

# Fairstone Multi Instrument 8

## Investment Aim

The Fairstone Multi-Instrument Portfolio 8 is a diversified multi asset portfolio, investing in a broad range of direct equities, ETFs, investment trusts and open-ended funds. By blending our direct investment capabilities and asset allocation skills we look to optimise returns within a predetermined risk management range.

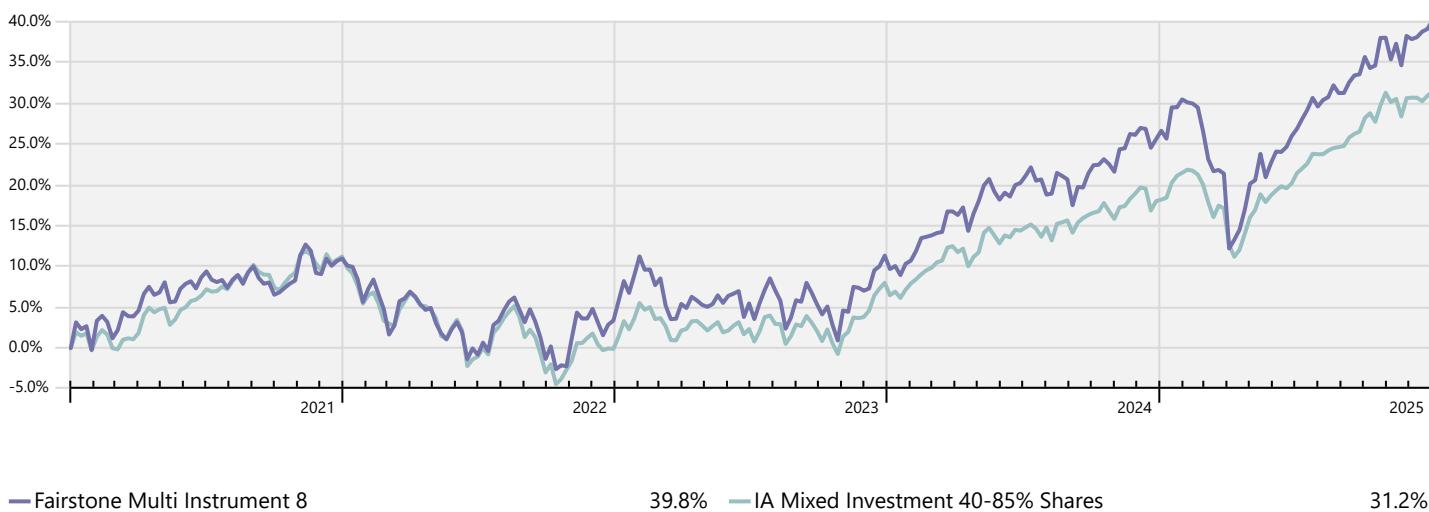
The portfolio aims to grow wealth by delivering returns well in excess of inflation over every rolling 5-year period while a relatively balanced approach maintains risk to capital at levels considerably lower than that of global stock markets and commodities.

The portfolio is managed to remain within Defaqto risk rating 8 (Adventurous) at all times. For a full explanation of the Defaqto risk rating system please consult your financial adviser.

**THIS PORTFOLIO IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE WITHIN OFFSHORE BOND WRAPPERS, DUE TO UNDERLYING HOLDINGS IN EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS.**

## Investment Growth

Time Period: 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2025



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39.8% — IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

31.2%

### Cumulative Performance

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Fairstone Multi Instrument 8	11.44%	35.20%	39.75%
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	11.62%	31.37%	31.24%

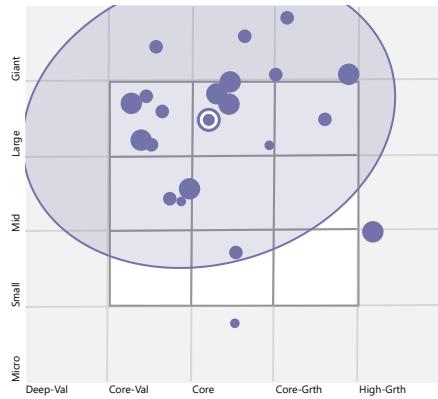
### Calendar Year Returns

	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fairstone Multi Instrument 8	11.44	11.44	12.63	7.71	-6.85	10.97
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	11.62	11.62	8.88	8.10	-10.18	11.22

### Portfolio Overview

Portfolio Manager	Harry Scargill
Investment Universe	Multi-Instrument
Yield	1.07%
Portfolio Start Date	01/01/2017
Ongoing Fund Costs	0.63%
DFM Fee	0.30%
Total Portfolio Charge	0.93%

### Investment Style Map



### Risk Scale

8

Target 10 Year Volatility

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

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## Portfolio Manager

### Harry Scargill



Harry joined Fairstone in August of 2021 from Brown Shipley where he worked as a portfolio manager and collectives analyst with a focus on closed-ended vehicles.

Harry holds the CISI Chartered Wealth Manager qualification.

## Portfolio Managers Market Commentary

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.

## Fund In Focus

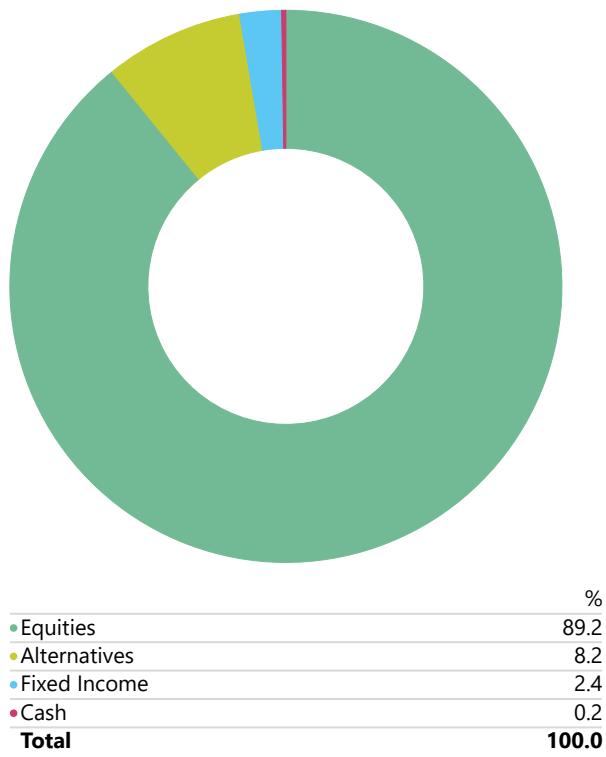
### Alliance Witan Trust

This strategy is an investment trust, managed by Willis Towers Watson (WTW) and it a multi-manager approach with 11 elite fund managers, each limited to a small selection (20, 40 for Emerging Markets mandates) of high-conviction stocks to maximise returns while balancing risk. The focus of the strategy is stock specific exposure, however WTW actively manages these allocations across global sectors and geographies to maintain diversification. The investment committee, led by WTW's Craig Baker can therefore act as a strong Core element of our equity allocation, providing diversification through a range of experienced and specialist fund managers.

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## Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/12/2025



## Portfolio Breakdown (Top 50)

Portfolio Weighting %

### Equities

	89.2
Alliance Witan Ord	11.2
JPM US Research Enh Eq Act ETF USD Acc	10.2
JPMorgan American Ord	9.9
GQG Partners Global Equity I GBP Acc	9.4
AVI Global Trust Ord	8.1
Invesco FTSE RAFI US 1000 ETF	6.0
Brown Advisory US Smaller Companies Ord	5.6
Scottish Mortgage Ord	5.2
TM Natixis Loomis Sayles US Eq Ldrs I/A£	2.9
HgCapital Trust Ord	2.5
Fidelity Special Values Ord	2.3
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Growth & Inc	2.3
Invesco FTSE RAFI Emerging Markets ETF	2.3
Dodge & Cox Worldwide US Stock A GBP	2.2
The European Smaller Companies Trust PLC	1.5
JPM AC APAC exJPRshEnhIdxEqActETF\$Acc	1.5
Man Japan CoreAlpha Profi Acc C	1.4
JPMorgan Japanese Ord	1.3
WS Lightman European I Acc	1.0
Strategic Equity Capital Ord	0.9
Tritax Big Box Ord	0.7
Finsbury Growth & Income Ord	0.7

### Alternatives

3i Infrastructure Ord	3.1
WisdomTree Core Physical Gold	2.6
WisdomTree Physical Silver ETC	1.8
LondonMetric Property PLC	0.7

### Fixed Income

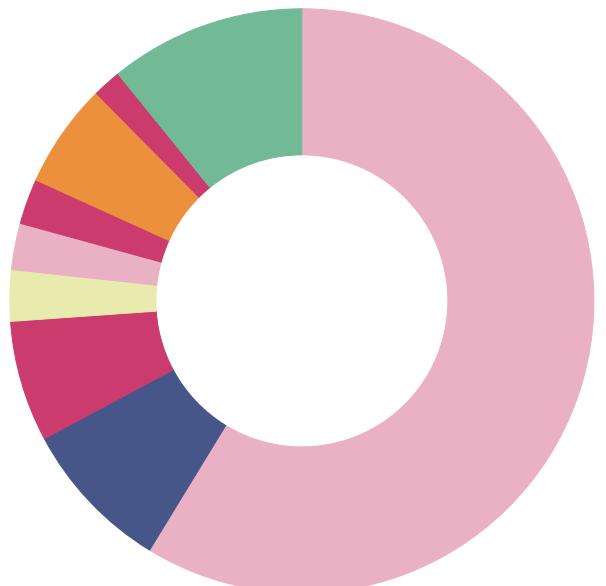
MGTS Fairstone Fixed Income GBP Acc	2.4
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### Cash

CASH	0.2
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## Equity Breakdown

Portfolio Date: 31/12/2025



%

United States	58.7
United Kingdom	8.5
Japan	6.7
China	2.8
India	2.6
France	2.5
Taiwan	2.4
Brazil	1.7
Germany	1.6
Switzerland	1.6
Other	10.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Target Market

Access to the portfolios is only available to investors on the recommendation of a financial adviser and it is the role of the adviser to determine the appropriateness and suitability of the portfolio to each investor's own personal needs, objectives and preferences.

**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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