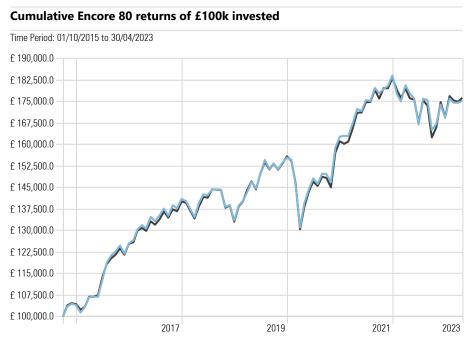


Risk Profile Description

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.



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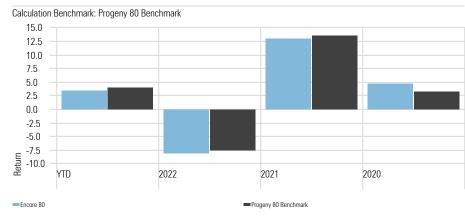
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Asset Allocation - Encore 80



Calendar Year Returns

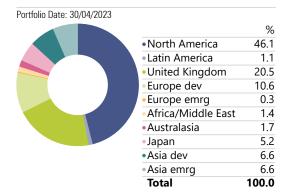
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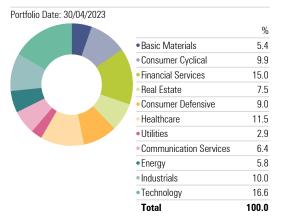
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Encore 80 Performance Metrics	Portfolio	Bmark
Max Drawdown	-12.86	-13.00
Best Month %	8.06	8.31
Worst Month %	-5.94	-6.38
Best Quarter	8.74	8.62
Worst Quarter %	-7.58	-6.70

Equity Regional Exposure - Encore 80



Equity Sectors (Morningstar) - Encore 80



Portfolio Comments

We have seen some mixed performances from financial markets over the month of April. Starting with growth assets, the recent rally in markets has been concentrated around a basket of large technology stocks whist the rest of the market has mostly gone sideways.

The rally on Wall Street has seen US valuations up at the top of the range they have been at for the past year, which is between 15 and 18 times expected earnings. This means the first quarter earnings season will be closely watched, with a host of big tech names reporting. Meta, Facebook and Instagram's parent firm, has just reported a profit of \$5.7bn (£4.6bn) for the first quarter of this year, beating expectations for a period in which many jobs were cut. Interestingly in the UK, profit warnings in the first quarter were at a higher rate than at any time since before the COVID pandemic.

One of the key factors around corporate profitability is the direction of interest rates. The consensus is that the next round of central bank meetings in May will probably lead to one more quarter point hike in interest rates and that will signal the end of the tightening cycle. It's worth remembering, the Federal Reserve has raised rates by nearly five percentage points since early last year in an effort to control inflation.

This phase of tightening rates showed in the latest the US GDP numbers released in April which showed the economy expanded at an annualized rate of 1.1% in the first quarter of 2023. This was below expectations and was due to weakness in business investment and housing, both of which are heavily influenced by interest rates.

Turning to inflation, the UK headline rate was higher than expected this month, with CPI remaining in double digits at 10.1% year on year in March. This leaves concerns about how sticky inflation will be in the UK, particularly core inflation which excludes more volatile food and energy prices.

Looking at factor performance, through April, Small-Cap and Growth were the relative laggards over the month, with Momentum the best performer.

Turning to defensive assets, UK government bond prices fell in April as worries over a global banking crisis have subsided since last month. The 10-year yield reflects that interest rates are still on the rise for now at least.

In summary, financial markets continue to trade in the near term with some volatility, as they look for signs that inflation is under control, that we are at the peak of the interest rate cycle and companies continue to operate profitability in this new era of higher interest rates.

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Encore 80 - Holdings

Holdings	Equity Style	Portfolio Weighting %
	Box	weighting 70
Vanguard FTSE UKAllShrldxUnitTrInsPl£Acc		18.43
HSBC American Index C Acc		16.84
Vanguard U.S. Eq ldx lns Pl £ Acc		16.49
Fidelity Index Emerging Markets P Acc		9.48
HSBC European Index Accumulation C		7.45
abrdn Global Corporate Bond Trckr N Acc		5.28
Vanguard Glb Bd ldx lns Pl £ H Acc		5.25
L&G Global Real Estate Div Index C Acc		4.03
Vanguard UK Infl-Lnkd Gilt Idx £ Acc		3.82
iShares Pacific ex Jpn Eq Idx (UK) H Acc		3.78
Fidelity Index Japan P Acc		3.72

Morningstar Style Box - Encore 80

Portfolio Date:	30/04/202	23		
Morningstar	Equity S	Style Box™	Market Cap	%
Value	Blend	Growth	Market Cap Giant %	43.0
Large			Market Cap Large %	33.6
Lar			Market Cap Mid %	19.2
Mid			Market Cap Small %	3.5
Σ	_		Market Cap Micro %	0.8
Small				

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