

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide long term growth by investment in a balance of the main investment sectors. The fund should provide a good alternative to a narrowly based share portfolio.

FUND REVIEW

In the third quarter, growth assets outperformed defensives amid initial expectations that monetary policy would remain accommodative, data that suggested a limited fallout from Brexit and broadly improving global data. Global equity delivered positive returns, while fixed income was flat.

The fund outperformed its benchmark. Contributions from both equity and fixed income were positive. However, the property allocation detracted both on an absolute and relative basis. Beyond the property allocation, underlying manager alpha was positive. Following a difficult first half of the year, manager alpha in the equity space was positive across most regions in the third quarter, with the exception of Japan. The Gilts allocation also outperformed its benchmark. From an active asset allocation perspective, we took limited active risk. We entered the quarter modestly underweight equities and within equities had a preference for developed over emerging markets. This positioning detracted. Over the quarter, our outlook has become more constructive on cyclical assets. Within equities, we maintain our positive view on the higher-quality US market, but have added to emerging markets. In fixed income we entered the quarter overweight US high yield and Australian bonds. We have now further added an allocation to emerging market debt, while taking profits on the Australian position and moving underweight Gilts and long US Treasuries. We remain underweight property.

FUND OUTLOOK

We have strengthened our conviction in the cyclical environment, albeit modestly. The global macro backdrop remains complex, given the apparent limitations of monetary policy in Europe and Japan, the upcoming US election—the outcome of which may influence US interest rate policy—the UK's move to a potential "hard Brexit" and the enforcement of the deal announced by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

FUND STATISTICS

Fund manager(s)	Katy Thorneycroft, Joe Cummings and David Chan
Fund launch date	04/72
Fund size (as at 30/09/16)	GBP 41.9m

PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

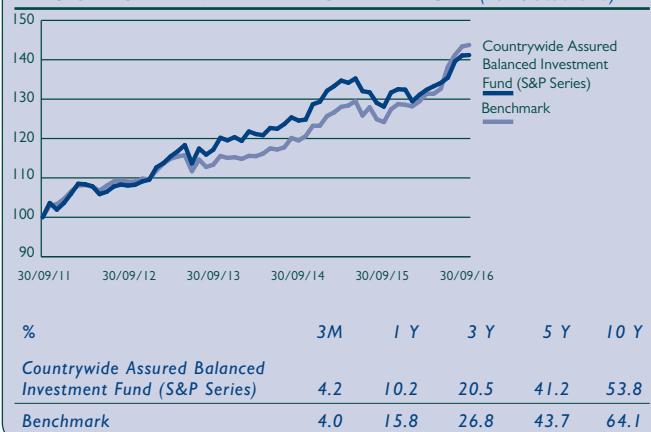
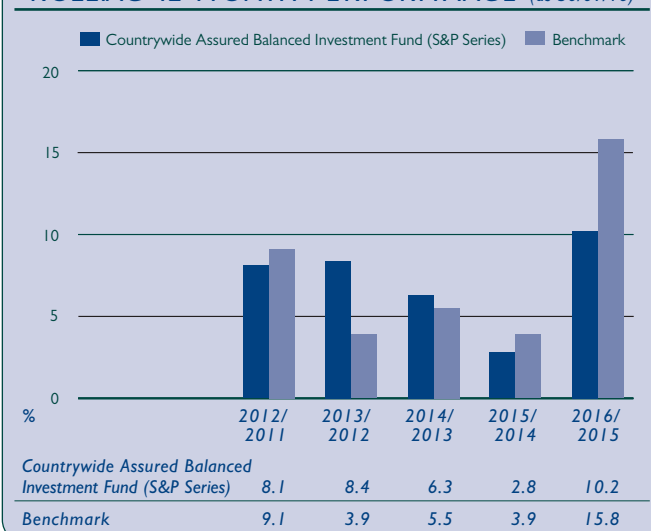
As at 30/09/16	%
Equities	
United Kingdom	24.4
USA	16.0
Europe ex UK	4.0
EM (Emerging Markets)	3.9
Pacific ex Japan	1.1
Canada	0.9
Japan	0.7
Sub Total Equities	51.0
Bonds	
UK Bonds	21.5
High Yield	2.6
Global Bonds	1.5
US Bonds	1.2
Sub Total Bonds	26.8
Property	22.0
Cash	0.2

BENCHMARK

Composite benchmark: 25% FT All-Share, 25% MSCI AC World ex UK, 25% FTA Gilt All-Stocks and 25% IPD Monthly.

Returns calculated on an offer to offer; net income reinvested basis.

Source: J.P. Morgan.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (as at 30/09/16)**ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (as 30/09/16)**

Benchmark Source: MSCI. The MSCI data is comprised of a custom index calculated by MSCI for, and as requested by, JPMAM (UK). The MSCI data is for internal use only and may not be redistributed or used in connection with creating or offering any securities, financial products or indices. Neither MSCI nor any other third party involved in or related to compiling computing or creating the MSCI data (the "MSCI Parties") makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such data (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and the MSCI Parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose with respect to such data. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall any of the MSCI Parties have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

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