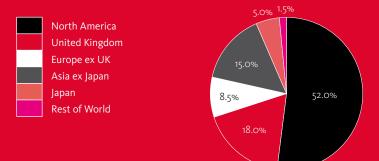
#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Asset allocation, rather than stock selection, is the key driver of risk and returns and the Abacus DFM Model Portfolios are structured accordingly, in line with the Investment Association's Sector guidelines. Each portfolio is comprised of holdings in the risk progressive ACUMEN Portfolios, which invest in highly diversified baskets of ETFs providing cost effective and tax efficient exposure to global markets. The ACUMEN Portfolios are constructed by Tavistock primarily using iShares.

#### ASSET ALLOCATION



#### **REGION ALLOCATION**



## MODEL PORTFOLIO BENEFITS:

#### Industry Leading Risk Management

- Comprehensive risk management via a series of in-• house asset class dashboards
- Rigorous quantitative analysis using AlternativeSoft with data from Thomson Reuters Eikon and Lipper for Investment Management
- Relative value technical analysis using Tradesignal

#### Hedged Currency Exposure

- Ability to tactically hedge overseas portfolio exposure back to GBP
- No unexpected risks within the portfolio
- Ensuring portfolio will remain aligned with specific volatility target

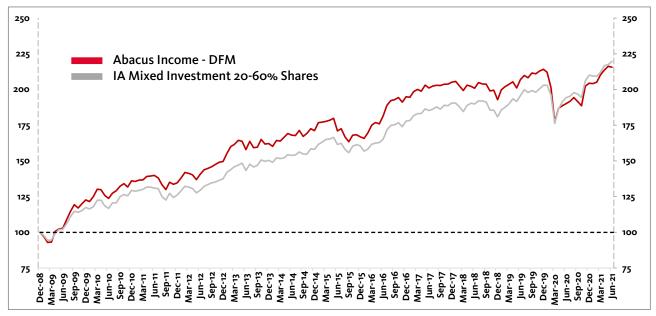
#### **Monitoring of Portfolio**

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Abacus Income - DFM		
31st December 2008 - 30th June 2021	Abacus Income - DFM	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
Annualised Return	6.37%	6.50%
Cumulative Return	116.42%	119.74%
Positive Months	63.33%	66.00%
Standard Deviation/Annual	8.34%	7.02%
Sharpe Ratio	0.66	0.80
Max Drawdown Return	-17.20%	-13.16%
Max Drawdown Duration (Months)	3.00	2.00

1 year	3 year	5 year
13.83%	7.78%	19.17%



TOP 5 HOLDINGS
iShares \$ Corp
iShares Short Duration High Yield Corp
iShares UK Dividend
Spdr US Div Aristocrats
Vanguard FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield
Top 5 holdings comprise 53.0% of the portfolio

Income Target				
3.50% - 4.00%				
Rolling 1 Year Income Yield				
4.02%				

# MANAGER COMMENTARY - JUNE 2021

The US central bank adopted a notably hawkish tilt this month, bringing forward expectations for the first post-pandemic rate hike to 2023. Whilst policymakers subsequently took steps to sooth fears over a potential policy mistake that could derail economic growth, with the genie out of the bottle investors reigned-in bets tied to the most economically sensitive areas. Value stocks lost appeal relative to growth names which staged a dramatic rebound, helping push the Nasdaq 100 and S&P 500 to new all-time highs. During the month developed market global equities delivered positive gains, with the MSCI World up 1.40% although emerging markets struggled on a stronger US dollar, down -0.11%. The US dollar index, which measures the currency against a basket of peers, reacted to the hawkish surprise on rate rise expectations, rising 2.90% in June. Sterling fell from 1.42 to 1.38 despite UK inflation rising to 2.1% in May, overshooting the Bank of England's 2% target. With US inflation at 5%, central banks continue to stress their belief that any overshoot will prove temporary in nature. That message hit home in bond land where the yield on the 10-year US Treasury fell 12bps from 1.59% to 1.47% (yields move inversely to prices). Investment grade and high yield corporate bond spreads tightened throughout the month. In commodities, the S&P Goldman Sachs commodity index rose 3.23%, driven higher by the energy sub-sector. Brent crude rose more than 8% to over \$75 dollars a barrel, underscoring solid industrial and travel demand ahead of the OpecG+ meeting of oil producing nations in early July. The market narrative changed dramatically this month, partly because so much uncertainty remains. Uncertainty over the delta variant of the virus, the strength and duration of the economic recovery, inflation, the evolving policy response to all the above and communication of said policy. With markets priced for perfection, we expect more volatility into the second half of this year.

ABACUS DFM MODEL PORTFOLIO CHARGES				
PORTFOLIO	OCF	TOTAL TRANSACTIONAL COSTS	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	
Abacus Low - DFM	1.06%	0.24%	1.30%	
Abacus Low Plus - DFM	1.06%	0.20%	1.26%	
Abacus Medium Minus - DFM	1.10%	0.30%	1.40%	
Abacus Medium - DFM	1.11%	0.42%	1.53%	
Abacus Medium Plus - DFM	1.14%	0.49%	1.61%	
Abacus High - DFM	1.19%	0.41%	1.63%	
Abacus Low Plus Income - DFM	1.11%	0.15%	1.26%	
Abacus Income - DFM	1.14%	0.19%	1.33%	

### CHARGES

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

#### **ANNUALISED RETURN**

The annualised return of the portfolio since inception.

#### **CUMULATIVE RETURN**

Total amount a portfolio has gained or lost over a given time period.

#### **POSITIVE MONTHS**

Number of months a portfolio has made a positive return; expressed as a percentage.

#### STANDARD DEVIATION/ANNUAL

Variance in the returns of a portfolio. The more spread apart from the mean, the higher the deviation and higher the volatility.

#### **SHARPE RATIO**

The risk-adjusted return of a portfolio. A measure of how much money a portfolio can make per unit of risk taken.

#### MAX DRAWDOWN RETURN

Represents the worst possible return since inception E.g. Buying at the maximum price over the period and selling at the worst.

#### MAX DRAWDOWN DURATION

The length of time (in months) from the beginning of the drawdown to the time when the new peak is attained.

#### **BENCHMARK**

An index based on pre-determined weights, composed of equities, bonds or any combination of asset classes, whose value is measured and used for comparative performance purposes against the Abacus DFM Model Portfolios.

#### VOLATILITY

Standard deviation is a statistical measurement which, when applied to an investment fund, expresses its volatility, or risk. It shows how widely a range of returns varied from the fund's average return over a particular period. Low volatility reduces the risk of buying into an investment in the upper range of its cycle, then seeing its value fall towards the lower extreme. For example, if a fund had an average return of 5%, and its volatility was 15, this would mean that the range of its returns over the period had swung between +20% and -10%. Another fund with the same average return and 5% volatility would return between 10% and nothing. While volatility is specific to a fund's particular mix of investments, and comparison to other portfolios is difficult, clearly, for those that offer similar returns, the lower-volatility funds are preferable. There is no point in taking on higher risk than necessary in order to achieve the same reward.



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