# **Fusion Balanced**

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## **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

- Medium risk portfolio within the Optima ETF portfolio range
- The well diversified portfolio of equities and bonds aims to moderate losses from significant market drawdowns
- Designed to achieve a balanced mix of income and capital growth through a well-diversified multi-asset portfolio
- The objective of portfolio is to systematically capture risk premiums while minimizing investment costs. This is accomplished by employing highly liquid ETFs with low charges

#### PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Inception Date Dec 2018

Investment Horizon At least 5 years

Total Ongoing charges for underlying funds 0.23%

Management Charge 0.20%

#### INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

Fusion Optima portfolios aim to systematically harvest risk premiums while minimizing the costs of the investments by utilising ETFs with high liquidity and low charges. These are carefully selected from a wide range of well-established product providers, targeting outperformance of their respected benchmarks.

The range is based on systematic Strategic Asset Allocation, aiming to maximise expected long-term return within well-defined risk parameters. Medium-term market forecasts are overlaid to adjust the allocation by incorporating current market trends.

## RISK SCORE

Based on our internal analysis, our Investment Team believes this portfolio corresponds to the following risk levels of external risk profiling tools:

DT	Defaqto	Synaptic		
5	5	6		





#### MARKET COMMENTS

Markets certainly weren't spooked this Halloween season, as October delivered another strong month of overall portfolio performance. Global equities rose 4.5% as bonds also chipped in with a positive return of 2.2% in GBP terms

Early in the month, escalating US–China trade tensions led to the largest daily declines in US stocks since April. However, positive late-month developments lifted global sentiment as both sides agreed a one-year deal that would pause steeper US tariffs and limit China's export controls on rare earth minerals – a critical component in the Al supply chain. Asian equities (+6.3%) performed strongly, as this was especially beneficial for Korea (+23.9%) and Taiwan (+11.7%), whose semiconductor sectors are deeply integrated in global Al manufacturing. US gains (4.7%) were also supported by strong third quarter earnings, with 82% of reporting companies beating consensus expectations.

The month demonstrated how political election outcomes can galvanise market sentiment. Japan emerged as the month's top performing developed market (+15.3%), driven by optimism that Prime Minister Takaichi, the country's first female leader, and her expansionary policies will be supportive for equity markets. A weaker yen, which benefits Japanese exporters, also contributed to the gains. Similarly, the victory of President Milei's party in the midterm election propelled the Argentinian stock index to a remarkable 73% gain for the month. Following suit with equities, emerging market debt also outperformed (+3.3%), supported by a combination of higher real yields and a weaker dollar.

## **PERFORMANCE**



—Fusion Balanced —Benchmark

### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**

	1m	3m	1у	Зу	5у	SI
Portfolio	2.88%	7.86%	14.07%	34.50%	33.41%	362.64%
Benchmark	2.85%	5.65%	13.45%	33.58%	42.67%	286.20%

# RISK CHARACTERISTICS

	Volatility		Sharpe Ratio			Maximum Drawdown	
	1у	5у	SI	1у	5у	SI	
Portfolio	7.78%	8.05%	7.28%	1.81	0.67	0.78	-16.73%
Benchmark	7.80%	8.50%	9.99%	1.72	0.80	0.48	-31.77%

\*The performance figures in this report are based on the live performance of the portfolio since December 2018. Performance before this date is simulated by applying models and algorithms currently used in the construction of this portfolio. The benchmark is the Aviva Multimanager 40-85% Fund which has one of the lowest tracking errors with the IA Mixed investments 40-85 index. Performance prior to June 2014 is reconstructed from the index performance.

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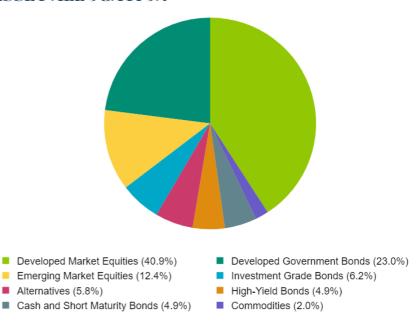


#### **TOP HOLDINGS**

- ISHARES CORE FTSE 100 UCITS ETF ACC
- ISHARES CORE S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD DIST
- HSBC MSCI EUROPE ETF
- INVESCO FTSE RAFI US 1000 ETF
- LYXOR CORE FTSE ACTUARIES UK GILTS DR UCITS

  FTF
- HSBC MSCI EMERGING MARKETS UCITS ETF
- VANECK DEFENCE ETF
- SPDR BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS 1-5 YEAR GILT UCITS
- ISHARES GLOBAL HIGH YIELD CORP BOND UCITS ETF
- ISHARES GRP UI TRASHORT BOND UCITS ETF

#### ASSET ALLOCATION



# HOW TO ACCESS OUR PORTFOLIOS







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