

# Fairstone Liontrust Income 4

## 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 6.5% and 10% 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, we place this portfolio as 4.

## Investment Growth

Time Period: 01/08/2021 to 31/07/2026



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22.5% — IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

21.2%

### Cumulative Performance

|                                   | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Fairstone Liontrust Income 4      | 10.84% | 31.98%  | 22.45%  |
| IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares | 9.93%  | 28.01%  | 21.20%  |

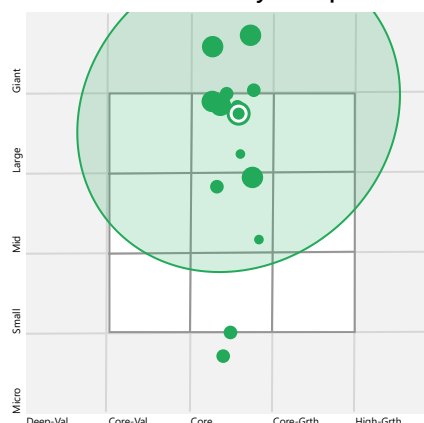
### Calendar Year Returns

|                                   | YTD  | 2025  | 2024 | 2023 | 2022   | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|--------|------|
| Fairstone Liontrust Income 4      | 6.05 | 10.60 | 6.43 | 6.56 | -10.13 | 7.64 |
| IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares | 5.08 | 10.24 | 6.18 | 6.86 | -9.67  | 6.31 |

## Portfolio Overview

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Portfolio Manager      | Liontrust        |
| Investment Universe    | Open Ended Funds |
| Yield                  | 1.76%            |
| Portfolio Start Date   | 31/05/2019       |
| Last Rebalance Date    | 31/07/2026       |
| Ongoing Fund Costs     | 0.28%            |
| DFM Fee                | 0.25%            |
| Total Portfolio Charge | 0.53%            |

## Investment Style Map



## Risk Scale

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Target 10 Year Volatility

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## Investment Adviser's Market Commentary



### Investment Adviser

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Markets have been behaving like swans: relatively calm on the surface while paddling furiously underneath. The elevated volatility has generally not come at the index level, with the odd exception like South Korea, but rather for individual stocks.

There have been different factors driving this volatility for companies, including reassessments of which companies will benefit from and be negatively impacted by AI, the delay in interest rate reductions and the on-off conflict in the Middle East leading to ongoing gyrations in the oil price. Along with this volatility for stocks, we have seen further signs of market leadership and style rotation. In our view, this environment may support the case for active management of Tactical Asset Allocation (TAA) and diversified portfolios.

This is shown by the fact that global equity markets delivered a negative return of 1.1% in sterling terms in July but companies experienced significant single day moves in share prices.<sup>1</sup> In one notable example, a 15% rise in Microsoft's share price added more market value than the entire market capitalisation for most European companies in a single trading session.<sup>2</sup> There has also been divergence in returns between equity markets. While the UK rose 3.9%, and reached new record highs in early August, emerging markets and Asia ex-Japan fell 4.6% and 3.8% respectively in sterling terms.<sup>1</sup> South Korea experienced particularly sharp volatility, rising 10.8%, falling 6.0% and rising 17.9% over three consecutive days.<sup>3</sup>

Momentum stocks, which have dominated returns for much of the last 18 months, fell 10.8% in sterling terms during July.<sup>1</sup> The pullback was driven largely by weakness in semiconductor and AI-related stocks, including Samsung and SK Hynix. Technology remains one of the strongest-performing sectors of the year, with the main driver now coming from 10 companies instead of the usual Magnificent Seven.

The momentum of equity markets reflects the rise of passive investing, as well as the growing use of leveraged exchange-traded products in some jurisdictions; by the end of 2025, passives represented a majority of US long-term fund and ETF assets. While passive investing has clear benefits, there is an ongoing debate about how it can amplify valuation distortions. If passive vehicles dominate market flows, we believe they will continue to support stocks regardless of their business fundamentals and valuation. Any flow into a market capitalisation weighted index will go more to the mega and large caps than to smaller companies. This risks a virtuous cycle of net inflows favouring the largest companies, whose share price therefore rises and gets yet more of the net flow.

There are tentative signs, however, that we might be seeing the early stages of a rotation towards small and mid cap stocks which we believe offer more attractive valuations in aggregate. This is part of indications that investors are becoming selective, seeking out companies delivering strong earnings and robust fundamentals while becoming less willing to overlook stretched valuations. If these developments become trends, we believe they will favour active management going forward.

Fixed income markets experienced a difficult month. Global aggregate bonds fell 2.8% in US dollar terms, with government bonds leading declines as inflation concerns pushed yields higher.<sup>1</sup> US Treasuries returned -2.5% and UK gilts -3.6%, while uncertainty surrounding the Federal Reserve's policy direction added further pressure.

Credit markets proved more resilient, however. Healthy corporate balance sheets and robust earnings helped support income-oriented assets, with global corporate bonds falling in US dollar terms just 0.5%, global high yield was down 0.4% and European high yield delivered a positive return of 0.8% in euro terms.<sup>1</sup> Higher government bond yields offer improved long-term income opportunities from the asset class.

## Fund In Focus

### Federated Hermes Asia ex-Japan

When investing in Asian equities, blending complementary strategies is essential to balance the region's potential with its inherent risks. Our approach combines the defensive, value-driven philosophy of Federated Hermes Asia ex-Japan with the high-conviction, quality-focused strategy of Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities, creating a diversified blend aimed at delivering consistent, long-term returns.

The Federated Hermes Asia ex-Japan fund follows a contrarian strategy, aiming to find quality companies trading at significant discounts to their intrinsic value. Its flexible framework spans the quality spectrum, ensuring investments are underpinned by compelling risk-reward profiles. Capital preservation lies at the core of its approach, focusing on mitigating permanent capital loss rather than reacting to short-term volatility. This discipline is reflected in its largest positions, reserved for opportunities offering low downside risk and strong margins of safety.

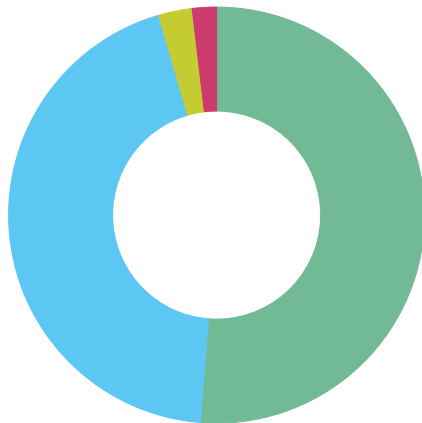
In contrast, Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities takes a concentrated, high-conviction approach, targeting stable, low-leverage companies with strong return potential. The fund's ability to invest beyond traditional benchmarks allows it to uncover opportunities in under-researched or off-benchmark stocks, delivering a differentiated return profile. With the stock selection process supported by Fidelity's extensive global research network, the fund leverages deep market insights to identify high-conviction opportunities, benefiting from a disciplined and research-driven approach to portfolio construction.

Together, these strategies offer a well-rounded exposure to Asian equities. Federated Hermes provides stability and downside protection through its defensive, value-oriented approach, while Fidelity captures growth opportunities with its dynamic, quality-driven philosophy. Their minimal overlap in holdings and low style correlation enhance diversification, ensuring resilience across market cycles. This thoughtful blend of capital preservation and growth potential delivers...

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## Asset Allocation

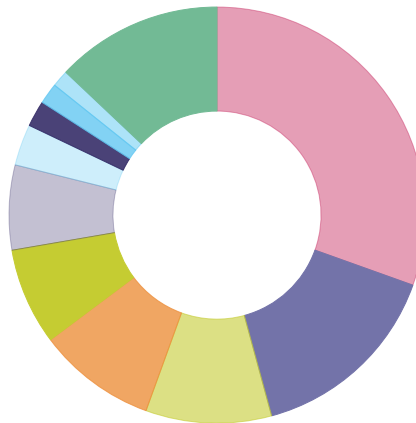
Portfolio Date: 20/05/2026



|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Fixed Income | 51.3         |
| Equities     | 44.3         |
| Cash         | 2.6          |
| Alternatives | 1.9          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

## Equity Breakdown

Portfolio Date: 31/07/2026



|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| United States  | 30.5         |
| United Kingdom | 15.3         |
| Taiwan         | 9.8          |
| Japan          | 9.2          |
| South Korea    | 7.5          |
| China          | 6.6          |
| India          | 3.2          |
| Australia      | 2.0          |
| France         | 1.6          |
| Hong Kong      | 1.3          |
| Other          | 13.0         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |

## Portfolio Breakdown

|                                          | Sub Asset Class          | Portfolio Weighting % |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                      | —                        | <b>51.3</b>           |
| Liontrust GF Global Corp Bd C11 Acc £    | Global Fixed Income      | 14.8                  |
| HSBC Global Government Bond ETFS2CHGBP   | Global Fixed Income      | 14.2                  |
| Liontrust GF High Yield Bond C11 AccGBPH | Global Fixed Income      | 9.0                   |
| iShares UK Gilts All Stks Idx (UK) D Inc | UK Gilts                 | 8.8                   |
| Liontrust GF Glb ShortDtdCorp C11AccGBPH | Global Fixed Income      | 4.5                   |
| <b>Equities</b>                          | —                        | <b>44.3</b>           |
| Fidelity Index Emerging Markets P Inc    | Emerging Markets Equity  | 10.5                  |
| Fidelity Index US P Inc                  | US Equity                | 6.6                   |
| Schroder US Eq Inc Mxmsr Z Inc £         | US Equity                | 5.0                   |
| Schroder Asian Income L GBP Inc          | Asia Pacific Equity      | 4.5                   |
| IFSL Evenlode Income B Inc               | UK Equity                | 4.0                   |
| Liontrust UK Smaller Companies I Inc     | UK Equity                | 2.7                   |
| Fidelity Index Japan P Inc               | Japanese Equity          | 2.1                   |
| abrdn Asia Pacific ex-Japan TrkrN£Acc    | Asia Pacific Equity      | 1.9                   |
| BlackRock Continental Eurp Inc D Inc     | European Equity          | 1.8                   |
| CT American Smaller Coms(US) Z Inc GBP   | US Equity                | 1.7                   |
| M&G Japan GBP I Inc                      | Japanese Equity          | 1.2                   |
| Fidelity Index Europe ex UK P Inc        | European Equity          | 1.0                   |
| Baillie Gifford Japanese B Acc           | Japanese Equity          | 0.8                   |
| Barings Europe Select I GBP Inc          | European Equity          | 0.6                   |
| <b>Cash</b>                              | —                        | <b>2.6</b>            |
| Fidelity Cash W Acc                      | Cash & Money Market      | 2.4                   |
| CASH                                     | Cash & Money Market      | 0.3                   |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                      | —                        | <b>1.9</b>            |
| FP Foresight Divrsfd RI Ast A GBP Acc    | Higher Risk Alternatives | 1.9                   |

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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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