

# ABACUS ESG PROFILE 8 - DFM

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# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The aim of the model portfolio is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. This will be achieved through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

# PERFORMANCE

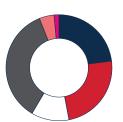


# CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	ITD
Portfolio (GBP)	3.42	0.77	3.25	-3.54
IA Sector - Flexible Investments	1.73	1.76	6.42	2.34

# ASSET ALLOCATION







35.50% Asia ex Japan
4.50% Japan
1.50% Rest of World

# FEATURES

IA Sector - Flexible Investments

Daily Liquidity

No Initial Fees

No Performance Fees

Whole of market active funde

Whole of market active funds adhering to socially responsible criteria

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**



This model portfolio has an internal risk rating classification of 8 and will aim to maintain this risk rating classification. The risk rating range is from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). This range is utilised across the whole of our investment toolkit.

### DETAILS

Inception: 30th November 2021

#### CHARGES

Discretionary Management Fee: 0.29% inclusive of any applicable VAT Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF): 0.63 Est. Total: 0.92%

#### PEER GROUP

Although the Profile is not benchmarked against the IA sector one may wish to compare the performance of Profile 8 to the IA Flexible Investments sector for peer group analysis.

#### **Top 5 Holdings**

Aikya Global Emerging Markets Fund

Amundi MSCI Emerging Markets SRI PAB Index Fund

CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund

Janus Henderson USA Sustainable Equity Fund

Schroders Global Sustainable Value Equity Fund

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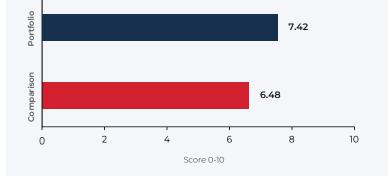
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#### ESG Score

We measure how well key medium-to long-term ESG risks and opportunities are being managed by the portfolio using the MSCI ESG Quality Score, which is measured on a scale of 0 to 10 (worst to best). The score corresponds to a rating, which is measured on a scale of CCC to AAA (worst to best).

Rating	CCC	В	BB	BBB	A	AA	AAA
Score	0.00 - 3.15	3.15 - 4.16	4.16 - 5.17	5.17 - 6.18	6.18 - 7.19	7.19 - 8.20	8.20-10.00
Laggard		Average		Leader			
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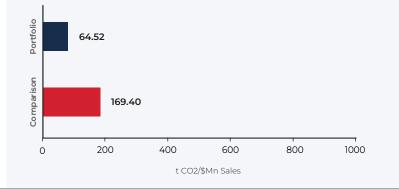
#### **Carbon Risk**

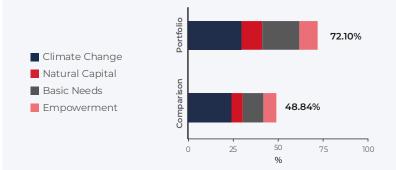
Companies which emit lots of carbon dioxide (CO2) are more exposed to carbon-related market and regulatory risks that arise due to climate change. We measure the carbon risk of the portfolio using the MSCI ESG Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric which, per company, is a function of the most recently reported or estimated direct plus indirect CO2 emissions, divided by sales (the lower the intensity, the better).

Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
0 - 14	15 - 69	70 - 249	250 - 524	525 - 1000
Leader		Average	Laggard	

#### **Impact Solutions Involvement**

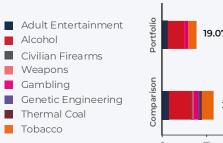
We measure the positive impact achieved by the portfolio using MSCI ESG Sustainable Impact Solutions Involvement data. The aggregated figure represents the full market value exposure to a range of impact solutions, which fall under the following categories: climate change, natural capital, basic needs and empowerment (in all cases, the higher the better).

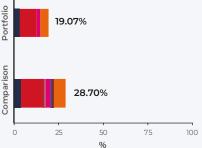




#### **Controversial Business Activity Involvement**

We measure the full market value exposure of the portfolio to a range of controversial business activities using MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research Involvement data. These activities are: adult entertainment, alcohol, civilian firearms, weapons, gambling, genetic engineering, thermal coal and tobacco (in all cases, the lower the better).





Source: MSCI ESG Research LLC. The comparison used reflects the asset class allocation based on the underlying investment exposure of the portfolio to fixed income (investment grade and sub-investment grade securities) and equity (developed and emerging market) securities at the date of data. This information is for illustrative purposes only to provide an indicative comparison to a pop-ESC market equivalent. Date of data: 29/02/24

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# ESG UPDATE

Most investors in a sustainability-labelled investment product would naturally expect there to be some exposure to the end products of the decarbonisation supply chain, namely things like wind turbines, heat pumps and electric vehicles. Fewer investors would expect there to be exposure to the picks and shovels of this supply chain, for example the manufacturers of copper wiring or steel. Fewer still would expect there to be any exposure to the companies mining the raw materials required to build the steel that is required to build wind turbines. This is mostly because these less visible parts of the supply chain have struggled with a variety of environmental and social challenges for many years. However, since the decarbonisation of our energy system is not possible without the full supply chain (or without complimentary solutions like nuclear power), we think it makes good sense to learn as much about these challenges as we can in order to more fully understand the sustainability risks and opportunities of decarbonisation. To that end, we are currently conducting research with the LSE Green Finance Society on this topic and look forward to sharing our findings in due course. Although not a large part of our investable universe at the moment, we have reason to believe that in the future the less visible parts of the decarbonisation supply chain will begin to feature more in sustainability-labelled investment products, in part thanks to a suite of new product labels that will be introduced later this year as part of the FCA's Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR).

The model portfolio is available on the Tavistock Platform, Aegon (ARC), Abrdn Wrap, and Aviva.



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