

### 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 equities 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:

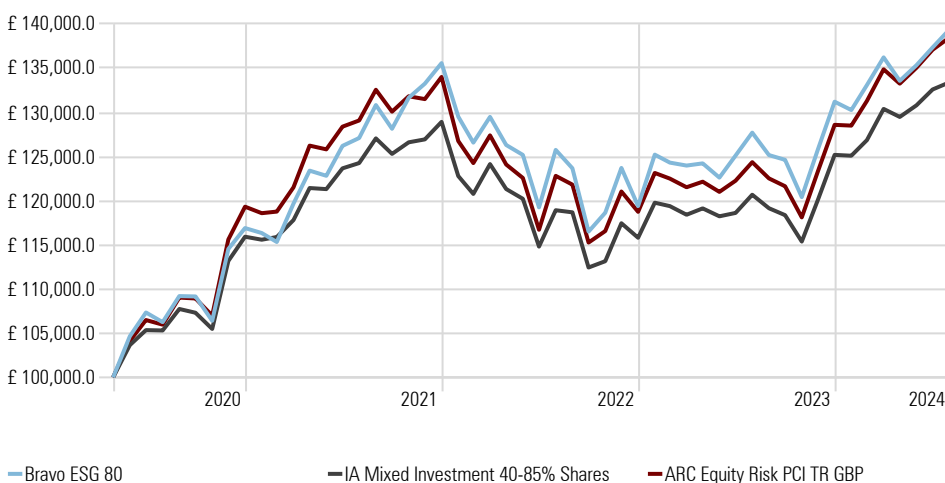
- Tobacco Producers
- Controversial Weapons
- Nuclear Weapons

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

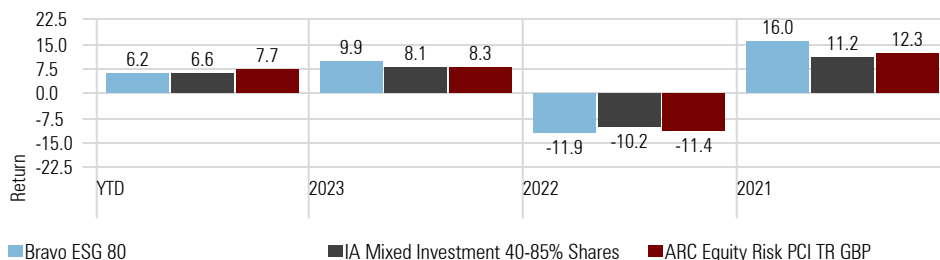
### Cumulative Bravo ESG 80 returns of £100k invested

Time Period: 30/04/2020 to 31/07/2024



### Calendar Year Returns

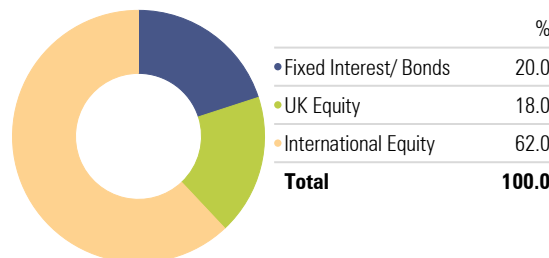
Calculation Benchmark: IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares



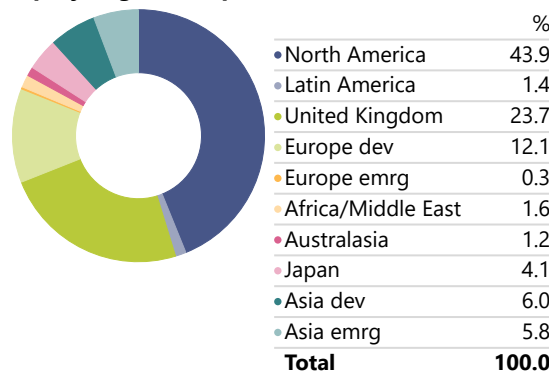
### Bravo ESG 80 - Portfolio Information

Yield	1.07%
OCF	0.31%
Transaction Charge	0.12%
Investment Management Fee	0.20% + VAT
Rebalance	Quarterly
Benchmarks	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares ARC Equity Risk PCI TR GBP

### Asset Allocation - Bravo ESG 80



### Equity Regional Exposure - Bravo ESG 80



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

## Portfolio Comments

July saw a change of political power in the UK, but despite all the noise in the lead up to the general election, financial markets did not react significantly, given that a Labour victory had already been priced in. Overall, it was a relatively volatile month as growth and defensive assets grappled with some key political and economic news. Commodities were weaker, driven by oil prices, as the market assessed the impact of lower demand from China countering the supply issues arising from continued hostilities in the Middle East.

Starting with the US economic news, weaker labour market and Consumer Price Index (CPI) data reassured defensive asset investors that the Federal Reserve is likely to reduce interest rates in the next few months, starting a downward trajectory of rates into 2025. The UK saw stronger than expected economic growth for the second quarter and healthy service sector PMIs in July, helped the overall economic picture. In Europe, the news was less positive due to uncertainties around the French election and disappointing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) figures over the month.

As August started, the Bank of England (BoE) reduced interest rates from 5.25% to 5%, the first drop since the onset of the Covid pandemic in March 2020. The BoE's rate setting committee, voted by a majority of five to four to reduce the rate. However, this was widely anticipated by financial markets.

Turning to US growth assets, after helping to drive equity markets so far this year, growth stocks were especially weak, as investors grew more cynical about the expected returns from artificial intelligence (AI). This was not helped by four of the 'magnificent seven' reporting results that disappointed some investors. With over 50% of major US companies having reported, one of our key messages at the start of the year appears to be playing out. A 'broadening of earnings returns' is being seen, as over two thirds of these reported major US companies have beaten analyst expectations.

UK and European growth assets performed in line with their differing economic pictures, whilst Japanese equities were held back by the yen appreciating against the dollar, on the back of recent Bank of Japan rate hikes and the prospects of lower rates in the US.

Looking at the performance of factors, unsurprisingly the news on growth stocks impacted the growth factor. Interestingly, the expectation of a near term cut in rates from major central banks saw more positive sentiment to the small-cap factor. Smaller companies traditionally, perform better in a declining rate environment.

Looking at defensive assets, the UK 10-year gilt yield dropped sharply towards the end of the month, ahead of the expected decline in interest rates on 1<sup>st</sup> August. This was mirrored in the respective US yield. In the credit markets, investment grade bonds outperformed their high yield counterparts.

In summary, July was a volatile month for financial markets. Weaker inflation and labour market data from the US intensified expectations of rate cuts but there is a near term risk that bond markets may have moved too quickly. However, the broadening of earnings returns in the US was welcome news and the overall message continues to be the same - maintain a broadly diversified portfolio of assets as this market volatility continues.

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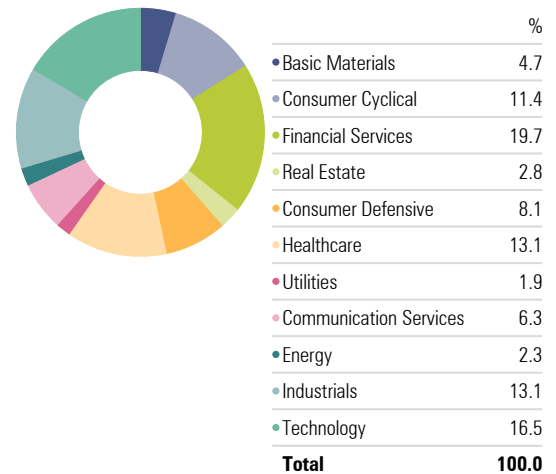
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## Equity Sectors (Morningstar) - Bravo ESG 80



## Top Holdings - Bravo ESG 80

Portfolio Date: 31/07/2024

	Equity Style Box	Portfolio Weighting %
Amundi IS MSCI World SRI PAB IG C	■	26.15
UBS ETF MSCI UK IMI SRI GBP A dis	■	18.00
Neuberger Berman Glb ValGBP15Acc	■	10.45
Schroder ISF QEP Global ESG C Acc GBP	■	10.45
iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF USD Acc	■	9.73
UBS(Lux)FS Sust Devpmt Bk Bds H GBP Adis		8.72
Dimensional Global Sust Cor Eq GBP Acc	■	5.23
Dimensional Global Sstby Fxd Inc GBPDist		4.18
iShares Up to 10YrslxdLnkdGtldx(UK)SACC		3.68
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index C Acc		3.42

## Morningstar Style Box - Bravo ESG 80

Portfolio Date: 31/07/2024

Morningstar Equity Style Box™			Market Cap	%	
	Value	Blend	Growth		
Large		■		Market Cap Giant %	31.7
				Market Cap Large %	39.3
Mid				Market Cap Mid %	25.7
				Market Cap Small %	3.1
Small				Market Cap Micro %	0.3