

# Fairstone Responsible 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



—Fairstone Responsible Passive 8				12.9%	— IA Flexible Investment		15.6%			
Cumulative Performance				Calendar Year Returns						
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years		YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fairstone Responsible Passive 8	1.91%	—	—	Fairstone Responsible Passive 8	-4.37	8.69	8.53	—	—	—
IA Flexible Investment	2.00%	9.62%	35.90%	IA Flexible Investment	-2.89	9.16	7.31	-9.13	11.38	7.01

### Portfolio Overview

Portfolio Manager	Imogen Hambly
Investment Universe	Open Ended Funds
Yield	0.80%
Portfolio Start Date	01/07/2022
Ongoing Fund Costs	0.19%
Transactional & Incidental Costs	0.11%
DFM Fee	0.20%
Total Portfolio Charge	0.50%

### Investment Style Map

### Risk Scale

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Target 10 Year Volatility

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## Portfolio Managers Market Commentary



### Portfolio Manager

Imogen Hambly

April saw heightened volatility in global markets, driven by aggressive US trade policy announcements. Early in the month, President Trump outlined sweeping trade tariffs on almost every other country, including a base tariff of 10%, plus additional 'reciprocal' tariffs on select nations. Although exemptions for certain electronic product and a temporary pause on some reciprocal tariffs moderated the initial impact, economists have been quick to downgrade their growth outlooks for 2025.

From a market perspective, the first few days of the month were characterised by severe stress, with all major global indices falling sharply on news of tariffs. As the month progressed, many regions saw recoveries, though fluctuations in currency markets added to volatility. The global equity index closed down 2.6% in GBP, with negative returns from the U.S. weighing on the index.

Through the month, data showed U.S. GDP contracted by 0.3% in Q1, although underlying consumer spending remained robust. Inflation remained subdued across the region, supporting the European Central Bank's continued accommodative stance. UK inflation eased to 2.6% in March, though a rebound is anticipated in April due to higher regulated utility prices and rising labour costs. The Bank of England is expected to continue its cautious policy easing.

In Europe, Q1 GDP growth improved slightly to 0.4%, driven by consumer spending and an acceleration in export activity ahead of US tariffs. Inflation remained subdued across the region, supporting the European Central Bank's continued accommodative stance. UK inflation eased to 2.6% in March, though a rebound is anticipated in April due to higher regulated utility prices and rising labour costs. The Bank of England is expected to continue its cautious policy easing.

Market volatility extended to bond markets, where changing trade policies led to fluctuations in interest rate and inflation expectations. Despite elevated intra-month moves, government bond yields generally edged downwards, supporting bond prices. The global bond index gained 1.0%.

In currencies, the US dollar weakened amid growth concerns and uncertainty about longer-term demand for US assets, while safe-haven assets such as gold gained significantly, reflecting heightened investor caution amid persistent trade-related uncertainties.

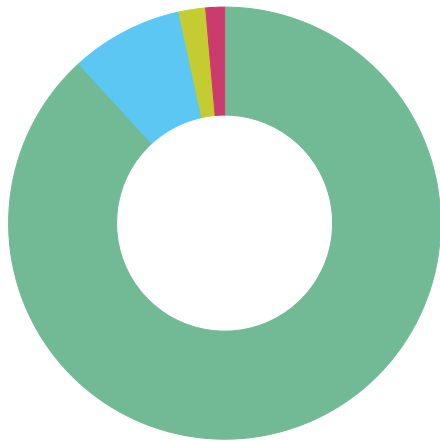
Looking ahead, unpredictable trade policies, ongoing inflationary pressures, and divergent fiscal responses are expected to sustain market volatility. Investors are advised to focus on diversification across geographies and asset classes while maintaining flexibility to adapt to evolving conditions.

Against this backdrop the portfolios generally returned losses, with U.S. and Emerging Market equity allocations weighing heavily on growth. While U.S. equities rebounded strongly in USD terms, for GBP investors, the weakening of the dollar hampered returns from the region, with the *Amundi MSCI USA SRI Climate Paris Aligned* fund falling 5.2%. Our holding in the *L&G Healthcare Breakthrough UCITS ETF* was another notable detractor through the month, falling 3.9%, again weighed on by movements in USD/GBP. Elsewhere, regional equity diversification proved beneficial, with sustainability related tilts adding value in both Europe and the UK. Fixed income allocations continued to provide protection – particularly those to UK government bonds and global green bonds. Once again, our holding in the *WisdomTree Core Physical Gold* provided an effective hedge to equity market volatility, rising 2.4% through the month.

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## Asset Allocation

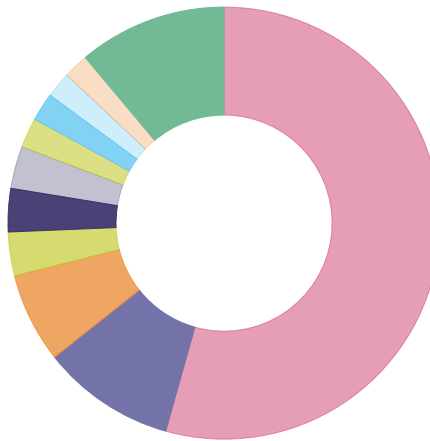
Portfolio Date: 24/04/2025



Equities	88.2	%
Fixed Income	8.4	
Cash	2.0	
Alternatives	1.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

## Equity Breakdown

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2025



United States	54.4	%
United Kingdom	10.0	
Japan	6.7	
Switzerland	3.3	
Australia	3.2	
China	3.2	
Taiwan	2.2	
France	2.1	
India	1.9	
Netherlands	1.9	
Other	11.1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

## Portfolio Breakdown

	Sub Asset Class	Portfolio Weighting %
<b>Equities</b>	—	<b>88.20</b>
Amundi MSCI EurSRICmtPrsAlgd IG C	European Equity	7.70
Amundi MSCI Jpn SRI ClmtPrsAlgd IG C	Japanese Equity	4.30
Amundi MSCI Pac Ex Jpn SRICmtPrsAlgdIG	Asia Pacific Equity	4.30
Amundi MSCI UK IMI SRI Clmt PrsAlgdIGGBP	UK Equity	7.70
Amundi MSCI USASRICmtParisAligned-IG(C)	US Equity	30.10
L&G Clean Energy ETF USD Acc	Global Equity	1.10
L&G Clean Water ETF	Global Equity	1.10
L&G Healthcare Breakthrough ETF	Global Equity	1.80
Vanguard ESG Em Mkts AllCpEqIdxInsPI£Acc	Emerging Markets Equity	8.60
Vanguard ESGScrnDevWldAllCpEqIdxInsPIAcc	Global Equity	21.50
<b>Fixed Income</b>	—	<b>8.40</b>
iShares \$ TIPS 0-5 ETF GBP H Dist	Global Fixed Income	1.70
iShares Green Bd Idx (IE) D Acc GBP H	Global Fixed Income	2.50
iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr ETF GBP Dist	UK Gilts	1.70
Vanguard ESG Glb Corp Bd Idx Ins PI£HAcc	Global Fixed Income	2.50
<b>Cash</b>	—	<b>2.00</b>
BlackRock ICS Stlg LiqEnvtyAwrr Prem Acc	Cash & Money Market	1.75
CASH	Cash & Money Market	0.25
<b>Alternatives</b>	—	<b>1.40</b>
WisdomTree Core Physical Gold	Commodities	1.40

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## Target Market

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**Type of investors:** Given the nature of non-complex UCITS funds the service is suitable for retail investors, professional clients and eligible counterparties. The service is predominantly designed for the use of retail investors.

**Investors' knowledge and experience:** Investors with basic, informed or advanced knowledge and experience of capital markets and investment risks and of funds and their characteristics.

**Clients' financial situation with a focus on the ability to bear losses:** Investors have a tolerance to fluctuations in capital invested and potential capital loss.

**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.

**Clients' objectives and needs:** Depending on the duration of the investment the portfolio may be suitable for clients who have a medium-term investment horizon (at least 5 years).

**Clients who should not invest (the 'negative-target market'):** This portfolio is deemed incompatible for clients who require full capital protection and/or are seeking on-demand full repayment of the amounts invested or who are fully risk averse/have no risk tolerance.

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