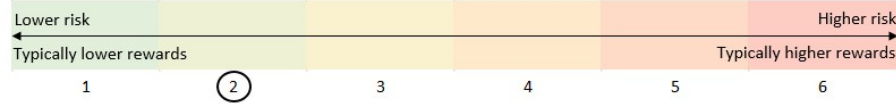


**Strategy Description**

An investor in this strategy, whilst being relatively cautious, will be seeking a reasonable return from their investment. They will be prepared for moderate fluctuations in the value of their investment over the medium to long term. Underlying assets will include exposure to equities as well as fixed income, cash and other assets.


**Key Facts**

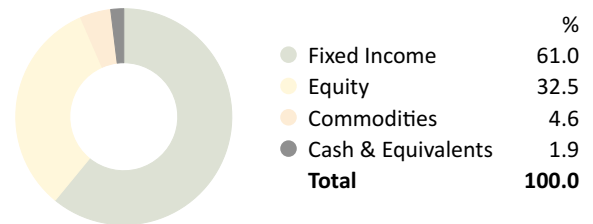
Inception date	31 December 2019
Minimum investment size	£250,000
Minimum recommended time horizon	3 Years
UK Reporting status funds held	Yes
Expected volatility	<8%
Expected maximum drawdown	<15%

**Performance Since Inception**

Time Period: 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024


**Portfolio Breakdown**
**Asset Class Weightings**

Portfolio Date: 31/12/2024


**Top 10 Invested Holdings**

Portfolio Date: 31/12/2024

	Weighting %
Invesco Sterling Bond Fund	12.02
PIMCO Global Bond	11.95
M&G Offshore Corporate Bond	10.95
iShares GBP Corporate 0-5yr ETF	9.89
SPDR Bloomberg 0-5 Yr Sterling Corp ETF	7.41
Brown Advisory Global Leaders	4.98
iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr ETF	4.92
Fidelity Global Equity Income	4.85
iShares Physical Gold ETC	4.59
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas	4.00

**Contribution Analysis**
**Top 5**

Time Period: 01/12/2024 to 31/12/2024

	Weights	Contribution
Polar Capital Global Tech	1.75	0.05
FT Nasdaq Cybersecurity ETF	1.79	0.04
iShares GBP Corporate 0-5yr ETF	9.75	0.03
SPDR Bloomberg 0-5 Yr Sterling Corp ETF	7.31	0.02
Invesco Asian Equity	2.57	0.02

**Bottom 5**

Time Period: 01/12/2024 to 31/12/2024

	Weights	Contribution
Fidelity Global Equity Income	4.98	-0.14
Invesco Sterling Bond Fund	12.04	-0.11
iShares S&P SmallCap 600 ETF	1.60	-0.11
M&G Offshore Corporate Bond	10.95	-0.11
VanEck Global Mining ETF	1.28	-0.10

**Trailing Performance %**

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	CAGR Since Inception
Oakglen Sterling Conserve	-0.88	0.87	2.02	4.37	2.59	14.44	14.44	2.73
ARC Cautious PCI TR GBP	-0.60	0.49	1.85	4.37	-0.02	8.58	8.58	1.66

**Calendar Year Performance %**

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Oakglen Sterling Conserve	4.37	4.86	-6.26	3.22
ARC Cautious PCI TR GBP	4.37	3.68	-7.60	4.23

## Commentary

Trump trade enthusiasm clashed with a hawkish stance from the Federal Open Market Committee meeting in mid-December, reversing the rally in US stocks witnessed during the first half of the month. By month-end, the S&P 500 had declined 2.5%, while the NASDAQ posted a modest gain of just under 0.5% for the month. In contrast, UK equities registered losses, European markets advanced, and Asia outperformed, with Japan and China experiencing strong local currency returns.

Fixed income as an asset class was poor during the month, as fiscal worries globally pressured the long end of most bond markets. In the UK, rising yields were further amplified by mounting concerns over the inflationary impact of the new government's budget. For the full year, fixed income delivered lacklustre performance, even with central banks implementing rate cuts in the second half of the year.

During the month, the **Oakglen Wealth GBP Conserve** strategy posted a decline of -0.88%, underperforming the ARC Cautious benchmark which posted a decline of -0.60%. Despite December's challenges, it was another strong year for equity markets, in fact the past two years being the best consecutive years for US equities since the late 1990s. Subsequently, the **Oakglen Wealth GBP Conserve** strategy returned +4.37% for 2024, in-line with the benchmark which also returned +4.37%. In addition to the strong calendar year performance, the strategy remains comfortably ahead over 3 years and 5 years (including since inception).

The top contributors during the month were positions in Polar Capital Global Technology Fund, First Trust Nasdaq Cybersecurity ETF and Invesco Asian Equity Fund. The former two investments have substantial technology and technology related exposure, benefitting from continued excitement for Artificial Intelligence (A.I) and digital defence spending.

We anticipate that several key themes that we highlighted in 2024 will remain prominent in the coming year. Namely, growth in defence spending, particularly in Europe, along with sustained increases in cyber defence spending. The financial sector, which had a strong 2024, is also likely to continue to prosper as yield curves normalise. Additionally, we expect that technology sector spending will stay strong, driven by the mega cap tech stocks in the US fuelling an arms race in the development of A.I.

We also expect less alignment of central bank policy, as the final phases of the fight against inflation will hinge more on domestic factors rather than any of the global supply shocks that produced the inflationary spikes of the past few years. Currently, the US Federal Reserve has adopted a more cautious stance on future rate cuts, while the European Central Bank has suggested they are more confident about meeting their inflation target. This divergence will result in larger interest rate differentials and increased foreign exchange rate volatility. The divergence of US economic policy and that of other developed nations may deepen further. President-elect Trump has pledged significant regulatory rollbacks and tax cuts, positioning the US on a markedly different economic trajectory. In contrast, the UK has recently raised taxes, while political paralysis in France and upcoming elections in Germany do not suggest new economic dynamics there. Meanwhile, China has committed to providing significant new stimulus for their domestic economy, though the policy specifics need to be fleshed out.

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