

# Optimal Multi Asset Defensive fund

April 2020



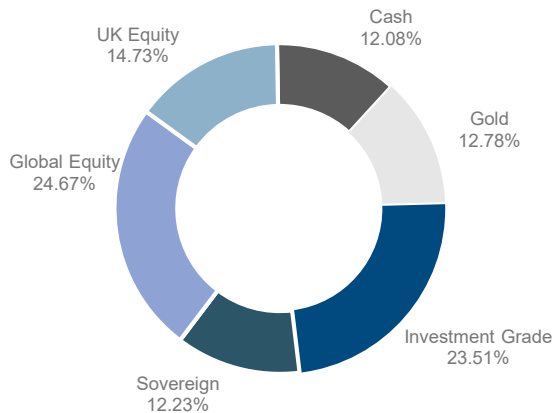
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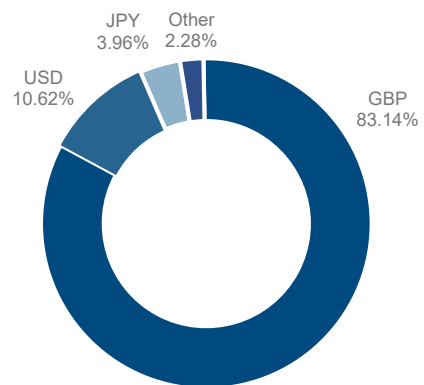
## Investment Objective & Strategy

The investment objective of the fund is to seek to deliver long-term capital growth. The fund will endeavour to achieve its investment objective by investing in a range of assets while seeking to achieve returns resulting in significantly lower levels of volatility than that experienced in broader equity markets.

## Asset Allocation



## Currency Exposure



## Top 10 Equity Holdings

- 01 Lyxor JPX Nikkei 400 UCITS GBP
- 02 Alliance Trust
- 03 RWC Enhanced Income
- 04 Xtrackers FTSE 100 Short Daily Swap
- 05 iShares MSCI World
- 06 LF Morant Wright Japan
- 07 Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap
- 08 Aberdeen Asian Income
- 09 Land Securities
- 10 Edinburgh Investment Trust

## Top 5 Fixed Income Holdings

- 01 iShares UK Gilts 0-5 Year
- 02 iShares Ultrashort Bond
- 03 Barclays 0-5 Year Corporate Bond
- 04 iShares 1-5 Year Corporate Bond
- 05 Muzinich Enhanced Short Yield

**Average duration: 2.01 years**

**Concentration of top 10 holdings: 51.00%**

All data as at: April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Source: MitonOptimal UK Limited

## Monthly Commentary

It's perhaps stating the obvious to suggest that recent market conditions have been nothing short of brutal for asset managers. However amidst the volatility, there have been opportunities for those with dry powder to deploy.

The lack of visibility on earnings and other economic indicators have forced us to look beyond the next few quarters and towards themes and industries that we believe will deliver across the mid to long term horizon.

COVID-19's influence on financial markets has presented a valuation opportunity to introduce fresh ideas into the portfolio.

In particular, this 'break in the weather' has allowed us to rotate our historically value-led orientation to more of a barbell set up, with growth having come back into reach.

Within our thematic equity bucket, we've been able to allocate to technology, healthcare innovation and responsible investments - three themes that we feel will play a crucial role in life post-COVID-19. We're incredibly excited about this segment of the portfolio, which will continue to develop as and when valuations permit.

In addition to this, we've topped up our exposures to both gold and financials. Whilst we accept that we are currently in a deflationary environment, with the amount of money that has been pumped into the system by the central banks, we have little doubt that inflation will soon come back into play.

When this happens, there will be few better protective allocations than to financials and the precious metal.

In the meantime, we proceed with caution, managing the short term volatility whilst keeping an eye on the investment themes we believe will carry us out of, and well beyond, the pandemic.

## Fund Managers

**James Sullivan**  
Managing Director (UK)  
& Fund Manager



**Peter Geikie-Cobb**  
Fund Manager



## Performance

	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since launch
Optimal MA Defensive	-7.27	-6.32	-6.04	-7.89	-1.93	-1.82
BoE Base Rate	0.15	0.34	0.72	1.74	2.60	2.70
IA 0-35 Mixed Sector	-8.09	-7.65	-3.02	-0.89	5.93	8.52
UK Consumer Price Index	0.09	0.09	1.50	5.95	8.93	9.37

## Risk Analysis (Since launch)

	Downside Risk	Max Gain	Max Loss	Volatility
Optimal MA Defensive	4.01	5.55	-7.27	3.36
IA 0-35 Mixed Sector	6.06	9.44	-8.65	4.96

Source: FE Analytics as at April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

## Key Facts

Fund Name	Optimal Multi Asset Defensive	Investment Adviser	MitonOptimal UK Limited
UCITS Structure	Optimal Global Investment Funds Plc	Manager	Link Fund Manager Solutions (Ireland) Ltd
Launch Date	19-Jan-15	Administrator	Link Fund Administrators (Ireland) Ltd
Share Class	A (GBP) Acc	Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV
Sedol / ISIN	BRJL4K0 / IE00BRJL4K01	Auditor	Grant Thornton International Ltd
AMC	0.75%	Valuation Point	Daily 23:00
OCF	1.51%	Cut-off	Daily 15:00
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