BALANCED FUND GBP (C Class ACC)

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The balanced Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicle (ICAV) aims to provide a return on your investment (achieved via increasing the value of the assets held within the portfolio) over a medium-term investment horizon (5 years or more).

The fund's investment structure is that of a "fund of funds" portfolio which seeks to provide investors with a diversified investment portfolio consisting of UCITS compliant funds or "collectives" from across the global investment universe. Collectives invested in within the fund can include unit trusts, mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) whose managers aim to outperform their respective markets. Asset classes you could find in this portfolio are equities, government bonds, corporate bonds, multi-asset, alternatives, and cash.

The fund's benchmark comprises of 50% exposure to the Bloomberg Developed Market Large & Mid Cap Total Return Index, which the fund itself seeks to replicate as the appropriate level of risk exposure in normal market conditions. The fund retains the ability to move its weighting to risk assets according to market conditions to ensure its investors retain a flexible and diversified investment portfolio across all periods.

FUND INFORMATION

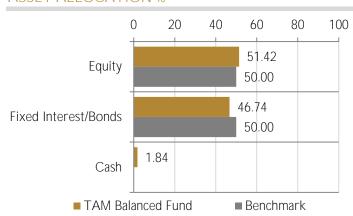
Portfolio Benchmark	Bloomberg Global EQ:FI 50:50
Inception Date	01 October 2019
Currency Options	GBP, USD & EUR
Accessibility	Direct, ISA, SIPP, & Life Wrap
Total Fund Size	£180m
Fund Manager	James Penny
Distribution Type	Accumulation
ISIN	IE00BJN5JG32
Sedol	BJN5JG3
OCF	0.46%

PERFORMANCE %

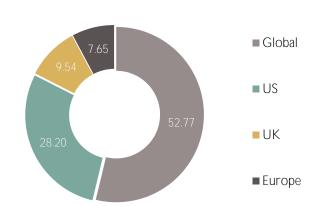
Cumulative Returns								
3 Month	6 Month		1 Year		3 Year		Inception	
0.59	1.67		12	12.55		3.84	14.70	
Calendar Year Returns					Annualised			
2021	2022		2023	2024 YTD		Return	Vola	tility
6.07	-9.43		5.57	6.51		3.22	7.	14

All performance figures are net of TAM's investment management charge, but gross of operating fees.

ASSET ALLOCATION %



REGIONAL EXPOSURE %



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PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

The fund went through small but timely investment changes in Q3, to enhance the fund's ESG and carbon capture footprint whilst also deepening investment into areas of the market considered to be value-oriented investments. This switch helped to enhance the fund's short-term performance by moving away from US mega-cap tech and into value stocks which delivered strong outperformance in Q3 but also, via its increase in the S&P500 ESG Leaders ETF, satisfied the longer-term drive of the fund towards a deeper level of ESG integration. These enhancements also helped to drive the underling costs of the fund down further to below 0.09%.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS %

1.	SSGA SPDR S&P 500 ESG LEADERS UCITS ETF UNHEDGED	18.57
2.	AMUNDI PRIME GLOBAL UCITS ETF DR GBP	15.73
3.	JPM GLOBAL BOND OPPORTUNITIES X GR ACC	13.90
4.	INVESCO UK GILTS UCITS ETF ACC	8.56
5.	AMUNDI PRIME EUROZONE UCITS ETF DR GBP	7.65
6.	AMUNDI PRIME GLOBAL GOVERNMENT BOND UCITS ETF	7.37
7.	VANGUARD ESG GLOBAL CORPORATE BOND UCITS ETF	6.54
8.	RATHBONE GREENBANK GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE BOND	4.35
9.	XTR S&P500 EQ WEIGHT UCITS ETF GBP	3.15
10.	BNY MELLON RESPONSIBLE HORIZONS STRATEGIC BOND	3.02

MARKET REVIEW

At the headline level for Q3, a 50/50 portfolio of market cap weighted global stocks and bonds delivered a performance gain in the region of 0.7%. Specifically, global stocks lost -0.3% and global bonds rallied +1.3%. Given this, one can see how client portfolios that owned more bonds than stocks did slightly better over Q3 and vice versa in Q2. The global bond market's 1.3% gain pared some of the previous six months' losses of 2.35%. Clearly, there has been a market step change in the performance of government bonds over Q3, which has been heavily influenced by the US finally starting to cut interest rates. This is a fantastic development in which many clients who are invested in bonds can finally start to see this part of their portfolio delivering profits. With American stocks powering the lion's share of investor returns, up 15% in the first six months of the year, Q3 was another marked step change in which the US stock market delivered -0.67%. Beneath the surface, investors were stepping back from buying those 7 mega-cap tech stocks, and instead investing in more attractive opportunities from across the global market rather than just the US, which was undoubtedly a positive development in Q3.

MARKET OUTLOOK

Looking forward to Q4, with global inflation now convincingly below 3% and all major economies having cut interest rates by at least 0.25%, most investors have agreed that the inflation battle is, for now, won. This scenario of inflation coming down, economic growth proving resilient and interest rates being cut, should see the equity and corporate bond market powering higher off the back of resilient economies and strong company earnings into Christmas. On the flip side, if we see corporate earnings contract and economic growth slow, we don't see a deep recession but something shallower, and importantly something which the investment community can look through without a broad stock market panic. Further, if the global economy slips into a steeper recession than predicted, central banks can cut interest rates down to the 1% range in short order, which should help to quickly stabilise the market and stimulate the global economy. If this happens, we see a large upside of more than 25% in government bonds which we would look to heavily overweight.

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