

29 February 2024

Aven Global Cautious Tracker

Fund Details

Currency USD(\$)

Benchmark US 3 Month LIBOR + 3%

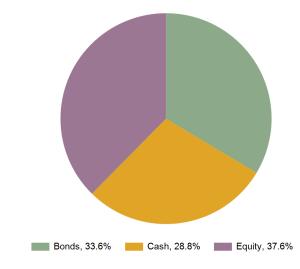
Risk profile Cautious
Investment period 5 years or longer
Launch date 01 December 2016

Fund Objectives

The objective of the portfolio is to provide capital growth by investing in a combination of equity (max 50%) and fixed interest assets over a full market cycle. This portfolio is suitable for investors who require stable capital growth over a 5-years or longer timeframe.

Holdings as at Month End	%
iShares Core Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF	34.42
iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF	38.37
Schroder ISF US Dollar Liquidity	27.21

Global Asset Allocation



Investor Profile

This fund is suitable for investors looking for:

- Stable income and a high level of capital stability
- Low probability of capital loss over the medium to long term
- A minimum investment horizon of 5 years or longer

Cumulative performance since launch*



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Performance (%)	Fund*	Benchmark
1 Month	1.22	0.66
3 Months	4.67	2.05
6 Months	5.97	4.12
YTD	1.29	1.35
1 Year	10.83	8.18
2 Years (annualised)	0.67	6.44
3 Years (annualised)	1.59	5.36
5 Years (annualised)	4.75	5.11
Since Launch (annualised)	5.12	5.10

Risk statistics (since launch)	Fund*	Benchmark
Returns (annualised)	5.12%	5.10%
Standard deviation (annualised)	9.16%	0.46%
% Positive months	70.11%	100.00%
Maximum drawdown	-19.62%	0.00%
Sharpe ratio	0.35	6.95

Fees (incl. VAT)	
Annual Wrap fee	0.40
Underlying Manager TER's	0.19

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Commentary

Market Review

February marked a month of weaker economic data, particularly for developed market majors such as the UK and Japan. The UK moved into a technical recession in Q4 2023 after posting two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth. Japan also slipped into a technical recession based on preliminary GDP figures for February. UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is under pressure to find ways to stimulate the UK economy and address the country's cost of living crisis. Japan battled with high economic uncertainty and inflation, which weighed heavily on private consumption and foreign investment.

In the US, inflation rose more than expected in January because of stubbornly high shelter prices which impacted consumers. A preliminary Reuters poll showed that China's manufacturing activity contracted in February as factory owners struggled to secure local and international orders. Eurozone business

activity fell for the ninth month in a row, but the rate of decline eased in January.

After a positive start to 2024, global equity markets accelerated in February, with the MSCI World Index ending the month at 4.24% in dollar terms. Emerging markets (EMs) underperformed developed markets (DMs) for four consecutive months before February but managed to slightly beat DMs, with the MSCI EM Index ending positively at 4.77% month-on-month (m/m) in dollar terms. Chinese equites rallied strongly due to economic stimulus and contributed to the performance of the MSCI EM Index. Although it was announced that Japan slipped into a recession, the Nikkei still managed to end the month positively at 7.99% in yen terms. Both Global Bonds and Global Property entered negative territory at -1.26% m/m and -0.55% m/m in dollar terms. Tech stocks contributed to the S&P 500's positive performance of 5.34% m/m in dollar terms, with Nvidia, Meta and Amazon being the top contributors. The Dow Jones Index was positive at 2.5% m/m in dollar terms and the FTSE gained 0.19% m/m in pound sterling.

Outlook

The US Federal Reserve, European Central Bank and Bank of England are expected to cut interest rates in the second half of the year as they try to avoid undermining growth. While inflation has been trending towards central banks' respective targets, cutting interest rates too early or aggressively may increase the risk of prolonging inflation. In China, weaker consumption and investment continue to weigh on activity. In the euro area, activity is expected to rebound slightly after a challenging 2023, when high energy prices and tight monetary policy restricted demand. Many other economies continue to show great resilience, with growth accelerating in Brazil, India, and Southeast Asia's major economies.

We therefore currently maintain a balanced and broadly neutral stance to growth assets (such as equities and property), but with a more defensive bias. Similarly, while we retain a neutral approach to fixed income, we recognise that the risks and rewards for duration assets are finely balanced, and a dynamic and flexible attitude is warranted.

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