Encore 80 Portfolio Factsheet

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As of 29/02/2024

Risk Profile Description

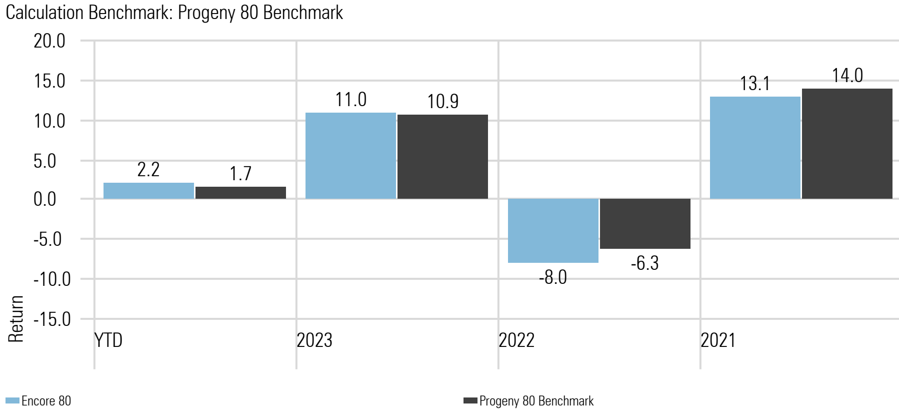
This portfolio is likely to contain lower, medium and higher risk investments, including cash, government bonds, UK corporate bonds and other higher-income types of global bonds as well as UK commercial property. It will also be expected to contain some higher-risk investments such as shares, but held mainly in UK and other developed markets, and a small amount in other higher-risk investments such as shares in emerging markets.

Cumulative Encore 80 returns of £100k invested

Time Period: 01/10/2015 to 29/02/2024

Calendar Year Returns

Calculation Benchmark: Progeny 80 Benchmark



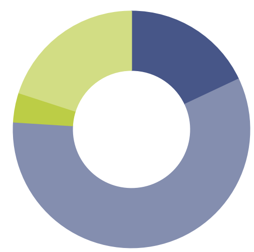
Encore 80 Performance Metrics	Portfolio	Bmark
Max Drawdown	-23.38	-24.15
Best Month %	8.06	8.43
Worst Month %	-10.23	-10.50
Best Quarter	13.04	12.24
Worst Quarter %	-15.66	-15.94

Encore 80 - Portfolio Information

Yield	2.21%
OCF	0.11%
Transaction Charge	0.03%
Investment Management Fee	0.10% + VAT
Rebalance	Quarterly
Benchmark	Progeny 80 Benchmark *

*Constructed from MSCI and ICE BofA indices

Asset Allocation - Encore 80



	%
UK Equity	18.0
International Equity	58.0
Commercial Property	4.0
Fixed Interest / Bonds	20.0
Total	**100.0**

Equity Regional Exposure - Encore 80

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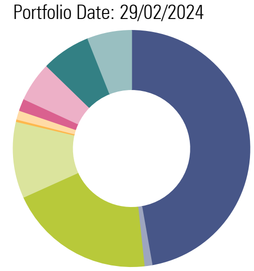

	%
North America	47.2
Latin America	1.1
United Kingdom	20.0
Europe dev	10.4
Europe emrg	0.3
Africa/Middle East	1.2
Australasia	1.7
Japan	5.4
Asia dev	6.7
Asia emrg	6.0
Total	**100.0**

Equity Sectors (Morningstar) - Encore 80

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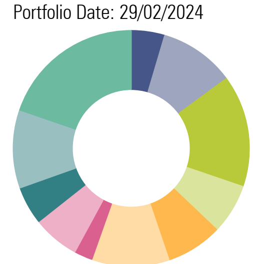

	%
Basic Materials	4.6
Consumer Cyclical	10.3
Financial Services	15.4
Real Estate	6.9
Consumer Defensive	7.7
Healthcare	10.6
Utilities	2.5
Communication Services	6.4
Energy	5.2
Industrials	10.7
Technology	19.7
Total	**100.0**

Portfolio Comments

February was a positive month for major equity markets with Japan and Europe leading the way in growth asset returns. Financial markets are re-assessing their views on interest rates and how much they might be cut in 2024. Economic data increasingly suggests serious recessions can be avoided, which is good news for corporate earnings. The net result therefore has been upward progress for global equity markets.

Starting with the economic overview, the global economy continues to perform slightly better than the consensus had expected, but inflation is not declining as quickly as some had hoped. The UK, European and Japanese economies continue to flat line. Whilst in contrast, expectations about the US economy are stronger with around 2-3% growth expected in the spring. Financial conditions appear harsher in the UK and Europe, as shown by mortgage pressures or bank lending surveys. Conversely, US households and companies look to be responding better, with companies in robust hiring mode, helped of course by the US Government running a budget deficit of over 7% of GDP.

As 2- and 10-year bond yields signal, there has been a noticeable reassessment of how far and fast rate cuts will appear this year. The first stage was the push back from central bankers, such as firm statements from Jerome Powell of the Federal Reserve. The second was the latest set of core inflation data suggesting that underlying inflation pressures are just not declining fast enough.

Although headline inflation continues to slow, there are still concerns about core inflation in the US and the UK. However, on the back of such growth & inflation data, there is an opportunity for global earnings growth to pick up moderately over the next 12 months and this is helping the current growth asset momentum.

Turning to growth assets, within the US stock market, investors continue to debate how to approach the Magnificent 7 stocks, now 25-30% of the total US market, or about 15% of total world equity. The distinction between winners and losers is growing more noticeable; Nvidia goes from strength to strength on AI chip demand, whilst Tesla's value has declined significantly on growing Chinese competition.

In the last 12 months, the Global index rose about 13% but the equal weighted version fell 6%. The average US stock is trading at 21 times earnings, but this is biased by big cap stocks and interestingly the equally weighted basket is only 16 times. However, the 'soft landing' narrative continues to encourage investment into growth assets.

Turning to factor performance, it was the momentum factor that was the best performer over February, with Value the relative detractor.

Turning to defensive assets, US and UK 10-year treasury yields have risen this month due to the reassessment of how far and fast rate cuts will appear this year. One further explanation for rising bond yields may be sizable debt issuance in the US. More generally, global debt reached a record $300 trillion in Q3 last year, now over 330% of world GDP.

In summary, Markets have shallow recession priced in and investors are starting to believe the soft-landing rhetoric in the US. However, we continue to maintain a diversified approach to asset allocation as we move through Q1, with one eye still on some equity valuations.

Encore 80 - Holdings

Holdings	Equity Style Box	Portfolio Weighting %
Vanguard U.S. Eq Idx Ins Pl £ Acc		17.52
Vanguard FTSE UKAllShrIdxUnitTrInsPl£Acc		17.48
HSBC American Index C Acc		17.47
Fidelity Index Emerging Markets P Acc		9.59
HSBC European Index Accumulation C		7.39
Vanguard Glb Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc		5.07
abrdn Global Corp Bd Scrnd Trckr N Acc		5.06
Fidelity Index Japan P Acc		3.99
iShares Pacific ex Jpn Eq Idx (UK) H Acc		3.77
Vanguard UK Infl-Lnkd Gilt Idx £ Acc		3.74
L&G Global Real Estate Div Index C Acc		3.72
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index C Acc		2.76
L&G Sterling Corporate Bond Index I Acc		2.43

Composite Benchmark Disclaimer
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Morningstar Style Box - Encore 80

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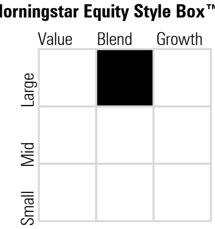
Morningstar Equity Style Box™



Market Cap	%
Market Cap Giant %	43.5
Market Cap Large %	33.6
Market Cap Mid %	18.4
Market Cap Small %	3.6
Market Cap Micro %	0.8

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