# 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:

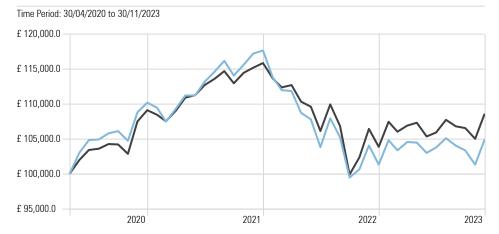
Each fund in the portfolio excludes the following:

- Tobacco Producers
- Controversial Weapons
- Nuclear Weapons

The overall portfolio has the following characteristics:

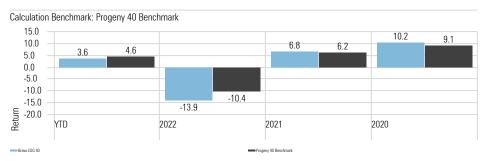
- 50% less CO2 emissions than the MSCI ACWI World Index
- Revenue of no more than 5% from Alcohol sales, Gambling, Civilian Weapons, Nuclear Power and Thermal Coal

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



Bravo ESG 40 Progeny 40 Benchmark

#### **Calendar Year Returns**



Bravo ESG 40 Performance Metrics	Portfolio	Bmark
Max Drawdown	-18.40	-16.02
Best Month %	3.99	4.52
Worst Month %	-5.49	-6.51
Best Quarter	3.85	4.72
Worst Quarter %	-7.20	-5.88

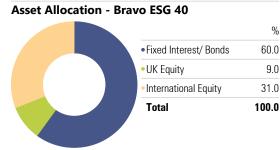
# **Bravo ESG 40 - Portfolio Information**

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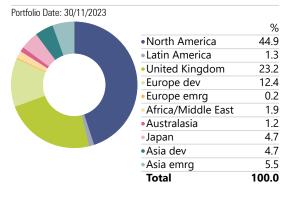
Rebalance Quarterly

Benchmark Progeny Benchmark 40\*

\*Constructed from MSCI and ICE BofA indices



## **Equity Regional Exposure - Bravo ESG 40**



#### **Portfolio Comments**

November saw growth assets rebound over the month. Continued positive news around the direction of inflation in major developed markets and data supporting the view that rate tightening has peaked were the main reasons for the recovery. The current outlook on the direction of interest rates also helped defensive assets over the month.

The key economic news came from the US, where the October Consumer Prices Index figure came in lower than expected at 3.2% year-on-year, with core CPI hitting a 2-year low. This was driven by a fall in energy prices.

However, the Fed continued to manage market expectations that interest rates will be 'higher for longer', despite some signs that the world's largest economy is slowing down. The inflation story over the month was the same in the UK, with a higher-than-expected reduction in CPI. The headline figure fell to 4.6% in the 12 months to October 2023.

This positive economic news fed into growth asset performance with all major indices making gains in their local currencies. Technology bounced back and this led US equity returns over the month.

However, it is Japan that continues to lead the way in gains this year as investment has flowed from foreign funds into Japanese stocks amid expectations of stock market reforms and an end to its ultra loose monetary policy after years of stagnant economic growth. This rally was despite Japan witnessing a quarter-on-quarter GDP contraction of 0.5% in the third quarter.

In terms of factors over November, stronger corporate results and lower bond yields meant the growth factor was the best performer. This also led to better returns from ESG portfolios, which have a growth bias. Small-cap's also rallied strongly and this was at the expense of value stocks, which made the least ground over the month.

Turning to defensive assets, government bond yields declined. The US 10-year Treasury yield fell beneath 4.4% by the end of November, down from the peak of 5% reached in mid-October. This was despite Moody's downgrade of the US sovereign debt outlook to negative. The equivalent UK gilt also traded higher and now yields under 4.2%.

Turning to the wider bond markets, the entire fixed income space has benefited from lower yields and the anticipation of rate cuts in 2024. Investment grade bonds gained in value, and rising hopes for a soft economic landing supported high yield bonds.

In summary as we enter December and the last month of trading for 2023, investors will be paying close attention to the "Santa Claus Rally" period, which is the seven-day stretch starting with the last five trading days of the calendar year and carrying over to the first two trading days of the next calendar year.

Since 1950 the wider US equity market has averaged a 1.3% gain during this period. Given the volatility seen this year, investors will be hoping for a positive finish for both growth and defensive assets as we enter 2024.

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

%

5.0

12.6

189

3.3

89

13.4

2.2

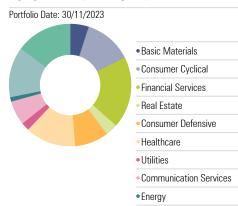
6.4

12

13.4

14.8

100.0



Industrials

Technology

Total

# **Bravo ESG 40 - Holdings**

Holdings	Equity Style Box	Portfolio Weighting %
UBS(Lux)FS Sust Devpmt Bk Bds H GBP Adis		26.19
Amundi IS MSCI World SRI PAB IG C		18.45
Dimensional Global Sstby Fxd Inc GBP Acc		12.78
Dimensional £InflLnkdIntermDurFI GBP Acc		10.98
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index C Acc		10.39
UBS ETF MSCI UK IMI SRI GBP A dis		8.71
Schroder ISF QEP Global ESG C Acc GBP		5.15
iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF USD Acc		4.72
Dimensional Global Sust Cor Eq GBP Dist	<b>=</b>	2.62

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

Portfolio Date: 30/11/2023



Market Cap	%	
Market Cap Giant %	31.4	
Market Cap Large %	37.8	
Market Cap Mid %	27.5	
Market Cap Small %	3.0	
Market Cap Micro %	0.3	

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