Risk Profile Description

This portfolio is likely to contain lower, medium and higher risk investments, including cash, government bonds, UK corporate bonds and other higher-income types of global bonds as well as UK commercial property. It will also be expected to contain some higher-risk investments such as shares, but held mainly in UK and other developed markets, and a small amount in other higher-risk investments such as shares in emerging markets.
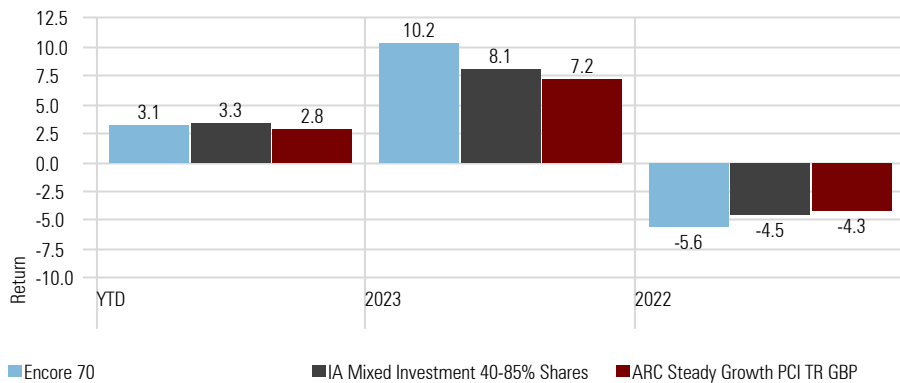
Cumulative Encore 70 returns of £100k invested

Time Period: 29/04/2022 to 31/01/2025

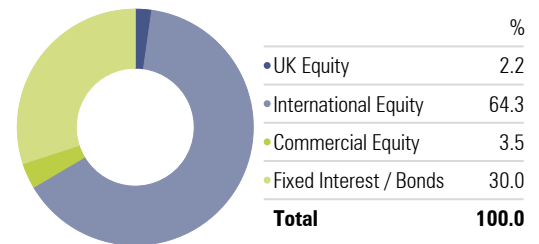— Encore 70   — IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares   — ARC Steady Growth PCI TR GBP
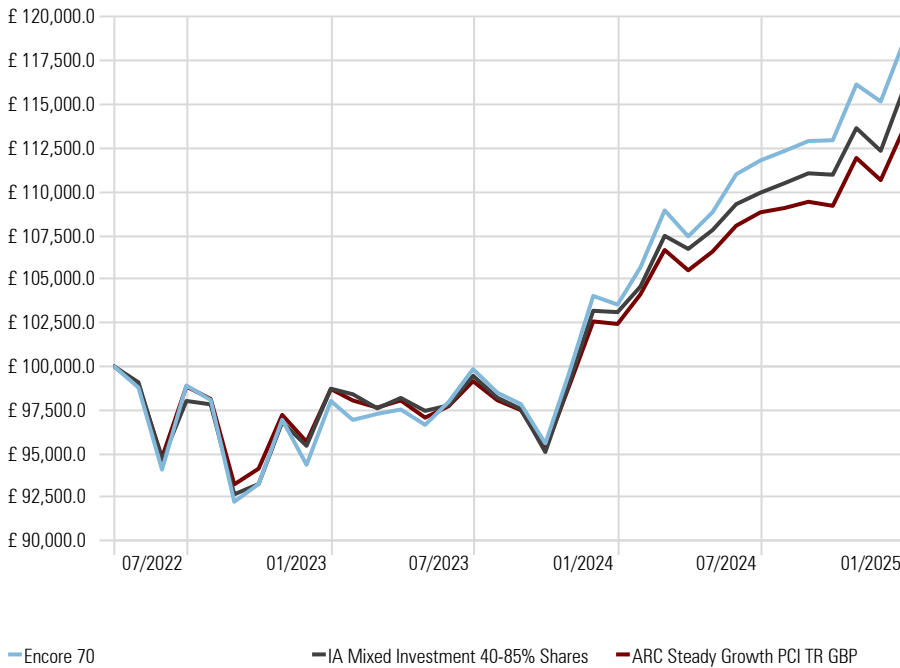
Calendar Year Returns

Calculation Benchmark: IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

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Display Benchmark 1: IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares   Display Benchmark 2: ARC Steady Growth PCI TR GBP

Encore 70 Performance Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark (IA)	Benchmark (ARC)
Max Drawdown	-11.37	-9.62	-6.76
Best Month %	5.13	4.23	4.29
Worst Month %	-5.94	-5.27	-4.98
Best Quarter	6.34	5.77	5.21
Worst Quarter %	-1.95	-2.06	-1.62

Encore 70 - Portfolio Information

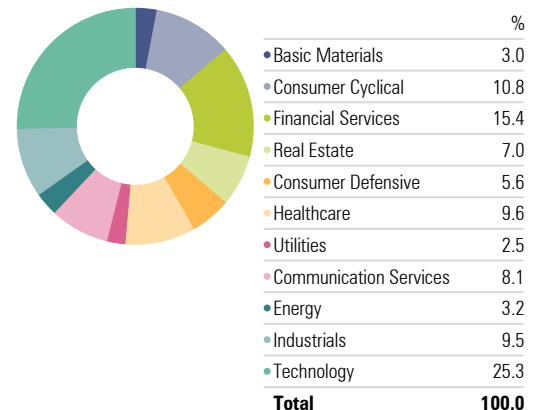|	
Yield	1.79%
OCF	0.09%
Transaction Charge	0.06%
Investment Management Fee	0.10% + VAT
Rebalance	Quarterly
Benchmarks	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares ARC Steady Growth PCI TR GBP

Asset Allocation - Encore 70

	%
● UK Equity	2.2
● International Equity	64.3
● Commercial Equity	3.5
● Fixed Interest / Bonds	30.0
Total	**100.0**

Equity Regional Exposure - Encore 70

	%
● North America	66.6
● Latin America	0.7
● United Kingdom	3.2
● Europe dev	12.4
● Europe emrg	0.2
● Africa/Middle East	1.0
● Australasia	1.5
● Japan	5.5
● Asia dev	3.8
● Asia emrg	5.2
Total	**100.0**
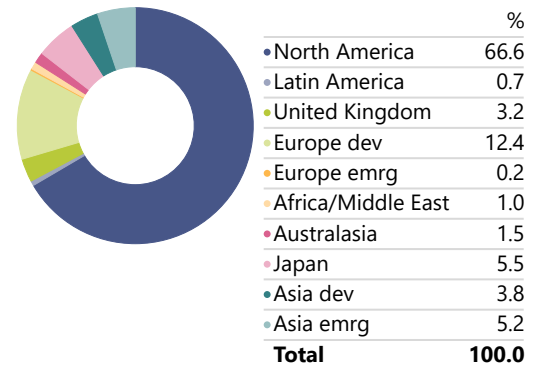
Equity Sectors (Morningstar) - Encore 70

	%
● Basic Materials	3.0
● Consumer Cyclical	10.8
● Financial Services	15.4
● Real Estate	7.0
● Consumer Defensive	5.6
● Healthcare	9.6
● Utilities	2.5
● Communication Services	8.1
● Energy	3.2
● Industrials	9.5
● Technology	25.3
Total	**100.0**

Portfolio Comments

2025 was a positive start for both growth and defensive assets. Equity gains were led by Europe followed by the UK. This was driven by value companies performing well, reversing the recent trend of growth stocks dominating returns. The UK performance was also helped by a depreciating currency.

Starting with the economic picture, the US economy still appears to be in good health, with 256,000 jobs added in December and GDP growth of 2.3% annualised in the fourth quarter. President Trump's pledge of deregulation and tax cuts fuelled confidence over the economy. However, the President's proposal for a combination of immigration controls, tax cuts, and tariffs, have increased expectations for higher US inflation, and as a result of Trump's tariff threats, Gold and other metal prices increased in response over the month.

Growth asset gains in Europe were driven by the solid global economic backdrop and cautious signs of progress in the eurozone macro-outlook. Retail sales came in at 1.2% year-on -year for November, marking the fifth consecutive month of growth, whilst the eurozone composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) crept into expansionary territory at 50.2 in January.

Turning to growth asset returns, the return of President Trump to the White House, along with his 'America First' policy agenda, has proven sympathetic for US equities, but the rise of Chinese artificial intelligence (AI) company DeepSeek, led to concerns over the 'Magnificent 7's ability to deliver their current high valuation expectations. Putting this into perspective, Nvidia's market value fell by nearly $600 billion on 27th January, the largest one-day decline in US stock market history.

In China, less aggressive tariff threats from Trump helped equities, along with more positive domestic economic data, whilst Japanese equities lagged in January, as The Bank of Japan (BoJ) announced a 0.25% interest rate-hike as its confidence in the sustainability of domestic wage growth improved.

Looking at factor performance, value and momentum led the way in January, with the growth factor facing headwinds over the month.

Turning to defensive assets, the US inflation numbers, and technology sell off, led to a positive response from US government bonds and this saw the 10-year Treasury yield decline from its highs in the middle of the month. The UK 10-year Gilt yield ended the month at 4.5%, sharply down from its 4.9% mid-January high as recent data has shown the UK economy to be stagnating, and as investors now price in a high chance of a 0.25% rate-cut when the Bank of England next meets in early February.

In summary, January highlighted the risk to investors which is presented by high US stock market concentration and the high earnings expectations from technology. This underlines the importance of regional divergence and emphasizes our themes of maintaining a balanced portfolio and a broadening of returns as we move through the first quarter of 2025.

Encore 70 - Holdings

Holdings	Equity Style Box	Portfolio Weighting %
Fidelity Index US P Acc	▦	14.89
HSBC American Index C Acc	▦	14.84
Vanguard U.S. Eq Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	▦	14.84
Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc		9.95
Fidelity Index Global Govt Bd S Acc		9.62
iShares Ovrs Govt Bd Idx (UK) D Acc £Hdg		9.62
Fidelity Index Europe ex UK P Acc	▦	8.43
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	▦	6.97
Fidelity Index Japan P Acc	▦	3.71
L&G Global Real Estate Div Index C Acc	▦	3.50
Fidelity Index UK P Acc	▦	2.29
Vanguard Pac exJpn Stk Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	▦	1.35

Morningstar Style Box - Encore 70

Portfolio Date: 31/01/2025

Morningstar Equity Style Box™

Market Cap	%
Market Cap Giant %	45.3
Market Cap Large %	33.8
Market Cap Mid %	17.5
Market Cap Small %	2.7
Market Cap Micro %	0.7

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