

# Multi-asset Core fund range



## **February commentary**

#### 1. Stickier inflation worries lead to fixed income pains

Markets saw signs that inflation was going to be more sticky than originally predicted. All major fixed income markets after a strong January posted negative returns this month, with Gilts (-3.5%) and global corporate bonds (-2.5%) suffering the most.

#### 2. Equities markets have a mixed month

Following strong performance in January, equity markets fortunes varied as they too were affected by persistent inflation worries. While UK (+2.2%) and European (+2.1%) equities saw a positive return in January, all other major equity markets posted negative returns with emerging market (-3.6%) and Asia Pacific ex Japan (-4.4%) equities being the worst performers.

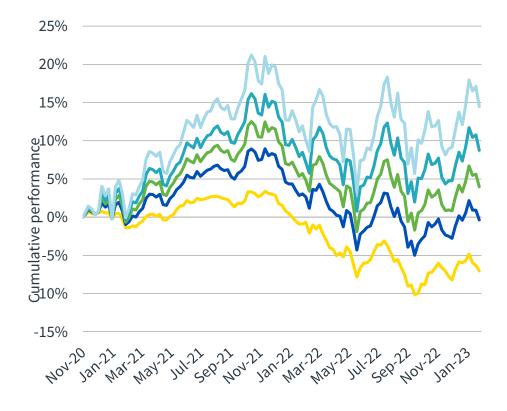
#### 3. UK-EU Northern Ireland agreement

Finally, the Brexit deal struck with the EU regarding Northern Ireland caused pound sterling to strengthen, which will have hampered the performance of unhedged overseas equities this month.



### **MAF Core: Performance**

| Performance (%)      | 1M   | 3M   | <b>1</b> Y | SI<br>(ann.) |
|----------------------|------|------|------------|--------------|
| Multi-Asset Core I   | -1.7 | -1.1 | -6.7       | -3.3         |
| Benchmark            | -1.6 | -1.0 | -7.0       | -3.4         |
| Multi-Asset Core II  | -1.6 | -1.2 | -3.9       | -0.2         |
| Benchmark            | -1.5 | -1.2 | -4.3       | -0.2         |
| Multi-Asset Core III | -1.5 | -1.3 | -2.3       | 1.7          |
| Benchmark            | -1.4 | -1.3 | -2.7       | 1.7          |
| Multi-Asset Core IV  | -1.4 | -1.4 | -0.5       | 3.8          |
| Benchmark            | -1.3 | -1.4 | -1.0       | 3.6          |
| Multi-Asset Core V   | -1.5 | -1.6 | 1.4        | 6.3          |
| Benchmark            | -1.2 | -1.6 | 1.7        | 6.9          |





## **MAF Core: Portfolio breakdown**

| Asset class                            | MAF Core I | MAF Core II | MAF Core III | MAF Core IV | MAF Core V |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| UK Equity                              | 0.8        | 1.9         | 2.5          | 3.1         | 4.1        |
| European Equity                        | 2.6        | 6.1         | 8.0          | 9.9         | 13.1       |
| North America Equity                   | 12.8       | 29.9        | 39.5         | 49.1        | 65.4       |
| Japanese Equity                        | 1.1        | 2.6         | 3.3          | 4.0         | 5.3        |
| Emerging Global Equity                 | 2.1        | 5.0         | 6.8          | 8.7         | 9.9        |
| Asia Pacific Equity                    | 0.6        | 1.5         | 1.9          | 2.3         | 3.1        |
| Global Equity                          | 0.0        | 0.0         | -0.1         | -0.3        | -0.3       |
| Total Equity                           | 19.9       | 46.8        | 61.8         | 76.8        | 100.4      |
| Global High Yield                      | 1.0        | 1.5         | 1.4          | 1.7         | 1.8        |
| Emerging Market Bonds – Hard Currency  | 0.9        | 1.4         | 1.5          | 1.7         | 1.8        |
| Emerging Market Bonds – Local Currency | 0.9        | 1.5         | 1.5          | 1.7         | 1.7        |
| Emerging Market Bonds – Corporate      | 1.0        | 1.4         | 1.5          | 1.7         | 1.8        |
| Total Growth Assets (%)                | 23.8       | 52.7        | 67.6         | 83.6        | 107.5      |
| Global Sovereign                       | 45.0       | 30.0        | 20.1         | 12.0        | 0.0        |
| Global Investment Grade                | 24.6       | 12.8        | 9.5          | 3.0         | 0.0        |
| Cash & FX                              | 6.7        | 4.5         | 2.7          | 1.3         | -7.5       |
| Total Defensive Assets (%)             | 76.2       | 47.3        | 32.4         | 16.4        | -7.5       |



## **Key risks**

Investment Risk & Currency Risk

The value of an investment and any income from it can go down as well as up and can fluctuate in response to changes in currency exchange rates. Investors may not get back the original amount invested.

**Emerging Markets Risk** 

The Fund Invests in emerging markets, these markets may be volatile and carry higher risk than developed markets.

**Derivatives Risk** 

The Fund uses derivatives, these can be complex and highly volatile. Derivatives may not perform as expected meaning the Fund may suffer significant losses.



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