

HORIZON GLOBAL MULTI-ASSET FUND

At a glance

Performance*

The Fund returned -1.64%, the Index returned 0.45% and the Sector returned -1.92%.

Contributors/detractors

Equities and government bonds detracted most from fund returns while gold and macro-focused strategies made positive contributions.

Outlook

Peak interest rates should reduce the pressure on valuations but risks have broadened recently. We are focused on diversification given the range of potential outcomes.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- Global equities finished lower in October. The MSCI All Country World Index fell 2.4% in sterling terms and 3.0% in US dollars terms as the latter appreciated.
- The major equity regions all posted losses in local currency terms. The S&P 500 Index fell 2.1% and the FTSE All-Share Index fell 4.1%, the latter being weighed down by the underperformance of energy shares. Elsewhere, the MSCI Europe ex UK Index fell 3.4% and Japan's TOPIX fell 3.0%. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index fell 3.9% (in US dollar terms).
- Utilities was the only sector to avoid a loss. Of the others, technology and consumer staples held up best while consumer discretionary, industrials and energy sectors were the weakest. Growth-style shares posted smaller losses than value-style shares, helped in part by the outperformance of technology sector heavyweight Microsoft.
- In fixed income, US Treasury yields continued to rise (prices fell) amid further expectations of higher-for-longer interest rates. By contrast, German bund yields fell due to signs that a weaker European economy is bringing inflation closer to target levels. 10-year gilt yields rose slightly but yields on shorter-dated gilts fell. Corporate bond yields ended higher and credit spreads, especially in high-yield debt, widened in a sign that investors are expecting an increase in defaults.
- Gold prices ended 7% higher after an attack by Hamas on Israel led to further conflict. Concerns of a global recession were reflected in other commodity prices. Oil's four-month winning streak came to an abrupt end as Brent crude oil prices fell 8.3%, while copper prices - traditionally seen as a yardstick of overall economic sentiment - fell 2%.
- US Treasury yields rose again as investors priced in a higher likelihood of the Federal Reserve (Fed) delivering another rate increase. This came as core US inflation rose slightly in September and as the US labour market remained resilient. The yield on 10-year Treasuries rose a further 30 basis points, reducing the appeal of risk assets such as equities. Higher Treasury yields also led to further strength in the US dollar, which rose for a third successive month against the pound.
- Away from the US, there were further signs of an economic slowdown. In Europe, Eurostat released a lower-than-expected estimate for eurozone GDP growth over the third quarter. Meanwhile, Chinese factory activity unexpectedly contracted in October.

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Portfolio review

In a tough month for most financial assets, the fund's equity and bond holdings both detracted from absolute returns. The alternatives allocation was flat overall as alternative strategies and gold made positive contributions but real assets struggled.

The fund's equity holdings detracted 1.0% from total returns. The emerging markets portfolio detracted most, followed by the allocations to UK, Japan and US equities. At the individual holding level, notable detractors included the S&P 500 Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

The fund's fixed income holdings detracted 0.4%. Government bonds, especially US Treasuries, were responsible for most of the losses. The allocation to investment grade bonds also made a negative contribution, while the high-yield portfolio was essentially flat.

Elsewhere, foreign exchange positions detracted 0.2%. This was largely due to positioning in the US dollar, which strengthened over the month. The fund's alternatives holdings were broadly flat as losses in real assets offset modest gains in macro-focused strategies and the fund's allocation to gold.

Manager outlook

Markets have struggled as the higher-for-longer interest rate narrative has pushed up bond yields even further.

However, it appears that central banks are finally reaching the end of a large and rapid interest rate hiking cycle. It seems investors are only pricing in a 25% chance of a further increase from the Fed before the end of the year. It is likely that we will see greater impact in certain segments of the economy in 2024 from the increase in interest rates seen so far, with default rates already starting to rise. The focus is likely to switch back to the prospect for interest rate cuts, as long as inflation continues to slow.

However, investors also need to be cognisant of the broadening of risks, particularly political and geopolitical, that have occurred more recently. These offer a myriad of different scenarios, especially if they were to play out in the most negative ways. Against this backdrop, we think riskier asset valuations range from expensive to attractively priced, but that most developed equity markets remain at (or close to) peak earnings. In our view, this leaves an ongoing fragility in both equities and the more-leveraged credit markets. At the same time, government bonds look increasingly attractive to us as real yields are now at relative high levels compared to the last 20 years. Due to the range of potential outcomes from here, we believe that remaining well diversified is more important than ever for the fund.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised				Since inception (28/07/15)
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year		
A2 GBP (Net)	-1.64	-4.16	-2.91	0.42	-0.39	1.91	—		2.22
Index	0.45	1.33	3.87	4.40	1.78	1.33	—		1.00
Sector	-1.92	-4.14	-1.59	-0.09	0.63	1.25	—		2.68
A2 GBP (Gross)	—	—	—	—	—	3.56	—		3.92
Target	—	—	—	—	—	5.38	—		5.04

Calendar year	YTD at Q3 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015 from 28 Jul
A2 GBP (Net)	-1.30	-9.39	5.82	8.88	10.77	-4.56	6.17	7.44	-1.90
Index	3.40	1.43	0.05	0.39	0.82	0.67	0.34	0.52	0.25
Sector	0.33	-11.63	8.48	3.77	12.05	-7.42	8.59	13.59	-0.67

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a return, from a combination of capital growth and income, with volatility lower than that of equity market volatility, over the long term. Performance target: To outperform the SONIA by 4% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

For the fund's investment policy, refer to the Additional fund information on page 4.

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Fund details

Inception date	24 July 2015
Total net assets	12.98m
Asset class	Mixed Asset
Domicile	Luxembourg
Structure	SICAV
Base currency	GBP
Index	SONIA
Morningstar sector	GBP Flexible Allocation

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Investment strategy

The investment manager follows a strategy that combines strategic asset allocation (based on long-term return, risk and correlation expectations of various asset classes), dynamic asset allocation (giving the strategy the flexibility to reflect the team's shorter term market views and to react quickly in times of market stress), and careful underlying fund and instrument selection. The investment process is underpinned by a robust, multi-faceted approach to risk management. The strategy results in a portfolio with exposure to a wide variety of asset classes, both traditional and alternative, in the expectation that investors will benefit from the significant diversification benefits multi-asset investing provides.

Fund specific risks

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