

Fairstone Pure Passive 8

Investment Aim

The Portfolio is designed to provide risk adjusted returns. It aims to achieve capital appreciation and reduce investment risk through diversification across asset classes and geographies.

This portfolio is managed to maximise risk adjusted returns within a target volatility range of 13.6-17.2% over rolling 10-year time periods. This is not guaranteed, and actual volatility may fluctuate outside of these boundaries.

Ranking the risk on a scale of between 1 and 10, where 1 is the lowest, Fairstone place this portfolio as 8.

The Portfolio is likely to be predominantly invested in fixed income and equities.

Investment Growth



Simulated Performance

Please note performance prior to 1 October 2021 is based in simulated past performance. In order to provide an indication of how the portfolio would have performed in the past, we have produced simulated past performance from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. The simulated performance is based on the actual performance history of the funds within the portfolios using our historical tactical asset allocation, rebalanced to quarterly and adjusted annually. Full details are available on request. The simulated past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Cumulative Performance

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Fairstone Pure Passive 8	12.94%	38.35%	43.82%
IA Flexible Investment	12.11%	31.32%	32.91%

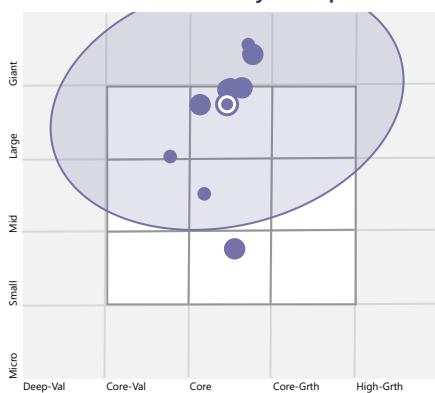
Calendar Year Returns

	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fairstone Pure Passive 8	12.94	12.94	11.86	9.51	-7.63	12.53
IA Flexible Investment	12.11	12.11	9.16	7.31	-9.13	11.38

Portfolio Overview

Portfolio Manager	Imogen Hamblly
Investment Universe	Open Ended Funds
Yield	1.61%
Portfolio Start Date	01/10/2021
Ongoing Fund Costs	0.09%
DFM Fee	0.15%
Total Portfolio Charge	0.24%

Investment Style Map



Risk Scale

8

Target 10 Year Volatility

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Portfolio Managers Market Commentary

Portfolio Manager Imogen Hambly

Imogen is a CFA Charterholder and also holds the Investment Management Certificate along with the Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning. She has worked in the industry since 2014 with an emphasis on investment research & analysis.

December closed out 2025 with a tone of cautious optimism across global markets. While pockets of volatility persisted, the prevailing narrative was one of consolidation rather than capitulation. Investors weighed the supportive effects of easing inflation and selective central bank rate cuts against ongoing concerns surrounding valuations and geopolitical uncertainty. Against this backdrop, both equity and fixed income markets delivered mixed outcomes.

In line with trends observed earlier in the year, market leadership continued to broaden, with UK, European and Emerging Market equities outperforming US stocks. This broadening was also evident at the sector level, where cyclical and value sectors outperformed growth, reflecting investor demand for diversification amid growing questions over the sustainability of AI-driven spending trends.

Within the US, the S&P 500 declined 1.6% in GBP terms, outperforming the Nasdaq, which fell 2.1%, as technology stocks - key drivers of 2025's rally - faced valuation headwinds. While investor caution toward US equities increased, a portion of these declines reflected currency movements following the Federal Reserve's third rate cut of the year.

Closer to home, European equities outperformed their US counterparts, supported by lower exposure to high-valuation technology stocks and stabilising energy prices. The MSCI Europe ex UK Index rose 2.2%, capping a strong period for the region, with defensive sectors and financials contributing meaningfully amid optimism around fiscal expansion and easing inflation. UK equities ended the year on a similarly positive note, with the FTSE 100 gaining 2.2% and the FTSE 250 advancing 1.7%, driven by strength in mining and defence stocks alongside expectations of further Bank of England rate cuts.

Elsewhere, emerging market gains were underpinned by strong performances from semiconductor-linked stocks in South Korea and Taiwan, where returns have been notably strong throughout the year. Japanese equities, however, ended the year more subdued, with the MSCI Japan Index declining 1.1% after the Bank of Japan's surprise 25 bps rate hike dampened sentiment.

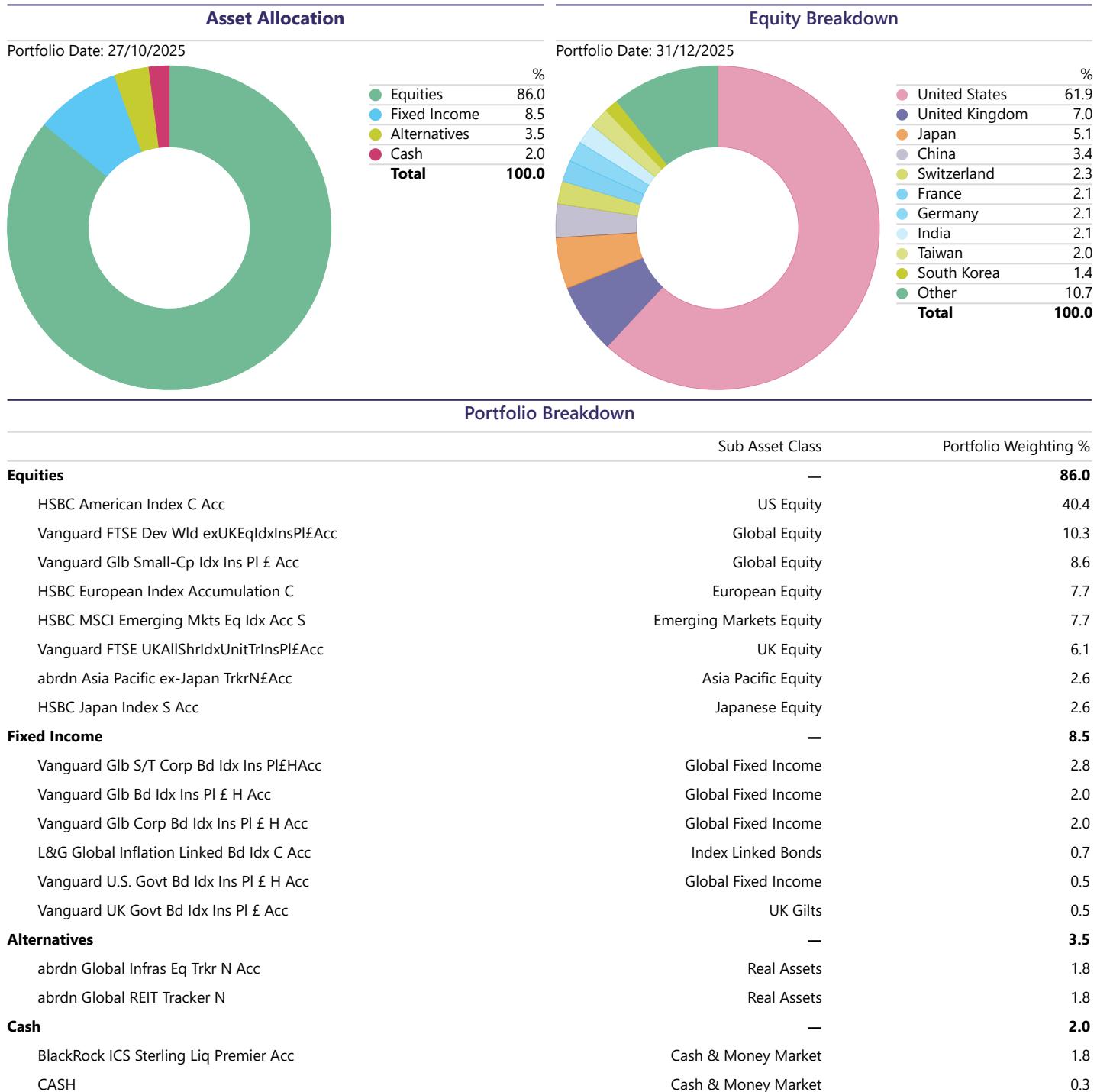
Across bond markets, returns were mixed as investors navigated a complex environment of policy divergence and shifting inflation expectations. Global government bonds delivered modestly negative returns as long-dated yields rose, while corporate credit outperformed, supported by tighter spreads and resilient fundamentals.

At a policy level, the Federal Reserve implemented its third consecutive 25 bps rate cut, while the Bank of England also reduced rates by 25 bps, with easing inflation and signs of labour market softening providing scope for further policy accommodation in the UK.

Looking ahead, disinflation trends, central bank policy trajectories and the resilience of global growth remain the dominant themes. In this environment, regional equity diversification and allocations to high-quality fixed income continue to play a central role in constructing resilient portfolios.

Against this backdrop, portfolio performance was negative, with exposure to US equities and bonds weighing on returns. At a regional level, overweight positions in the UK, Emerging Markets and Asia proved beneficial: the Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index rose 2.2%, the HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets Equity Index gained 1.3%, and the abrdn Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Tracker added 1.0%. European equities were the strongest regional contributor, with the HSBC European Index advancing 2.6%. By contrast, US market weakness detracted, as the HSBC American Index fell 0.5% and the Vanguard FTSE Developed World ex-UK Index declined 0.6%. Real assets struggled amid rising long-dated yields, while short-term bonds and UK government bonds provided valuable stability.

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Target Market

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Clients' risk tolerance and compatibility of the risk/reward profile of the product with the target market: Due to the volatility of the markets in which the service may invest e.g. equity, bond and property markets the service has a risk and reward profile that is compatible with clients who have a risk tolerance aligned to the Investment Aim of the portfolio. Investors should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of possible higher returns.

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