

# MKC Invest Classic Active 1 July 2024

Portfolio Objective:

| 01.2023 | Inception Date: 06.01.2023 |
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| MKC Wealth<br>Risk Rating | Equity Target |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Cautious                  | 10%           |

Baseline Benchmark 1:

10% Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure 90% Morningstar Global Core Bond (GBP) Hedged

#### **Market Overview**

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- MKC Invest Classic Active 1

8.9% — Baseline Benchmark 1

4.1% —IA Mixed Investment 0-35% 4.4% Shares

| Calendar Year Returns*                             |             |              |          |        |         |         |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline | Benchmark 1 |              |          |        |         |         |
|  | 2019        | 2            | 020      | 2021   | 2022    | 2023    |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 1                        | —           |              | —        | —      | —       | 6.21    |
| Baseline Benchmark 1                               | 7.84        | e            | 5.13     | 0.16   | -12.84  | 6.70    |
| IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares                   | 8.80        | 3            | 3.98     | 2.57   | -10.22  | 6.06    |
|  |             | Cumulative R | eturn*   |        |         |         |
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline | Benchmark 1 |              |          |        |         |         |
|  | YTD         | 3 Months     | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 1                        | 3.51        | 3.43         | 3.75     | 8.28   | —       | _       |
| Baseline Benchmark 1                               | 3.31        | 3.48         | 3.96     | 7.77   | -4.61   | 2.27    |
| IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares                   | 2.87        | 2.32         | 3.51     | 8.09   | -1.92   | 5.81    |

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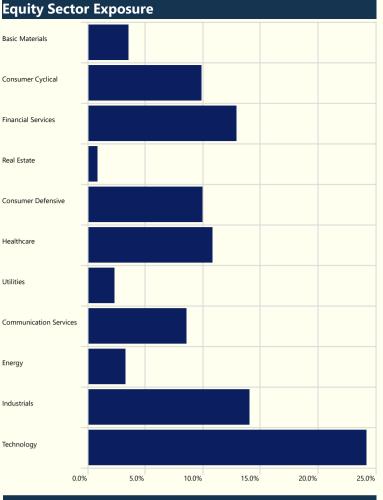
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 %
 Equity
 10.0

 • Equity
 10.0
 Consumer

 • Cash
 10.0
 Financial St

 • Total
 100.0
 Real Estate



Portfolio

Weighting %

# Equity Regional Exposure - MKC Invest Classic Active 1

Portfolio Date: 31/07/2024

|  |       | Utilities |
|--|-------|-----------|
|  | %     |           |
| <ul> <li>North America</li> </ul>      | 48.8  |           |
| • Europe dev                           | 21.3  | Commu     |
| <ul> <li>United Kingdom</li> </ul>     | 16.4  |           |
| • Asia dev                             | 5.3   | Energy    |
| • Asia emrg                            | 3.3   |           |
| • Japan                                | 2.0   | Industria |
| <ul> <li>Australasia</li> </ul>        | 1.2   | muustna   |
| <ul> <li>Latin America</li> </ul>      | 0.7   |           |
| <ul> <li>Africa/Middle East</li> </ul> | 0.6   | Technolo  |
| • Europe emrg                          | 0.3   |           |
| Total                                  | 100.0 |           |

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| Funds: |
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Funds

Portfolio

|                                      | Weighting % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 3.13        |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24 | 2.10        |
| Us 2Yr Note Sep 24                   | 1.32        |
| Us 5yr Note (Cbt) Sep24              | 1.24        |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 1.18        |
| Long Gilt Future Sep24               | 1.08        |
| Us 2Yr Note Jun 24                   | 0.88        |
| Euro Bobl Future Sept 24             | 0.85        |
| Long Gilt Future Sept 24             | 0.66        |
| Aust 10y Bond Fut Sep24              | 0.64        |

|  | 5 5   |
|--|-------|
| Fidelity Short Dated Crprate Bd W Acc    | 18.00 |
| iShares Ovrs Govt Bd Idx (UK) D Acc £Hdg | 18.00 |
| L&G Cash Trust I Acc                     | 10.00 |
| Aegon Strategic Bond GBP S Acc           | 6.50  |
| Artemis Strategic Bond I Quarterly Acc   | 6.50  |
| Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc     | 6.50  |
| Jupiter Strategic Abs Rt Bd U1 £ H Acc   | 6.50  |
| Jupiter Corporate Bond I Acc             | 6.00  |
| Vanguard € Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc           | 6.00  |
| Vanguard Glb Corp Bd ldx £ H Acc         | 6.00  |
| Fundsmith Equity I Acc                   | 1.00  |
| Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc  | 1.00  |
| Janus Henderson European Smr Coms I Acc  | 1.00  |
| L&G Global Technology Index I Acc        | 1.00  |
| Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP      | 1.00  |
| M&G Global Dividend GBP I Acc            | 1.00  |
| Orbis OEIC Global Equity Standard        | 1.00  |
| Vanguard FTSE Glb All Cp Idx £ Acc       | 1.00  |
| WS Gresham House UK Smaller Coms C Acc   | 1.00  |
| Artemis SmartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP    | 0.50  |
| BNY Mellon Long-Term Global Eq Int W Acc | 0.50  |

| Costs | and | <b>Charges:</b> |
|-------|-----|-----------------|
| June  |     | 9000            |

| Underlying fund costs: | 0.34% |
|------------------------|-------|
| DIM Charge:            | 0.25% |
| Total Cost:            | 0.59% |

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## MKC Invest Classic Active 2 July 2024

| Portfolio Objective:   | Inception Date: 06.01.2023   |  |               |
|--|--|--|---------------|
|  | to provide long-term capital growth from a   |  | Equity Target |
| portfolio will be suitable for an investor at lev<br>risk. The portfolio aims to outperform (net o | Its managed such that the risk level of the<br>vel 2 on the MKC "Baseline" scale of investment<br>of any investment costs but not necessarily net<br>custody) this strategic asset allocation over the | Cautious   | 20%           |
|  | t allocation and the selection of predominantly  | Baseline Benchmark 2:<br>20% Morningstar Global Target M<br>80% Morningstar Global Core Bo |               |

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|  | 2015        | 2        | 020      | 2021   | LOLL    | 2025    |  |
|--|-------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| MKC Invest Classic Active 2                        | 4.74        | [        | 5.57     | 3.30   | -5.11   | 6.58    |  |
| Baseline Benchmark 2                               | 9.38        | 7        | 7.04     | 2.17   | -12.23  | 7.63    |  |
| IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares                   | 8.80        | 3        | 3.98     | 2.57   | -10.22  | 6.06    |  |
| Cumulative Return*                                 |             |          |          |        |         |         |  |
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline | Benchmark 2 |          |          |        |         |         |  |
|  | YTD         | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |  |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 2                        | 3.69        | 3.17     | 3.74     | 8.89   | 5.44    | 13.65   |  |
| Baseline Benchmark 2                               | 3.58        | 2.85     | 3.83     | 8.28   | -2.10   | 7.63    |  |
| IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares                   | 2.87        | 2.32     | 3.51     | 8.09   | -1.92   | 5.81    |  |

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Equity Regional Exposure - MKC Invest Classic Active 2

North America

United Kingdom

Europe dev

Asia dev

Asia emrg Japan

Australasia

Latin America

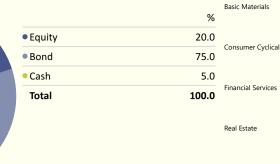
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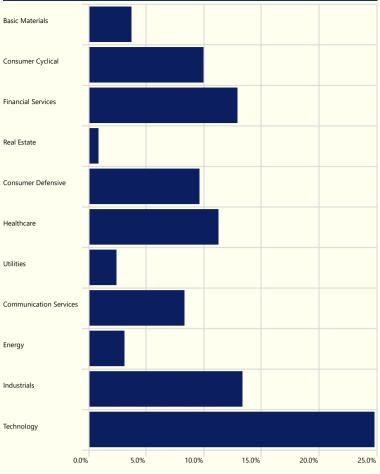
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Africa/Middle East

Portfolio Date: 11/01/2024

Portfolio Date: 31/07/2024





|                                      | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 3.37                     |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24 | 2.26                     |
| Us 5yr Note (Cbt) Sep24              | 1.33                     |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 1.27                     |
| Us 2Yr Note Sep 24                   | 1.22                     |
| Long Gilt Future Sep24               | 1.16                     |
| Us 2Yr Note Jun 24                   | 1.03                     |
| Euro Bobl Future Sept 24             | 0.92                     |
| Microsoft Corp                       | 0.79                     |
| Long Gilt Future Sept 24             | 0.71                     |

| 1.55                                    |   |
|---|---|
| 1.27                                    | Artemis Strategic Bond I Quarterly Acc  |
| 1.22                                    | Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc    |
| 1.16                                    | Jupiter Corporate Bond I Acc            |
| 1.03                                    | Vanguard € Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc          |
|   | Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx £ H Acc        |
| 0.92                                    | Jupiter Strategic Abs Rt Bd U1 £ H Acc  |
| 0.79                                    | L&G Cash Trust I Acc                    |
| 0.71                                    | Fundsmith Equity I Acc                  |
|   | Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc |
|   | L&G Global Technology Index I Acc       |
|   | Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP     |
|   | M&G Global Dividend GBP I Acc           |
|   | Artemis SmartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP   |
|   | Janus Henderson European Smr Coms I Acc |
|   | Orbis OEIC Global Equity Standard       |
| ate based on the                        | Vanguard FTSE Glb All Cp Idx £ Acc      |
| ases, clients may<br>n. This will cause | WS Gresham House UK Smaller Coms C Acc  |

BNY Mellon Long-Term Global Eq Int W Acc

Fidelity Global Special Sits W Acc

Baillie Gifford International B Acc

Costs and Charges: 0.40% Underlying fund costs: DIM Charge: 0.25%

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# **Equity Sector Exposure**

Utilities

Industrials

Funds:

Fidelity Short Dated Crprate Bd W Acc

Aegon Strategic Bond GBP B Acc

iShares Ovrs Govt Bd Idx (UK) D Acc £Hdg

Funds

%

50.8

19.6

13.4

6.0 Energy

4.5

2.2

1.2

1.1 0.7

0.5

100.0

Top 10 Underlying Securities:

Portfolio Weighting %

13.50

13.50

7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00

2.00

1.50

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### MKC Invest Classic Active 3 July 2024

Portfolio Objective:

#### Inception Date: 06.01.2023

The MKC Classic Active portfolio 3 aims to provide long-term capital growth from a diversified portfolio of collective investments managed such that the risk level of the portfolio will be suitable for an investor at level 3 on the MKC "Baseline" scale of investment risk. The portfolio aims to outperform (net of any investment costs but not necessarily net of any costs relating to financial planning or custody) this strategic asset allocation over the course of a market cycle through active asset allocation and the selection of predominantly actively managed funds from a range of providers.

| MKC Wealth<br>Risk Rating | Equity Target |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Moderately Cautious       | 30%           |

Baseline Benchmark 3:

30% Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure 70% Morningstar Global Core Bond (GBP) Hedged

### **Market Overview**

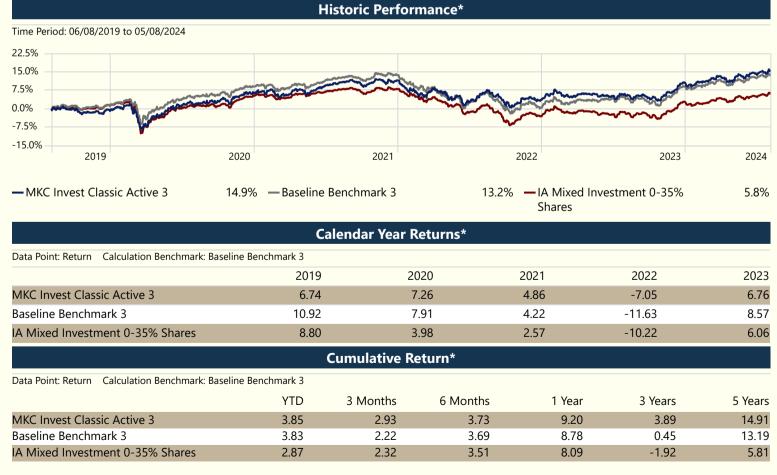
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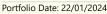
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North America

United Kingdom

Europe dev

Asia dev

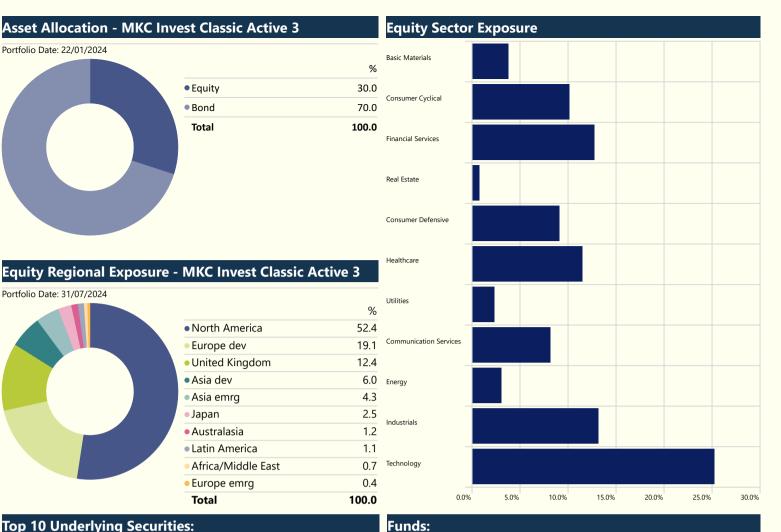
Asia emrg Japan

Australasia

Total

Latin America

Africa/Middle East Europe emrg



### Top 10 Underlying Securities:

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|-----------|----|
| Portfolio |    |
|           | Fι |

|                                      | weighting % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 3.85        |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24 | 2.58        |
| Us 5yr Note (Cbt) Sep24              | 1.52        |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 1.45        |
| Long Gilt Future Sep24               | 1.33        |
| Microsoft Corp                       | 1.20        |
| Us 2Yr Note Jun 24                   | 1.18        |
| Euro Bobl Future Sept 24             | 1.05        |
| Us 2Yr Note Sep 24                   | 1.01        |
| Long Gilt Future Sept 24             | 0.81        |
|                                      |             |

| Weighting % | Funds                                    |
|-------------|--|
| 3.85        | Fidelity Short Dated Crprate Bd W Acc    |
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| 1.45        | Artemis Strategic Bond I Quarterly Acc   |
| 1.33        | Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc     |
| 1.20        | Jupiter Corporate Bond I Acc             |
|             | Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx £ H Acc         |
| 1.18        | Vanguard € Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc           |
| 1.05        |  |

| Artemis St   | rategic Bond I Quarterly Acc     | 8.00 |
|--------------|----------------------------------|------|
| Janus Hen    | derson Strategic Bond I Acc      | 8.00 |
| Jupiter Co   | rporate Bond I Acc               | 8.00 |
| Vanguard     | Glb Corp Bd Idx £ H Acc          | 8.00 |
| Vanguard     | € Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc            | 6.00 |
| Jupiter Str  | ategic Abs Rt Bd U1 £ H Acc      | 5.00 |
| Guinness (   | Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc   | 3.00 |
| L&G Globa    | al Technology Index I Acc        | 3.00 |
| Liontrust (  | Global Dividend C Acc GBP        | 3.00 |
| M&G Glob     | oal Dividend GBP I Acc           | 3.00 |
| Fundsmith    | n Equity I Acc                   | 2.50 |
| Artemis Sr   | nartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP     | 2.00 |
| BNY Mello    | on Long-Term Global Eq Int W Acc | 2.00 |
| Fidelity Gl  | obal Special Sits W Acc          | 2.00 |
| Janus Hen    | derson European Smr Coms I Acc   | 2.00 |
| Orbis OEIC   | C Global Equity Standard         | 2.00 |
| Vanguard     | FTSE Glb All Cp Idx £ Acc        | 2.00 |
| WS Gresha    | am House UK Smaller Coms C Acc   | 2.00 |
| Baillie Giff | ord International B Acc          | 1.50 |

Portfolio Weighting %

> 9.50 9.50

8.00

| Costs and | <b>Charges:</b> |
|-----------|-----------------|
|-----------|-----------------|

| 0.47% |
|-------|
| 0.25% |
| 0.72% |
|       |

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| MKC Wealth<br>Risk Rating | Equity Target |
|---------------------------|---------------|
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Baseline Benchmark 4:

40% Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure 60% Morningstar Global Core Bond (GBP) Hedged

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- MKC Invest Classic Active 4

16.5% — Baseline Benchmark 4

19.0% — IA Mixed Investment 20-60% 12.8% Shares

| Calendar Year Returns*   |             |              |          |        |         |         |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 4 |             |              |          |        |         |         |
|  | 2019        | 2            | .020     | 2021   | 2022    | 2023    |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 4                                    | 8.75        | ;            | 8.94     | 6.16   | -8.63   | 7.12    |
| Baseline Benchmark 4   | 12.48       | :            | 8.75     | 6.30   | -11.03  | 9.51    |
| IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares                              | 12.08       |              | 3.49     | 6.31   | -9.67   | 6.86    |
|  |             | Cumulative R | eturn*   |        |         |         |
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline             | Benchmark 4 |              |          |        |         |         |
|  | YTD         | 3 Months     | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 4                                    | 3.92        | 2.40         | 3.58     | 9.37   | 2.73    | 16.53   |
| Baseline Benchmark 4   | 4.08        | 1.59         | 3.55     | 9.27   | 3.03    | 18.96   |
| IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares                              | 3.48        | 1.56         | 3.83     | 8.70   | 1.37    | 12.82   |

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**Equity Sector Exposure** 

%

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%

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Funds:

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Baillie Gifford International B Acc

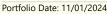
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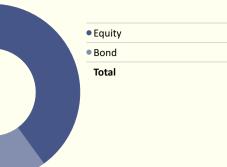
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Funds

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Portfolio Date: 31/07/2024



North America

United Kingdom

Europe dev

Asia dev

Asia emrg Japan

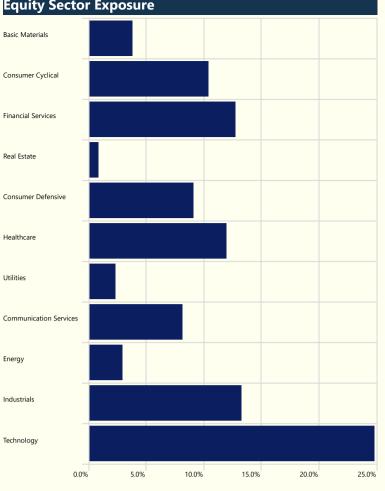
Australasia

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Latin America

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Equity Regional Exposure - MKC Invest Classic Active 4



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Weighting %

### Top 10 Underlying Securities:

|                                      | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 3.61                     |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24 | 2.42                     |
| Microsoft Corp                       | 1.57                     |
| Us 5yr Note (Cbt) Sep24              | 1.43                     |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 1.36                     |
| Long Gilt Future Sep24               | 1.24                     |
| Us 2Yr Note Jun 24                   | 1.03                     |
| Euro Bobl Future Sept 24             | 0.99                     |
| Us 2Yr Note Sep 24                   | 0.81                     |
| Long Gilt Future Sept 24             | 0.76                     |

| 42 | Artemis Strategic Bond I Quarterly Acc   |
|----|--|
| 57 | Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc     |
| 43 | Jupiter Corporate Bond I Acc             |
| 36 | Vanguard € Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc           |
| 24 | Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx £ H Acc         |
| _  | iShares Ovrs Govt Bd ldx (UK) D Acc £Hdg |
| 03 | Fidelity Short Dated Crprate Bd W Acc    |
| 99 | Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc  |
| 81 | Jupiter Strategic Abs Rt Bd U1 £ H Acc   |
| 76 | Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP      |
|    | Fundsmith Equity I Acc                   |
|    | L&G Global Technology Index I Acc        |
|    | M&G Global Dividend GBP I Acc            |
|    | BNY Mellon Long-Term Global Eq Int W Acc |
|    | Fidelity Global Special Sits W Acc       |
|    | Vanguard FTSE Glb All Cp Idx £ Acc       |
|    | Artemis SmartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP    |
|    |  |

| Costs and | Charges: |
|-----------|----------|
|-----------|----------|

| Underlying fund costs: | 0.50% |
|------------------------|-------|
| DIM Charge:            | 0.25% |
| Total Cost:            | 0.75% |

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## MKC Invest Classic Active 5 July 2024

| Portfolio Objective:   | Inception Date: 06.01.2023  | MKC Wealth  |               |
|--|---|-------------|---------------|
|  | to provide long-term capital growth from a  | Risk Rating | Equity Target |
| diversified portfolio of collective investments managed su<br>portfolio will be suitable for an investor at level 5 on the MKC<br>risk. The portfolio aims to outperform (net of any investment<br>any costs relating to financial planning or custody) this stra<br>course of a market cycle through active asset allocation and<br>actively managed funds from a range of providers. | vel 5 on the MKC "Baseline" scale of investment f any investment costs but not necessarily net of | Balanced    | 50%           |
|  | t allocation and the selection of predominantly   |             |               |

#### **Market Overview**

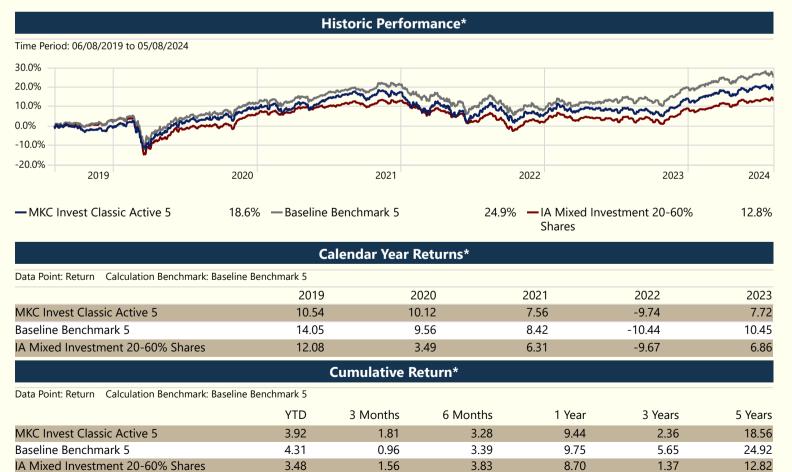
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**Equity Sector Exposure** 

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%

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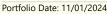
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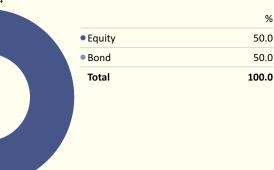
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Portfolio Date: 31/07/2024



North America

United Kingdom

Europe dev

Asia dev

Asia emrg Japan

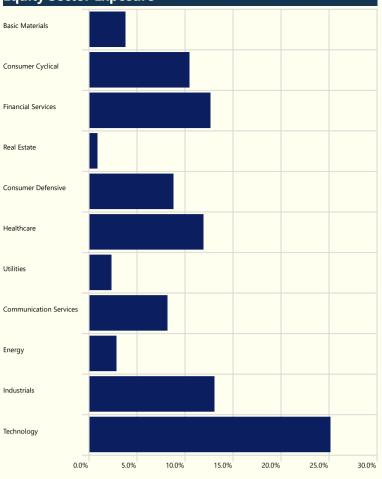
Australasia

Total

Latin America

Africa/Middle East Europe emrg

Equity Regional Exposure - MKC Invest Classic Active 5



Portfolio

7.00

7.00

Weighting %

## Top 10 Underlying Securities:

|  | Funds: |
|--|--------|
|--|--------|

Funds

Aegon Strategic Bond GBP S Acc

Artemis Strategic Bond I Quarterly Acc

|                                      | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 3.37                     |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24 | 2.26                     |
| Microsoft Corp                       | 1.98                     |
| Us 5yr Note (Cbt) Sep24              | 1.33                     |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 1.27                     |
| Long Gilt Future Sep24               | 1.16                     |
| Us 2Yr Note Jun 24                   | 0.96                     |
| Euro Bobl Future Sept 24             | 0.92                     |
| NVIDIA Corp                          | 0.86                     |
| Apple Inc                            | 0.85                     |
|                                      |                          |

| .98        | Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc     | 7.00 |
|------------|--|------|
| 33         | Jupiter Corporate Bond I Acc             | 6.50 |
| .27        | Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx £ H Acc         | 6.50 |
| .16        | Vanguard € Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc           | 6.00 |
| .96        | Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP      | 5.00 |
|            | Fundsmith Equity I Acc                   | 4.50 |
| .92        | Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc  | 4.50 |
| .86        | iShares Ovrs Govt Bd Idx (UK) D Acc £Hdg | 4.50 |
| 85         | L&G Global Technology Index I Acc        | 4.50 |
|            | BNY Mellon Long-Term Global Eq Int W Acc | 4.00 |
|            | Fidelity Global Special Sits W Acc       | 4.00 |
|            | M&G Global Dividend GBP I Acc            | 4.00 |
|            | Vanguard FTSE Glb All Cp ldx £ Acc       | 4.00 |
|            | Artemis SmartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP    | 3.50 |
|            | Baillie Gifford International B Acc      | 3.00 |
|            | Fidelity Short Dated Crprate Bd W Acc    | 3.00 |
| the        | Janus Henderson European Smr Coms I Acc  | 3.00 |
| nay<br>use | Orbis OEIC Global Equity Standard        | 3.00 |
| all        | WS Gresham House UK Smaller Coms C Acc   | 3.00 |
|            | Jupiter Strategic Abs Rt Bd U1 £ H Acc   | 2.50 |

## **Costs and Charges:**

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|------------------------|-------|
| DIM Charge:            | 0.25% |
| Total Cost:            | 0.79% |

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### MKC Invest Classic Active 6 July 2024

| Portfolio Objective:  | Inception Date: 06.01.2023  | MKC Wealth  |               |
|---|---|-------------|---------------|
| The MKC Classic Active portfolio 6 aims to  |   | Risk Rating | Equity Target |
| course of a market cycle through active asset allocation and the selection of predominantly | Balanced  | 60%         |               |
|   | Baseline Benchmark 6:<br>60% Morningstar Global Target M<br>40% Morningstar Global Core Boi |             |               |

#### **Market Overview**

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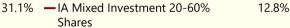
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- MKC Invest Classic Active 6

21.2% — Baseline Benchmark 6



| Calendar Year Returns*   |   |          |          |        |         |         |  |  |
|--|---|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--|--|
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 6 |   |          |          |        |         |         |  |  |
|  | 2019  | 2        | 020      | 2021   | 2022    | 2023    |  |  |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 6                                    | MKC Invest Classic Active 6 12.34 11.66 8.76 -10.50 8.2 |          |          |        |         |         |  |  |
| Baseline Benchmark 6   | 15.62   | 1(       | ).33     | 10.56  | -9.86   | 11.39   |  |  |
| IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares                              | 12.08   | 3        | 3.49     | 6.31   | -9.67   | 6.86    |  |  |
| Cumulative Return*   |   |          |          |        |         |         |  |  |
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 6 |   |          |          |        |         |         |  |  |
|  | YTD   | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |  |  |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 6                                    | 4.00  | 1.29     | 3.05     | 9.60   | 2.21    | 21.18   |  |  |
| Baseline Benchmark 6   | 4.54  | 0.32     | 3.22     | 10.23  | 8.30    | 31.09   |  |  |
| IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares                              | 3.48  | 1.56     | 3.83     | 8.70   | 1.37    | 12.82   |  |  |

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Equity Sector Exposure

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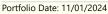
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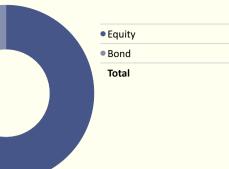
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Portfolio



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Equity Regional Exposure - MKC Invest Classic Active 6

North America

United Kingdom

Europe dev

Asia dev

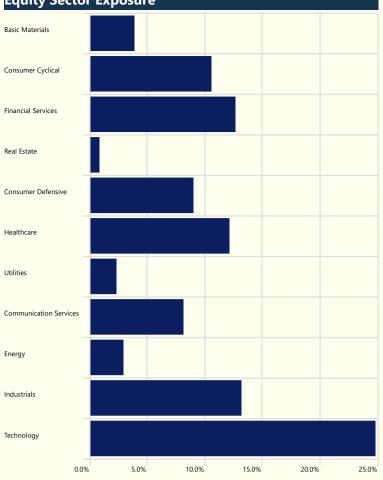
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Australasia

Total

Latin America

Africa/Middle East
 Europe emrg



Portfolio

Weighting %

### Top 10 Underlying Securities:

|  | F | u | n | C |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |   |   |   |   |

Funds

s:

|                                      | Weighting % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 2.89        |
| Microsoft Corp                       | 2.36        |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24 | 1.94        |
| Us 5yr Note (Cbt) Sep24              | 1.14        |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24  | 1.09        |
| Novo Nordisk A/S Class B             | 1.00        |
| Long Gilt Future Sep24               | 1.00        |
| NVIDIA Corp                          | 0.98        |
| Apple Inc                            | 0.96        |
| Broadcom Inc                         | 0.93        |
|                                      |             |

| )      | Aegon Strategic Bond GBP S Acc           | 6.00 |
|--------|--|------|
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| ı      | Jupiter Corporate Bond I Acc             | 6.00 |
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|------------------------|-------|
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### MKC Invest Classic Active 7 July 2024

Portfolio Objective:

#### Inception Date: 06.01.2023

The MKC Classic Active portfolio 7 aims to provide long-term capital growth from a diversified portfolio of collective investments managed such that the risk level of the portfolio will be suitable for an investor at level 7 on the MKC "Baseline" scale of investment risk. The portfolio aims to outperform (net of any investment costs but not necessarily net of any costs relating to financial planning or custody) this strategic asset allocation over the course of a market cycle through active asset allocation and the selection of predominantly actively managed funds from a range of providers.

| MKC Wealth<br>Risk Rating  | Equity Target |  |  |
|--|---------------|--|--|
| Moderately Adventurous   | 70%           |  |  |
| Baseline Benchmark 7:<br>70% Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure |               |  |  |

30% Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure

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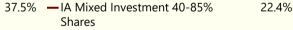
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- MKC Invest Classic Active 7

23.1% — Baseline Benchmark 7



#### Calendar Year Returns\* Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 7 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 MKC Invest Classic Active 7 14.37 13.15 9.88 11.53 **Baseline Benchmark 7** 17.21 11.06 12.74 -9.28 12.34 IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares 15.94 5.50 11.22 10.18 8.10 **Cumulative Return\*** Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 7 YTD 3 Months 6 Months 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years 1.60 MKC Invest Classic Active 7 4.09 0.75 2.85 9.47 23.07 3.05 10.99 Baseline Benchmark 7 4.76 -0.32 10.69 37.46 IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares 4.01 0.53 3.84 9.10 3.94 22.37

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**Equity Sector Exposure** 

%

70.0

30.0

100.0

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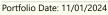
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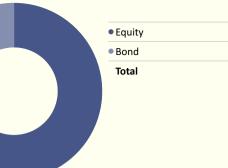
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Portfolio



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Equity Regional Exposure - MKC Invest Classic Active 7

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United Kingdom

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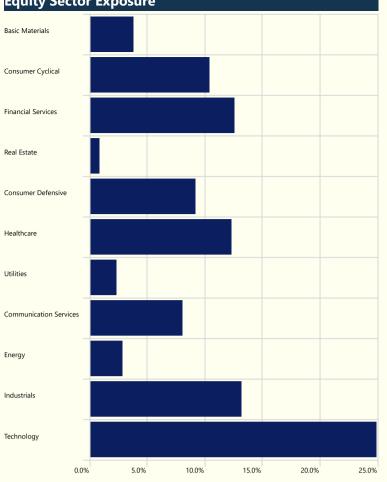
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Total

Latin America

Africa/Middle East Europe emrg



### Top 10 Underlying Securities:

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s:

|   | Weighting % |
|---|-------------|
| Microsoft Corp                            | 2.79        |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24       | 2.41        |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24      | 1.61        |
| Novo Nordisk A/S Class B                  | 1.20        |
| NVIDIA Corp                               | 1.15        |
| Apple Inc                                 | 1.13        |
| Broadcom Inc                              | 1.12        |
| Meta Platforms Inc Class A                | 1.04        |
| Us 5yr Note (Cbt) Sep24                   | 0.95        |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd | 0.95        |
|   |             |

| Funds                                    | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|--|--------------------------|
| Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc  | 7.00                     |
| Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP      | 7.00                     |
| Fundsmith Equity I Acc                   | 6.50                     |
| BNY Mellon Long-Term Global Eq Int W Acc | 6.00                     |
| L&G Global Technology Index I Acc        | 6.00                     |
| M&G Global Dividend GBP l Acc            | 6.00                     |
| Fidelity Global Special Sits W Acc       | 5.50                     |
| Aegon Strategic Bond GBP S Acc           | 5.00                     |
| Artemis Strategic Bond I Quarterly Acc   | 5.00                     |
| Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc     | 5.00                     |
| Vanguard FTSE Glb All Cp ldx £ Acc       | 5.00                     |
| Artemis SmartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP    | 4.50                     |
| Baillie Gifford International B Acc      | 4.50                     |
| Jupiter Corporate Bond I Acc             | 4.50                     |
| Vanguard Glb Corp Bd ldx £ H Acc         | 4.50                     |
| Janus Henderson European Smr Coms I Acc  | 4.00                     |
| Orbis OEIC Global Equity Standard        | 4.00                     |
| Vanguard € Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc           | 4.00                     |
| WS Gresham House UK Smaller Coms C Acc   | 4.00                     |
| iShares Ovrs Govt Bd ldx (UK) D Acc £Hdg | 2.00                     |

Portfolio

| Costs | and | Charg | es |
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|------------------------|-------|
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## MKC Invest Classic Active 8 July 2024

| Portfolio Objective:  | Inception Date: 06.01.2023 |  |               |
|---|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| The MKC Classic Active portfolio 8 aims to diversified portfolio of collective investments  |                            |  | Equity Target |
| course of a market cycle through active asset allocation and the selection of predominantly | Moderately Adventurous 80% |  |               |
|   |                            |  |               |

#### **Market Overview**

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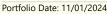
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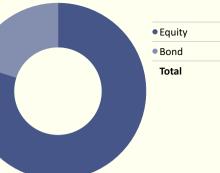


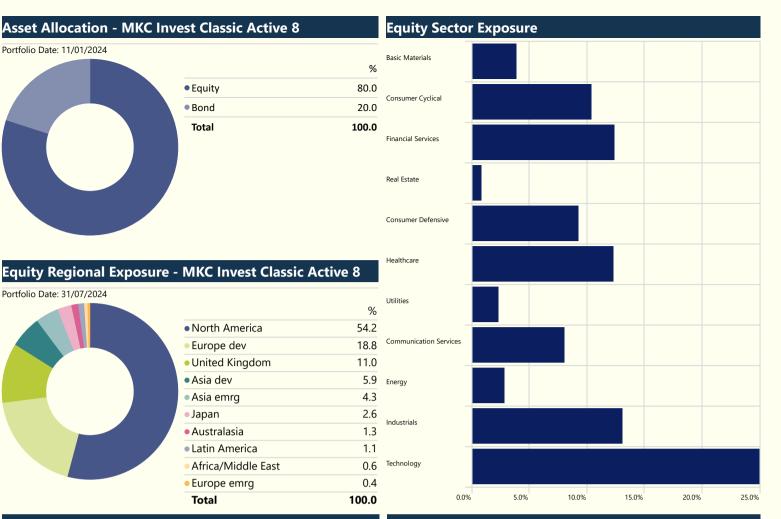
|  | 2019   | 20       | 020      | 2021   | 2022    | 2023    |  |
|--|--|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| MKC Invest Classic Active 8                        | 16.44  | 14       | 1.73     | 10.49  | -11.77  | 9.11    |  |
| Baseline Benchmark 8                               | 18.80  | 11       | .76      | 14.95  | -8.71   | 13.29   |  |
| IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares                  | 15.94  | 5        | 5.50     | 11.22  | -10.18  | 8.10    |  |
| Cumulative Return*                                 |  |          |          |        |         |         |  |
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline | Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 8 |          |          |        |         |         |  |
|  | YTD  | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |  |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 8                        | 4.07   | 0.10     | 2.55     | 9.40   | 1.98    | 26.00   |  |
| Baseline Benchmark 8                               | 4.97   | -0.96    | 2.87     | 11.14  | 13.71   | 44.04   |  |
| IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares                  | 4.01   | 0.53     | 3.84     | 9.10   | 3.94    | 22.37   |  |

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# Total Top 10 Underlying Securities:

| Funds: |
|--------|
|        |

Funds

|   | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|---|--------------------------|
| Microsoft Corp                            | 3.22                     |
| 5 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24       | 1.69                     |
| Novo Nordisk A/S Class B                  | 1.39                     |
| NVIDIA Corp                               | 1.34                     |
| Apple Inc                                 | 1.31                     |
| Broadcom Inc                              | 1.29                     |
| Meta Platforms Inc Class A                | 1.22                     |
| 10 Year Treasury Note Future Sept 24      | 1.13                     |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd | 1.09                     |
| Alphabet Inc Class A                      | 0.86                     |

North America

United Kingdom

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Australasia

Latin America

Africa/Middle East Europe emrg

| Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc  | 8.00 |
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| Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP      | 8.00 |
| Fundsmith Equity I Acc                   | 7.50 |
| BNY Mellon Long-Term Global Eq Int W Acc | 7.00 |
| L&G Global Technology Index I Acc        | 7.00 |
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| Baillie Gifford International B Acc      | 5.50 |
| Vanguard FTSE Glb All Cp ldx £ Acc       | 5.50 |
| Artemis SmartGARP Glb EM Eq I Acc GBP    | 5.00 |
| Janus Henderson European Smr Coms I Acc  | 4.50 |
| Orbis OEIC Global Equity Standard        | 4.50 |
| WS Gresham House UK Smaller Coms C Acc   | 4.50 |
| Aegon Strategic Bond GBP S Acc           | 3.50 |
| Artemis Strategic Bond I Quarterly Acc   | 3.50 |
| Janus Henderson Strategic Bond I Acc     | 3.50 |
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| Vanguard Glb Corp Bd ldx £ H Acc         | 3.00 |

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Costs and Charges:

Underlying fund costs:

DIM Charge:

Total Cost:



### MKC Invest Classic Active 9 July 2024

| Portfolio Objective:  | Inception Date: 06.01.2023  |   |               |
|---|---|---|---------------|
|   | to provide long-term capital growth from a nts managed such that the risk level of the                    |   | Equity Target |
| portfolio will be suitable for an investor at le<br>risk. The portfolio aims to outperform (net o | vel 9 on the MKC "Baseline" scale of investment<br>f any investment costs but not necessarily net of      | Adventurous   | 90%           |
|   | custody) this strategic asset allocation over the et allocation and the selection of predominantly iders. | Baseline Benchmark 9:<br>90% Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure<br>10% Morningstar Global Core Bond (GBP) Hedged |               |

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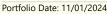
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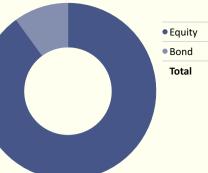
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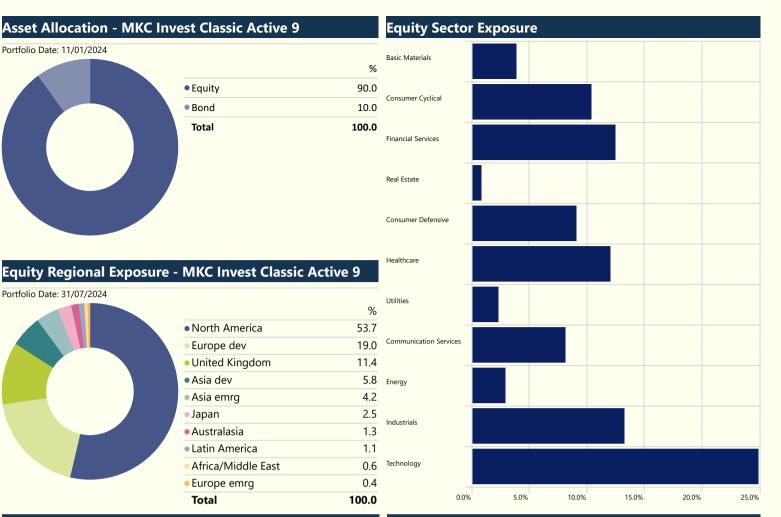
#### **Historic Performance\*** Time Period: 06/08/2019 to 05/08/2024 80.0% 60.0% 40.0% 20.0% 0.0% -20.0% 2019 2021 2023 2020 2022 2024 - MKC Invest Classic Active 9 28.6% — Baseline Benchmark 9 50.8% — IA Global 43.5% **Calendar Year Returns\*** Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 9 2023 2019 2020 2021 2022 MKC Invest Classic Active 9 18.02 15.50 11.46 -12.07 9.50 **Baseline Benchmark 9** 20.40 12.42 17.20 -8.15 14.24 IA Global 22.01 14.81 17.57 -11.34 12.66 **Cumulative Return\*** Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: Baseline Benchmark 9 YTD 3 Months 6 Months 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years MKC Invest Classic Active 9 -0.65 2.10 8.98 2.04 28.61 3.98 **Baseline Benchmark 9** 5.16 -1.60 2.68 11.58 16.46 50.82 IA Global 3.67 -2.05 1.83 9.20 8.84 43.53

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### Top 10 Underlying Securities:

Funds:

|   | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|---|--------------------------|
| Microsoft Corp                            | 3.57                     |
| NVIDIA Corp                               | 1.52                     |
| Novo Nordisk A/S Class B                  | 1.50                     |
| Apple Inc                                 | 1.48                     |
| Broadcom Inc                              | 1.46                     |
| Meta Platforms Inc Class A                | 1.33                     |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd | 1.21                     |
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| Alphabet Inc Class A                      | 0.94                     |
| Alphabet Inc Class C                      | 0.80                     |

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United Kingdom

Europe dev

Asia dev

Asia emrg Japan

Australasia

Total

Latin America

Africa/Middle East Europe emrg

| Funds                                    | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|--|--------------------------|
| Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc  | 9.00                     |
| Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP      | 9.00                     |
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| Aegon Strategic Bond GBP B Acc           | 2.00                     |
| Artemis Strategic Assets I Acc           | 2.00                     |
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| Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx £ H Acc         | 1.50                     |

Portfolio

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| Costs and | Charges: |
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|-----------|----------|

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|--|--|--|-----------------|
| The MKC Classic Active portfolio 10 aims t<br>diversified portfolio of collective investment   |  |  | Equity Target   |
| portfolio will be suitable for an investor at level 10 on<br>risk. The portfolio aims to outperform (net of any inve<br>any costs relating to financial planning or custody) t | 10 on the MKC "Baseline" scale of investment any investment costs but not necessarily net of | Adventurous  | 100%            |
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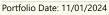
#### **Historic Performance\***



| - MKC Invest Classic Active 10          | 30.8% — Baseline E       | Benchmark 10 | 57.      | 8% —IA Global |         | 43.5%   |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|---------|---------|
|   | Ca                       | lendar Year  | Returns* |               |         |         |
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmar | k: Baseline Benchmark 10 |              |          |               |         |         |
|   | 2019                     | 2            | 2020     | 2021          | 2022    | 2023    |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 10            | —                        | 1            | 6.75     | 11.74         | -11.98  | 10.18   |
| Baseline Benchmark 10                   | 22.01                    | 1            | 3.04     | 19.48         | -7.60   | 15.20   |
| IA Global                               | 22.01                    | 1            | 4.81     | 17.57         | -11.34  | 12.66   |
|   | (                        | Cumulative R | Return*  |               |         |         |
| Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmar | k: Baseline Benchmark 10 |              |          |               |         |         |
|   | YTD                      | 3 Months     | 6 Months | 1 Year        | 3 Years | 5 Years |
| MKC Invest Classic Active 10            | 3.99                     | -1.27        | 1.81     | 8.97          | 2.73    | 30.81   |
| Baseline Benchmark 10                   | 5.35                     | -2.25        | 2.47     | 12.01         | 19.25   | 57.81   |
| IA Global                               | 3.67                     | -2.05        | 1.83     | 9.20          | 8.84    | 43.53   |

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Equity Regional Exposure - MKC Invest Classic Active 10

North America

United Kingdom

Europe dev

Asia dev

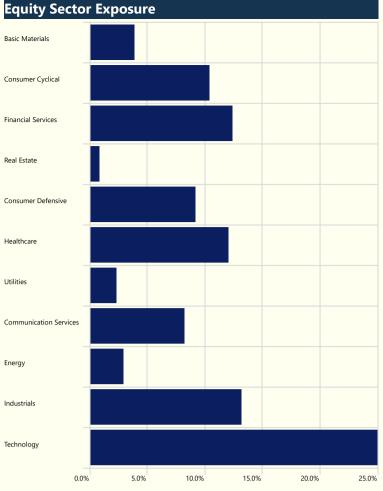
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Portfolio

|   | Weighting % |
|---|-------------|
| Microsoft Corp                            | 4.01        |
| NVIDIA Corp                               | 1.72        |
| Apple Inc                                 | 1.67        |
| Novo Nordisk A/S Class B                  | 1.67        |
| Broadcom Inc                              | 1.64        |
| Meta Platforms Inc Class A                | 1.51        |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd | 1.35        |
| Alphabet Inc Class A                      | 1.05        |
| Alphabet Inc Class C                      | 0.90        |
| Imperial Brands PLC                       | 0.72        |
|   |             |

| Funds                                    | Portfolio<br>Weighting % |
|--|--------------------------|
| Guinness Global Equity Income Y GBP Acc  | 10.00                    |
| Liontrust Global Dividend C Acc GBP      | 10.00                    |
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