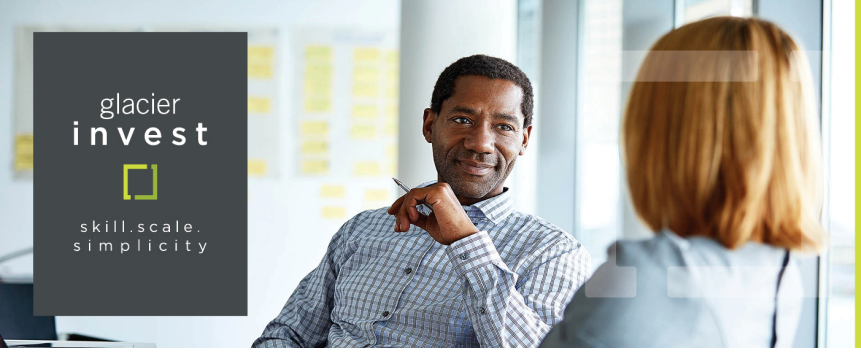

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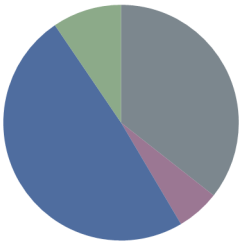
Fund Details

Currency	USD($)
Risk profile	Moderate
Investment period	6 years or longer
Launch date	01 October 2020

Fund Objectives

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide medium to high levels of capital growth through higher levels of exposure to global equity markets over a market cycle. This Fund is suitable for investors who want to grow capital significantly over a 6-year or longer timeframe. The Fund can have a maximum equity exposure of 70%, depending on the investment manager's investment strategy for a Moderate portfolio at the time.

Global Asset Allocation

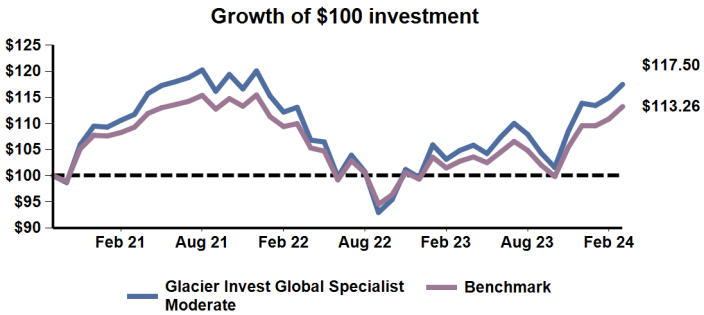


Bonds, 35.6%
Equity, 49.0%
Cash, 5.9%
Global Real Estate, 9.5%

Holdings as at Month End	%
Amplify Global Equity	5.00
Baillie Gifford Worldwide Emerging Markets Leading Companies	1.00
Baillie Gifford WW Long Term Global Growth	2.50
Catalyst Global Real Estate	5.00
Dodge & Cox Worldwide - Global	13.00
Dodge & Cox Worldwide Global Stock	6.00
Fundsmith Equity	3.50
Goldman Sachs Global Core Equity Portfolio	4.00
iShares World Equity Index	7.50
Nedgroup Inv Global Property	4.50
Neuberger Berman Global Opport	8.00
Ninety One Global Franchise	5.00
Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity	1.00
Payden US Dollar Liquidity	3.00
PIMCO GIS Global Bond	15.00
Sands Capital Funds PLC - Sand	2.50
Schroder ISF Global Recovery	5.50
T Rowe Price Global Focused Growth Equity	2.50
T. Rowe Price Emerging Market Discovery Equity	1.50
Vontobel - TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit	3.00
WCM Global Emerging Markets Equity	1.00

Key Information	%
Benchmark	
EAA OE USD Moderate Allocation	100.00
Fees (incl. VAT)	
Annual Wrap fee	0.29
Underlying Manager TER's	0.65

Cumulative performance since launch*



Performance (%)	Fund*	Benchmark
1 Month	2.19	2.14
3 Months	3.18	3.36
6 Months	12.63	11.00
YTD	3.18	3.36
1 Year	12.06	10.19
2 Years (annualised)	1.93	1.48
3 Years (annualised)	1.69	1.19
Since Launch (annualised)	4.72	3.62

Risk statistics (since launch)	Fund*	Benchmark
Returns (annualised)	4.72%	3.62%
Standard deviation (annualised)	12.27%	9.85%
% Positive months	63.08%	61.54%
Maximum drawdown	-22.70%	-18.14%
Sharpe ratio	0.43	0.30

* * The simulated analysis before launch date was created using Morningstar and is for illustrative purposes only. It provides an indication of hypothetical past performance given historic asset and manager allocation, and cannot be construed as providing an indication of expected future performance. The investor is liable for CGT on any transactions in the unit trusts of the underlying unit trusts within the wrap funds. Compulsory investments are not subject to CGT. Performance is calculated using net returns (after fees) of the underlying unit trusts, and quoted excluding wrap fund fees. Performance quoted is pre-tax. Fund performance numbers shown are for a notional portfolio and do not reflect the actual performance of the client invested in the wrap fund
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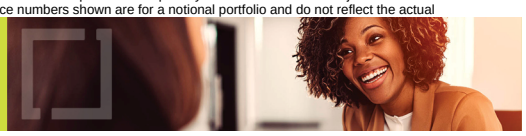

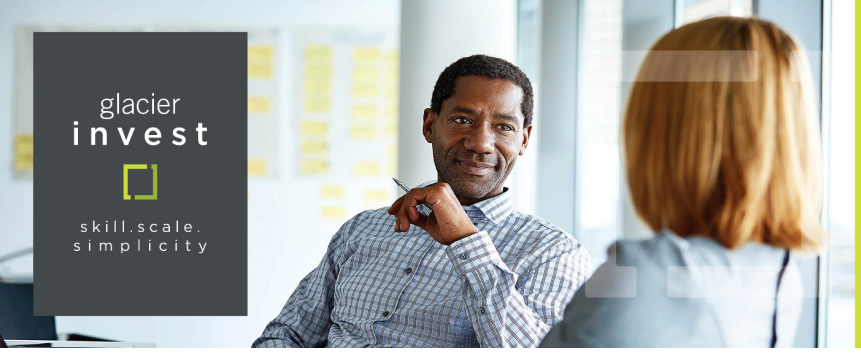

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Commentary

Market Review

Global markets continued their upward trend in March, as better than expected economic data lifted sentiment and index performance followed suit. The US was specifically boosted by strong labour data, as the March payroll report showed an upside surprise, adding 303 000 jobs relative to the 200 000 that was anticipated by economists, thus reducing the expected likelihood of a June rate cut. Although the Chinese property market remains severely constrained, the nation's manufacturing activity expanded during the month, with PMIs rising from 49.1 to 50.8, now in expansionary territory. Revised data showed that Japan avoided a technical recession, with the country expanding 0.4% in Q4 2023.

While the US jobs report showed encouraging signs of the resilience of the economy, there remains some concern as to whether this could delay the US Federal Reserve (Fed)'s interest rate cuts for the year. This since markets have priced in lower rates for the second half of the year, as well as the fact that US inflation has now shown three months of higher than expected numbers.

The positive global equity momentum during March, meant a fifth consecutive positive month for global stocks with the MSCI World Index ending the month 3.21% stronger in dollar terms. Emerging market (EM) stocks lagged their developed market (DM) peers in March but ended in positive territory with the MSCI EM Index ending at 2.49% higher month-on-month (m/m) in dollar terms. The Semiconductor sector continued to drive the monthly performance of tech-related stocks higher, with mega-cap US stocks continuing their rally, and Nvidia leading the charge. Among this continued exuberance, the S&P 500 ended the month at 3.22% higher m/m. Alphabet also rallied in March as it announced plans to roll out its own AI technology across various parts of the healthcare sector, including plans to improve screening for cancer and other diseases. Global bonds and global property ended the month positively at 0.55% and 3.61% respectively, both in dollar terms. The Dow Jones Index was positive at 2.21% m/m in dollar terms and the FTSE gained 4.75% m/m in pound. The Euro Stoxx Index gained 4.38% for the month.

Comments on Fund Selection and Performance

Relative to the strategic asset allocation of the portfolio, the Global Specialist Moderate BIV portfolio was positioned, going into March, slightly overweight to DM equities but underweight to EM equities, as well as property. The portfolio was neutral to bonds and overweight to cash.

Our selection of DM equity managers was on par with the global equity benchmark over the month, while our portfolio of EM equity managers outperformed the MSCI EM Index by 1.34%. Our tactical positioning to these asset classes had a positive effect on the portfolio's overall performance.

Our portfolio of property managers underperformed its benchmark by 1.03%, with our tactical underweight to this asset class contributing marginally negative to performance relative to our strategic asset allocation.

The asset allocation decision to maintain a neutral position in global bonds was an overall detractor to performance this month, however, our portfolio of bond managers outperformed by 0.50% relative to the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index.

Overall, versus the Fund's strategic asset allocation, tactical asset allocation contributed negatively to performance, while manager selection contributed positively for the month. The net result was outperformance relative to our strategic asset allocation benchmark by 0.08%, and outperformance of 0.05% versus the portfolio's benchmark, the EAA Fund USD Moderate Allocation peer group.

Outlook

The US Fed, European Central Bank and Bank of England are all still expected to cut interest rates in the second half of the year as they attempt to avoid the implications of persistently higher interest rates and thus undermining growth. While inflation has been trending towards central banks' respective targets, cutting interest rates too early or aggressively may also increase the risk of prolonging inflation. In China, weak consumption and investment continue to weigh on activity, despite improved manufacturing output and trade balance figures. In the euro area, activity is expected to rebound slightly after a challenging 2023, when high energy prices and tight monetary policy restricted demand. Many other economies continue to show great resilience, with growth accelerating in Brazil, India, and Southeast Asia's major economies.

We therefore currently maintain a balanced and broadly neutral stance to growth assets (such as equities and property), but with a more defensive bias. Similarly, while we retain a neutral approach to fixed income, we recognise that the risks and rewards for duration assets are finely balanced, and a dynamic and flexible attitude is warranted.