



## Market and Portfolio Review

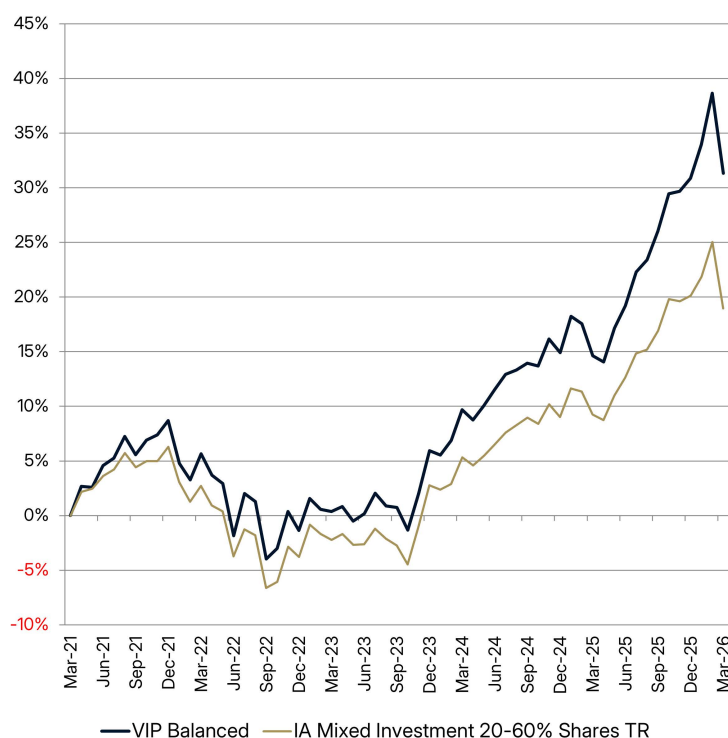
After a strong start to the year markets were impacted in the month of March by the conflict in the Middle East which caused a spike in energy prices. Concerns over the economic impact hit equities and bonds suffered over fears of a shift in the rate of inflation, while alternative assets such as gold lost their lustre and the US\$ strengthened. The outlook had been broadly positive and much will depend on the duration of the conflict as well as the ability of companies to adjust in what seems to be an increasingly fractured world. The attacks on Iran by the United States and Israel did not bring an immediate regime change amidst confused objectives and prompted renewed regional tension, as Iran attacked its Gulf neighbours and Israel attacked Lebanon. The price of Brent crude oil rose by 38% if closing below its peak over the month, while LNG prices in Europe doubled. The annualised rate of growth in the US in the fourth quarter was revised down from 1.4% to 0.7%, while in the UK the Office for Budget Responsibility lowered its estimate of GDP growth for 2026 from 1.4% to 1.1%. In the US the consumer price index (CPI) remained at 2.4% and in the UK the CPI rate stayed at 3% in the year to February. In the eurozone the headline rate of inflation rose to 1.9% from 1.7%. The US Federal Reserve held its interest rate at the level of 3.5-3.75% and the European Central Bank maintained rates at 2%. The Bank of England held its rate at 3.75% in a unanimous vote. There has been little change to forecasts of earnings growth for the year and markets will respond to the reports from managements this month. The impact of Artificial Intelligence has remained significant if hard to predict while corporate activity was plentiful in the first quarter.

For the portfolio, the total return in March was -5.3%. PIMCO Commodity Real Return was the largest contributor to performance at 0.20%, with HSBC FTSE All-Share Index the largest detractor at -0.60%.

## Historical Performance

As of 31st March 2026

	Rolling					Calendar Year					From Inception
	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 to Date	
VIP Balanced	-5.3%	0.4%	4.2%	14.6%	30.9%	-9.3%	7.4%	8.5%	13.9%	0.4%	31.3%



Source: VAM based on FE Analytics

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## Portfolio Information

Launch Date:	April 2021
Initial Charge:	Nil
Investment Management Fee:	0.25%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF):	0.45%
Transactional Costs:	0.25%
Ancillary Costs:	0.03%
Dealing Costs:	Nil
Portfolio Yield:	2.3%

## Investment Parameters

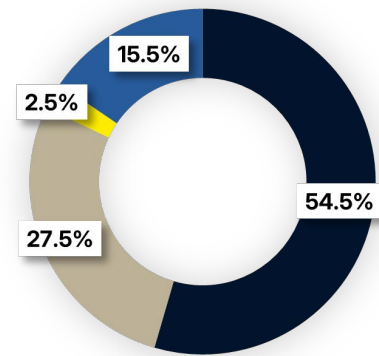
The objective of the Vintage Investment Proposition (VIP) Balanced portfolio is to outperform the relevant peer group over a 3-5 year time horizon by investing in a wide range of assets combining active and passive funds whilst targeting a specific risk profile.

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

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 0.18% until end April 2025, when the portfolio's name changed from the Core Investment Proposition.

## Asset Allocation

<b>Alternatives</b>	15.5%	<b>Cash</b>	2.5%
Absolute Return	12.0%	Money Market	2.5%
Commodities	2.0%		
Macro	1.5%		
<b>Bonds</b>	27.5%	<b>Equities</b>	54.5%
Corporate	5.0%	Asia (excluding Japan)	2.5%
Global	7.5%	Emerging Markets	7.0%
Government	15.0%	Europe (excluding UK)	7.0%
		Japan	3.0%
		North America	16.0%
		Thematic/Global	8.0%
		United Kingdom	11%



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 ten holdings are shown as of the latest re-balance, based on a cashless model (which was implemented on 30th January 2026).

## Top Ten Holdings

1	HSBC FTSE All-Share Index	9.0%
2	HSBC American Index	7.5%
3	Fidelity Index UK Gilts	5.0%
4	Man Sterling Corporate Bond	5.0%
5	Royal London Short Duration Gilts	5.0%
6	T.Rowe Price US Structured Research	5.0%
7	Vanguard Global Bond Index Hedged	5.0%
8	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	4.5%
9	Fidelity Europe ex-UK Index	4.0%
10	De Lisle American	3.5%

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