### **Risk Profile Description**

The portfolio aims to have 80% exposure to Equity and Property assets and 20% exposure to Fixed Interest securities. Over the medium to longer term, the 80% 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 equites in both developed and emerging markets. The equity risk is balanced by a 20% allocation to high-quality bonds and investment grade.

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:

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 80 returns of £100k invested

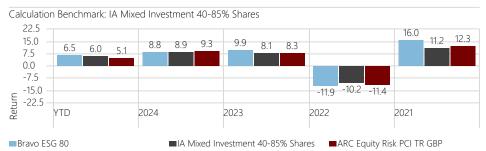




■IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

-ARC Equity Risk PCI TR GBP

# **Calendar Year Returns**



Display Benchmark 1: IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Display Benchmark 2: ARC Equity Risk PCI TR GBP					
Bravo ESG 80 Performance Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark (IA)	Benchmark (ARC)		
Max Drawdown	-16.21	-14.98	-13.99		
Best Month %	7.64	7.30	8.05		
Worst Month %	-5.80	-5.27	-5.41		
Best Quarter	7.10	8.02	9.54		
Worst Quarter %	-7.91	-7.53	-8.39		

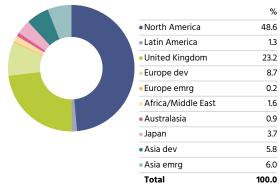
## **Bravo ESG 80 - Portfolio Information**

Yield	1.57%
OCF	0.31%
Transaction Charge	0.04%
Investment Management Fee	0.20% + VAT
Rebalance	Quarterly

Benchmarks IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares ARC Equity Risk PCI TR GBP



## **Equity Regional Exposure - Bravo ESG 80**



### **Portfolio Comments**

#### Market Overview - August in review

August was broadly positive for financial markets, with most major asset classes delivering solid returns. Global share markets remain supported by steady economic conditions. Growth is slowing but is still strong enough to support healthy profit growth - especially for larger companies, global brands, and the tech sector. Monetary policy remains accommodative, fiscal policy continues to support economic activity, companies are coping with tariff deals and future debt issuance isn't yet a concern.

### Global Economy - A 'Goldilocks' environment

The global economy continues to operate in a 'Goldilocks' state - neither too hot nor too cold. Consumer sentiment is subdued and business investment cautious, but household spending is sustained by strong balance sheets, debt servicing costs remain manageable, and unemployment has only seen a minimal uptick. Manufacturing indicators (PMIs/ISMs) sit around 48-50, indicating stagnation, while services hover at 50-52, showing modest expansion in most major economies. US GDP averaged 1.2% annualised in H1 and is tracking 1-2% into Q3.

### **US Policy - Rate cut expectations**

The key data point in August was the US non-farm payrolls report for July, which pointed to a cooling labour market. At Jackson Hole, Fed Chair Jerome Powell highlighted a shift in the balance of risks and markets are now pricing in a 0.25% rate cut at the September meeting. The White House is pushing for greater rate cuts (at least 1.5% lower) and advocating for changes to Fed leadership, calling for new board members and the resignation of both Powell and Cook.

#### Inflation - Still a key concern

Global inflation remains persistent and is being fuelled by tariff effects, climate-driven food price volatility, and wage gains from tight labour markets. Central banks remain cautious with policymakers forecasting future easing and inflation returning to target only if labour markets soften and one-off inflation drivers fade. In the UK, headline and core inflation are running at 3.8% per year, above MPC targets, and are likely to rise if energy prices worsen. Despite a waning UK jobs market, BoE rate cut expectations have now been scaled back for 2025. Eurozone inflation is at 2%, allowing the ECB to pause and assess the effects of recent trade deals on economic activity.

#### Tariffs - A hidden tax

Annual US tariff revenues are around \$300bn - effectively a 2% GDP drag predominantly affecting lower-income households and small importing businesses. According to Goldman Sachs, the burden mainly falls on US companies (60%), with overseas firms and US consumers also impacted (25% and 15% respectively).

#### **Growth Assets - Regional & factor highlights**

Japan outperformed in local terms, driven by the US-Japan trade deal and favourable domestic data. US gains were buoyed by strong Q2 earnings with circa 75% of firms beating estimates by the largest amount since 2021. Nvidia and Microsoft now have market caps rivalling the entire Eurozone blue-chip index, raising concentration concerns. UK equities lagged but remain attractive to income-focused investors. Britain's domestic backdrop looks challenging, but Computershare's Dividend Monitor expects UK dividends to reach £85bn in 2025, a 3% increase YoY. Small caps outperformed their large cap counterparts, buoyed by resilient economic data and potential rate cuts. Momentum underperformed but still posted positive returns.

#### **Defensive Assets - Diverging yields**

US Treasuries posted gains of nearly 1%, driven by Chair Jay Powell's dovish Jackson Hole speech. UK gilts came under pressure following another upside surprise to UK inflation in July. In response, investors reduced their expectations for rate cuts by the BoE which raised shortend gilt yields. Longer-dated gilts also underperformed, driven by thin liquidity and ongoing concern about UK fiscal sustainability, with the UK 30-year government bond yield reaching 5.6% (its highest level since 1998).

#### Final Thoughts - Stay diversified

Valuations across growth assets are slightly above longrun averages, especially in the US. With risks from inflationary pressures, the impact of tariffs on consumer prices, and slowing global trade, investors should ensure their portfolios continue to be well-diversified across regions and asset classes to effectively manage downside risk.

## **Equity Sectors (Morningstar) - Bravo ESG 80**



### **Top Holdings - Bravo ESG 80**

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2025 Equity Portfolio Style Weighting % L&G MSCI Wld Sclly Rspnb Invmt SRI I Acc 26.25 UBS MSCI UK IMI Sclly Rspnb ETF GBP dis 17.94 Neuberger Berman Glb ValGBPI5Acc  $\blacksquare$ 10.74  $\blacksquare$ Schroder ISF QEP Global ESG C Acc GBP 10.67  $\blacksquare$ iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF USD Acc 9.71 UBS Sust Devpmt Bk Bds ETF hGBP dis 8.49 Dimensional GI Cor Eq LC ESG Sc GBP A  $\blacksquare$ 5.34 Dimensional GI Cor FI LC ESG Sc GBP D 4.05 iShares Up to 10YrsldxLnkdGltldx(UK)SAcc 3.55 L&G All Stocks Gilt Index C Acc 3.25

### Morningstar Style Box - Bravo ESG 80

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2025

Morningstar Equity S	•	Market Cap	%
Value Blend	Growth	Market Cap Giant %	34.1
Large		Market Cap Large %	40.5
		Market Cap Mid %	22.6
Σ		Market Cap Small %	2.5
Small		Market Cap Micro %	0.3

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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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