

Market and portfolio review

The month of April saw optimism over improving economic prospects and corporate profits help most equity markets, while there was a degree of stability in bond markets. The US economy saw output in the first quarter of 2021 rise 6.4% on an annualised basis to take GDP to within 1% of its pre-pandemic level. This, together with the strength in Asia, is driving an expected global expansion of 6% in 2021 as now forecast by the IMF, which follows a lesser contraction of 3.3% in 2020 than was first feared. There is still a risk from new waves or further variants in the coronavirus, with challenges in India in particular. Governments are spending: the Biden administration has plans to follow its \$1.9tn stimulus package, the American Rescue Act, with \$2.3tn for the American Jobs Plan to upgrade infrastructure especially and a further \$1.8tn on the American Families Plan, to be funded with higher corporation taxes. There has been a recovery in the jobs market and consumer spend is picking up. The substantial level of debt around the world remains affordable while interest rates stay low, even as the rate of inflation moves higher. There was an increase of 2.6% in the US in March compared to the level twelve months previously, when the first wave of the virus drove down prices. The US Federal Reserve has maintained its approach on interest rates and on asset purchases. There are some signs of stress, such as in the amount of margin debt on the US market, as seen in the recent collapse of the Archegos fund.

For the portfolio the total return in April was +2.7%. Fundsmith Equity was the largest contributor to performance at +0.31%, with Baillie Gifford Japanese Income Growth the largest detractor at -0.05%.

Portfolio information

Launch date:	October 2011
Initial charge:	Nil
Investment management fee:	0.375%
Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF):	0.59%
Transaction costs:	0.18%
Ancillary costs:	0.01%
Dealing costs:	Nil
Portfolio yield:	1.6%

Platform availability:

Aegon; Ascentric; Aviva; Elevate;
FundsNetwork; Novia; Old Mutual;
Standard Life; Succession.

Investment objective

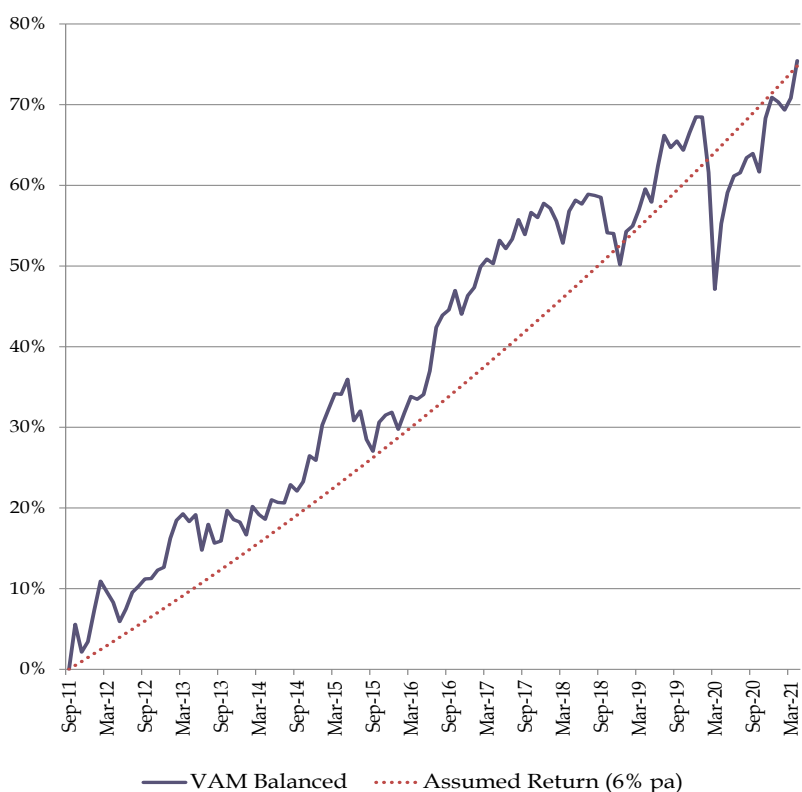
The Balanced portfolio has assumed returns of 5-7% p.a. net of fees over a rolling three-year period. The investment manager has discretion to weight the portfolio towards any of the asset classes comprising bonds, equities, alternatives and cash provided that any such investment is compatible with the objectives.

The OCF and other costs represent the average charge of funds in which the portfolio is invested; it is an indicative figure calculated at each quarter balancing, as is the portfolio yield. As well as the regular quarterly rebalance we may re-position the portfolios on an ad hoc basis and at each occasion we assess the risk profile.

Historical performance (as of 30th April 2021)

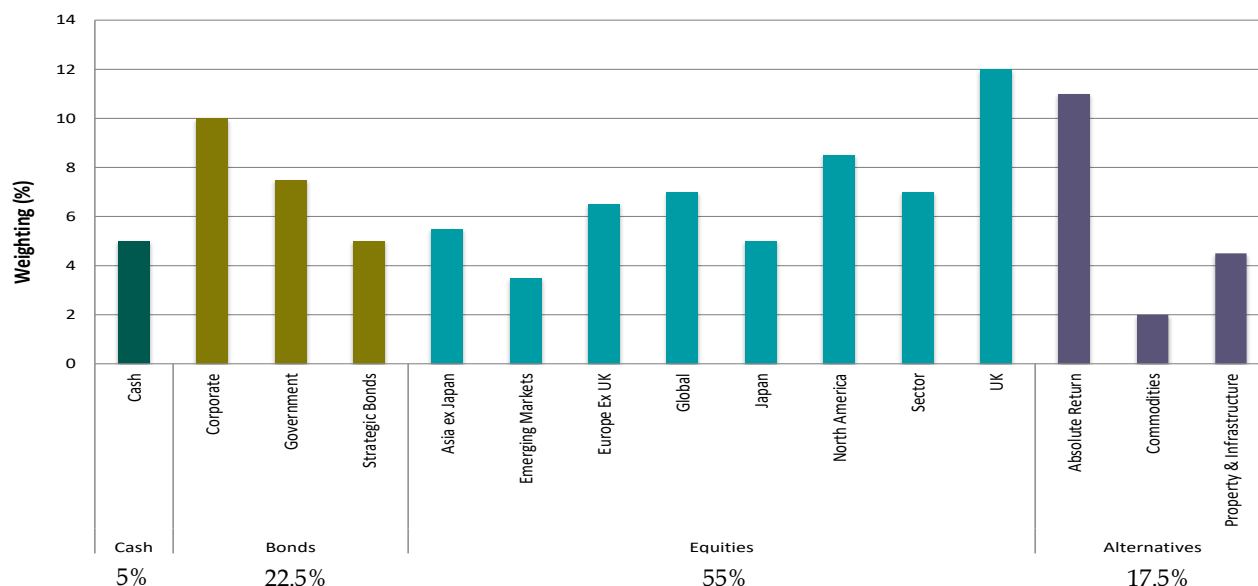
Rolling	1 mth	3 mth	1 yr	3 yr	From inception
VAM Balanced	+2.7%	+3.0%	+13.0%	+11.9%	+75.5%

Annual	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 to date
VAM Balanced	+7.8%	-4.8%	+12.2%	+1.4%	+2.7%



Please note that past performance is no guarantee of future returns and that capital in the portfolio is at risk of loss. The figures are based on a model and may vary between platforms if holdings differ due to availability. Performance is shown net of the OCF, transaction and ancillary costs and the investment management fee (deducted monthly) but gross of platform (and adviser) fees; it is calculated using Financial Express with Bloomberg for contribution analysis and assumes no frictional dealing costs nor any delay during model rebalancing. The investment management fee was liable to VAT until end March 2021 and so equivalent to 0.45%; the fee is 0.37% on those platforms that only calculate to two decimal places. The assumed return is set at 6% p.a. compounded monthly.

Asset allocation*



*This is based upon VAM's classification of each holding by asset class and sector, taking into account the holding's investment strategy, and does not purport to aggregate the asset distribution of each holding's underlying investments, which may vary from that represented above. The asset allocation and top 10 holdings are shown as of the latest re-balance (which was implemented on 22nd April 2021).

Top 10 portfolio holdings (excluding cash and money market funds)

Weight	Holding	Weight	Holding
6.5%	HSBC American Index	5.0%	Royal London Short Duration Credit
5.0%	Allianz Strategic Bond	4.5%	Fidelity Europe ex-UK Index
5.0%	Fundsmith Equity	4.5%	HSBC FTSE All-Share Index
5.0%	Baillie Gifford Japanese Income Growth	4.5%	CG Absolute Return
5.0%	Rathbone Ethical Bond	4.0%	Evenlode Income

About Vintage Asset Management

Vintage Asset Management (VAM) is an independent and boutique discretionary fund management company which was established in 2008. We provide bespoke portfolio management for private clients, companies and trusts advised by financial intermediaries for whom we offer a model-based Managed Portfolio Service on a number of platforms. This active service comprises a range of strategies for Cautious, Cautious Balanced, Balanced, Balanced Growth and Growth mandates as well as a Balanced Income offering. Our investment philosophy aims to achieve a steady return for clients whilst maintaining a focus on capital preservation. VAM is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) with number 489408 for investment business in the UK only. More information about VAM's business and investment services can be found on our website or please feel free to contact a member of the team.

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