# **Bravo ESG 40 Portfolio Factsheet**



#### Risk Profile Description

The portfolio aims to have 40% exposure to equity and property assets and 60% exposure to Fixed Interest securities. Over the medium to longer term, the 40% exposure to risks and expected rewards of equity ownership should help to deliver moderate, inflation-plus returns. The equity exposure is invested in both UK and overseas equities in both developed and emerging markets. The equity risk is balanced by a 60% allocation to high quality bonds and investment grade bonds.

Bravo ESG is a range of evidence-based, total-return portfolios designed using a systematic discipline, with Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) front and centre of the investment process.

The portfolios are defined according to ESG criteria, so investors can see and understand clearly how they are constructed. In addition to understanding the key aims and objectives, we believe that investors in our ESG solutions should also know what is the composition of the portfolios. The Bravo range has undergone rigorous ESG screening with the fund and portfolio exclusions and objectives listed below:

-ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR GBP

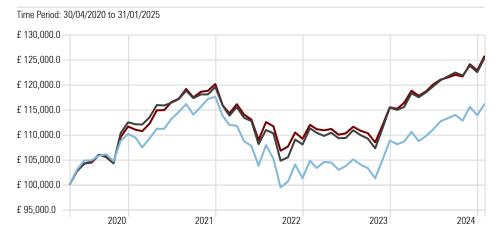
Each fund in the portfolio excludes the following:

- Tobacco Producers
- **Controversial Weapons**
- **Nuclear Weapons**

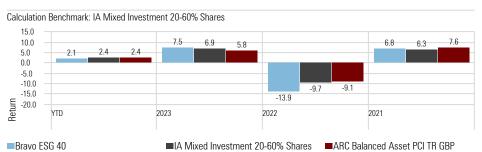
The overall portfolio has the following characteristics:

- 50% less CO2 emissions than the MSCI ACWI World Index
- Revenue of no more than 5% from Alcohol sales, Gambling, Civilian Weapons, Nuclear Power and Thermal Coal

### Cumulative Bravo ESG 40 returns of £100k invested







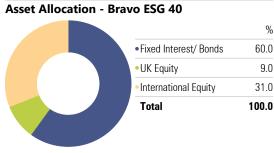
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Display Benchmark 1: IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares Display Benchmark 2: ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR GBP					
Bravo ESG 40 Performance Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark (IA)	Benchmark (ARC)		
Max Drawdown	-18.40	-14.16	-11.13		
Best Month %	3.99	5.86	4.90		
Worst Month %	-5.49	-4.98	-4.39		
Best Quarter	5.35	6.65	5.40		
Worst Quarter %	-7.20	-6.43	-6.20		

# **Bravo ESG 40 - Portfolio Information**

Yield		2.03%
OCF		0.24%
Transaction Charg	ge	0.01%
Investment Mana	gement Fee	0.20% + VAT
Rebalance		Quarterly
Benchmarks	IA Mixed Investment	t 20-60% Shares

ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR GBP





		%
	<ul> <li>North America</li> </ul>	47.7
	• Latin America	1.3
	<ul> <li>United Kingdom</li> </ul>	22.9
	<ul><li>Europe dev</li></ul>	9.5
	•Europe emrg	0.2
	<ul><li>Africa/Middle East</li></ul>	1.6
	<ul> <li>Australasia</li> </ul>	0.9
	<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	4.0
	<ul> <li>Asia dev</li> </ul>	5.8
	• Asia emrg	6.0
	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.

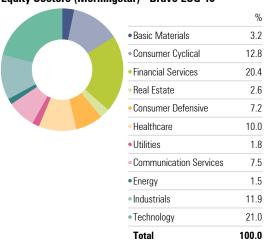
In summary, January highlighted the risk to investors which is presented by high US stock market concentration and the high earnings expectations from technology. This underlines the importance of regional divergence and emphasizes our themes of maintaining a balanced portfolio and a broadening of returns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

## Benchmark Disclaimers

The IA (Investment Association) sector is used as the comparator. This is considered appropriate for investors to use when comparing performance as the sector is made up of funds with a similar asset allocation as defined by the IA. The sector is not constructed as an index, therefore as funds enter or leave, the sector composition can change, but it is considered that the sector remains a useful and relevant comparator for investors to assess performance within a relevant peer group.

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#### Equity Sectors (Morningstar) - Bravo ESG 40



# **Bravo ESG 40 - Holdings**

Holdings	Equity Style Box	Portfolio Weighting %
UBS(Lux)FS Sust Devpmt Bk Bds H GBP Adis		25.80
Amundi IS MSCI World SRI PAB IG C		13.34
Dimensional Global Sstby Fxd Inc GBPDist		12.37
iShares Up to 10YrsldxLnkdGltldx(UK)SAcc		10.89
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index C Acc		10.12
UBS ETF MSCI UK IMI SRI GBP A dis		9.18
Neuberger Berman Glb ValGBPI5Acc		5.33
Schroder ISF QEP Global ESG C Acc GBP		5.33
iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF USD Acc		4.96
Dimensional Global Sust Cor Eq GBP Acc		2.67

## **Morningstar Style Box - Bravo ESG 40**

Portfolio Date: 31/01/2025



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