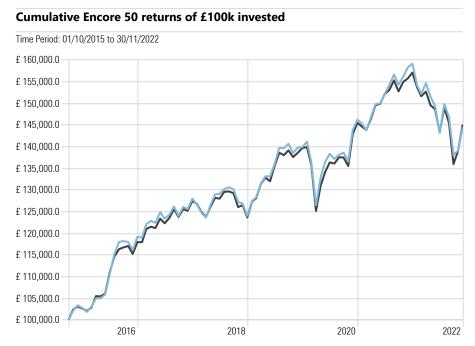
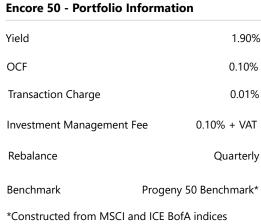


#### Risk Profile Description

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

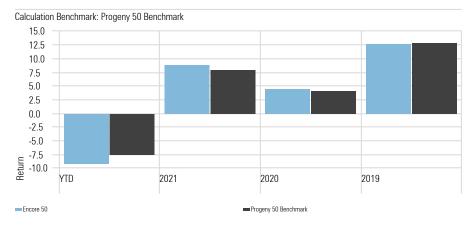






### **Calendar Year Returns**

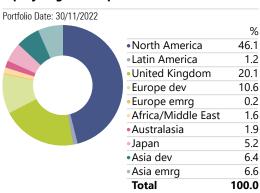
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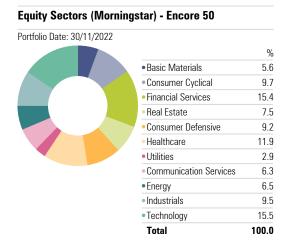


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Encore 50 Performance Metrics	Portfolio	Bmark
Max Drawdown	-17.32	-16.69
Best Month %	5.34	5.43
Worst Month %	-7.25	-7.83
Best Quarter	9.39	8.96
Worst Quarter %	-9.58	-10.42

# **Equity Regional Exposure - Encore 50**





#### Portfolio Comments

November was an eventful month for financial markets and was generally positive for growth assets.

One of the key reasons for a rise in global equity markets were comments made by the US Federal Reserve on the scale of future interest rate hikes. Markets now widely expect a 0.5% increase at the 14<sup>th</sup> of December meeting, following four straight 0.75% hikes. Interestingly, US inflation in October was up 7.7% from a year ago, the lowest reading since January.

As we move into December, a key economic number that investors will be focussing on, will be the nonfarm payroll labour data, which is made up from goods, construction, and manufacturing companies in the US. In other words, it is a barometer on the state of US employment. If the non-farm payroll increases too fast, too quickly, it can be interpreted as a foundation to an increase in inflation, which is not good for the economy. A higher-than-expected number in December is likely to influence whether the pace of interest rate rises can be slowed.

Keeping with the US, November saw the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of month and then the day after, the start of the US Christmas shopping season, Black Friday. Trading over this period will be eagerly anticipated, as sales got underway against a backdrop of persistently high inflation and slowing economic growth.

Turning to other markets, European shares performed well on hopes that central banks might slow the pace of interest rate increases, at a time when China is still grappling with Covid restrictions.

Looking at factor performance, quality and value were two of the best performers over the month.

The recent recovery in the pricing of defensive assets continued with the UK and US 10-year yields both continuing to fall from the start of the month, as markets started to price in a peak in interest rates. However, worries over the 'inverted' nature of the yield curve remain i.e., the yield on a longer dated bond is lower than a shorter dated, so this can be a signal of impending recession.

In summary, as we enter the festive season, there is historical data showing that U.S. stocks have risen during the last five trading days of December and the first two days of January 75% of the time since 1945. After a volatile 2022, investors will be hoping for this Santa Claus rally once again.

Encore	50 -	Holdings
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Holdings	Equity Style Box	Portfolio Weighting %
abrdn Global Corporate Bond Trckr N Acc		13.12
Vanguard Glb Bd ldx £ H Acc		13.12
Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr ldx Unit Tr£Acc		11.25
Vanguard U.S. Eq ldx £ Acc		10.42
HSBC American Index C Acc		10.41
Vanguard UK Infl-Lnkd Gilt ldx £ Acc		10.00
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index C Acc		7.38
Fidelity Idx Sterling Corp Bd P GBP Acc		6.38
Fidelity Index Emerging Markets P Acc	Ħ	6.08

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### **Morningstar Style Box - Encore 50**

Portfolio Date: 30/11/2022

Value	Blend	Growth
Large		
Mid		
Small		

Morningstar Equity Style Box™

Market Cap	%
Market Cap Giant %	44.5
Market Cap Large %	32.8
Market Cap Mid %	18.5
Market Cap Small %	3.4
Market Cap Micro %	0.8

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