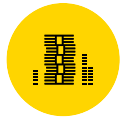


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# NFU MUTUAL 2023 FUND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

NFU Mutual Funds	31/12/22-31/12/23
Personal Pension Account Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Series 3	8.7
Flexibond Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Series 3	7.4
OEIC Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares C	9.2
Personal Pension Account Mixed Portfolio 40-85% Shares Series 3	8.3
Flexibond Mixed Portfolio 40-85% Shares Series 3	7.0
OEIC Mixed Portfolio 40-85% Shares C	8.7
Personal Pension Account Mixed Portfolio 20-60% Shares Series 3	7.9
Flexibond Mixed Portfolio 20-60% Shares Series 3	6.8
OEIC Mixed Portfolio 20-60% Shares C	8.3
Personal Pension Account UK Equity S3	4.6
Flexibond UK Equity S3	4.0
UK Growth C	4.1
Personal Pension Account UK Equity Income S3	5.9
Flexibond UK Equity Income S3	5.5
UK Equity Income C	6.4
Personal Pension Account International S3	11.9
Flexibond International S3	10.1
Global Growth C	12.6
Personal Pension Account Fixed Interest S3	8.0
Flexibond Fixed Interest S3	5.9
Gilt & Corporate Bond C	8.5
Personal Pension Account Index Linked S3	0.1
Personal Pension Account Deposit S3	3.9
Flexibond Deposit S3	2.9
Personal Pension Account Property S3	7.1

- In 2023 all our investment funds ended the year with positive returns.
- Both equities and bonds within our Mixed Portfolio funds achieved strong returns over the fourth quarter, and for 2023 as a whole.
- International returns have been strong over the fourth quarter and for 2023. The portfolios maintain well-diversified balances of exposures across sectors, geographies and companies and this remains a sensible approach to mitigate against risks.
- Government and corporate bonds delivered strong returns over the fourth quarter as rapidly falling inflation led investors to anticipate interest rate cuts in 2024.
- Deposit fund returns improved to reflect the Bank of England's raising of UK interest rates between December 2021 and August 2023, although returns are still below most of the major asset class returns in 2023.

Source: FE fund info 2024.  
 Basis: Bid – Bid. Gross Income reinvested: OEIC and Pension.  
 Net Income reinvested: Life.  
 5 year fund performances are shown on pages 49 to 55.

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# MARKET REVIEW

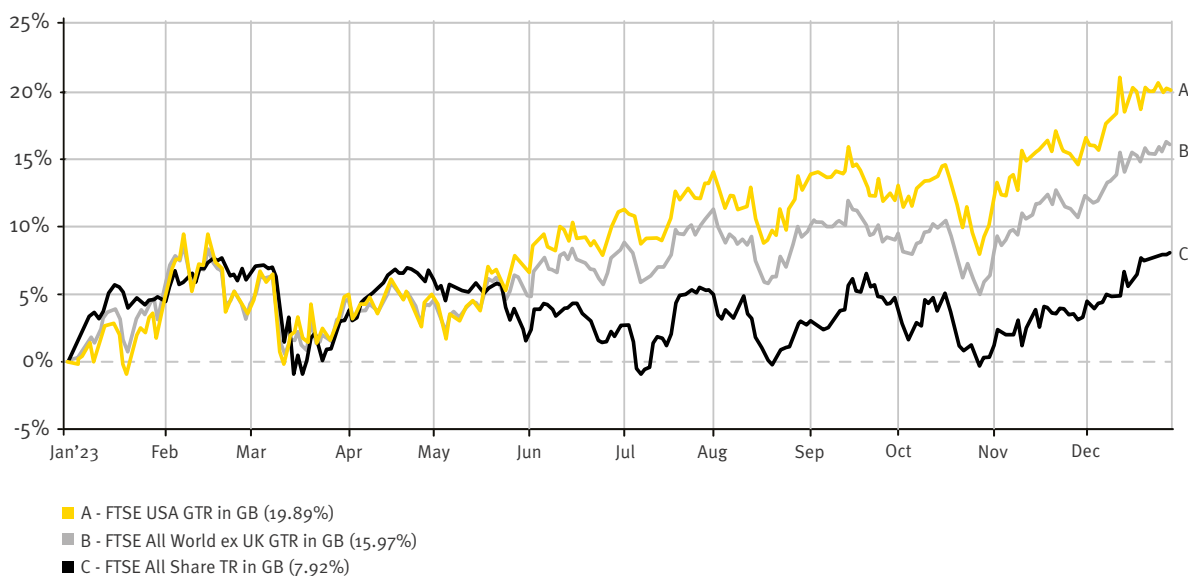
After some mixed progress for investment assets over the first nine months of 2023, the final quarter saw some excellent returns across most fixed income and equity markets. The main driver was better than expected reductions in inflation across key countries which encouraged investors to believe that central banks would be cutting interest rates sooner and by more than previously expected during 2024.

The fourth quarter started with losses due to concerns that global interest rates would need to stay higher for longer to fully subdue inflation

and from new geopolitical risks following the Israel-Hamas conflict. However, a run of better than expected economic and inflation data and a measured response to the economic impacts of events in the Middle East subsequently proved to be a winning combination for markets.

Inflation data saw substantial declines across the UK, Europe and the US during the quarter. In the UK, the headline consumer price inflation level fell from 6.7% down to 3.9%, with further declines expected in coming months. After a period of significant interest rate increases, the

## UK & international markets performed positively in 2023



	31/12/22 - 31/12/23	31/12/21 - 31/12/22	31/12/20 - 31/12/21	31/12/19 - 31/12/20	31/12/18 - 31/12/19
FTSE All Share TR in GB	7.9	0.3	18.3	-9.8	19.2
FTSE All World ex UK GTR in GB	16.0	-7.8	20.1	14.3	22.6
FTSE USA GTR in GB	19.9	-9.1	28.0	17.1	26.6

Data from FE fund info 2024

Bank of England maintained the bank rate at 5.25% throughout the quarter. Despite markets beginning to price in a number of interest rate cuts in 2024, the UK and European central banks continued to suggest that rates would need to remain high for longer, but crucially the US Federal Reserve softened its language and didn't discourage rate cut speculation and this propelled both equity and bond markets higher into year end.

Higher interest rates were expected to cause challenges to global economic growth, but although growth remained relatively subdued in many countries, the earlier recession fears have proved largely unfounded and the important US economy remained surprisingly healthy thanks to resilient consumer spending and increased fiscal support.

Equity markets saw widespread healthy gains across the quarter thanks to the improved outlook for inflation and interest rates. After outperforming other markets in a difficult 2022, the weakness of commodity prices held the UK market back due to its above average exposure to the energy and mining sectors, but the fourth quarter still achieved gains of 3.2%, taking the 2023 FTSE All-Share index return to 7.9%.

The relative strength of sterling continued to soften returns for UK investors in international equities, but the quarter still achieved sterling terms gains of 6.5%. This took returns for 2023 to 16.0% (an impressive 22.6% in local currency terms). All regions saw healthy gains in the quarter, but over the year the US had consistently led the way and ended with a gain of 19.9% thanks to a strong year for its large technology stocks amid excitement over the prospects for artificial intelligence. Europe and Japan also achieved double digit returns, but

concerns over China restricted Emerging Markets and Asia Pacific ex-Japan to more modest gains.

Following a difficult period for most bond markets, the benefits from greatly improved yields and growing expectations for a series of interest rate cuts saw strong returns for fixed income assets over the quarter, which took all categories into positive territory for 2023. UK gilts saw gains of 8.1% for the quarter and 3.7% for the year. Whilst 2023 returns for index-linked gilts were only 0.9%, corporate bonds, high yield bonds and emerging market debt achieved gains of 9.7%, 12.7% and 9.9% respectively.

UK commercial property had another challenging year with the combination of stubbornly high inflation and interest rates pushing property yields higher, leading to falls in capital values. The occupational market proved surprisingly resilient with rental growth continuing to be seen, with overall 2023 market returns expected to be slightly negative.

Although UK interest rates seem to have peaked at 5.25%, the significant increases over the last two years have greatly improved the returns on cash deposits.



Paul Glover  
Chief Investment Manager,  
January 2024

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# MARKET OUTLOOK

We have seen a roller-coaster of investor sentiment in recent years as markets have had to deal with a number of unexpected events such as the Covid pandemic and an invasion of Ukraine which has seen significantly higher inflation and interest rates. With economic growth being more resilient than initially feared and with encouraging recent declines in inflation creating hopes that central banks will soon be cutting interest rates, this proved supportive for both equities and fixed income assets as we approached 2024.

Having previously been in a long period of relatively subdued inflation, very supportive central bank policies and ongoing benefits from globalisation, this recent period created a very different investment environment with a number of challenges, but also one which has seen a notable improvement in yields on offer from fixed income assets such as government and corporate bonds.

Whilst ongoing geopolitical issues and a year coming up with a significant number of elections produces a lot of background noise, barring a significant escalation the main debate for investment markets is likely to revolve around the success of efforts to reduce inflation back to target levels and whether key economies can continue to avoid the previously feared recessions. Both headline and core (excluding the more volatile food and energy elements) inflation have now seen significant declines from their peaks in key developed economies and central banks are now viewed as having reached the peak of the interest rate hiking cycle, but with varying views as to how soon and by how much rates will be cut.

Having been seen as slow to raise interest rates in the face of escalating inflation, central banks are being cautious and not forecasting rate cuts to the extent that markets are already pricing in, and this will remain a key battleground in determining the direction of markets in the coming year. Whilst inflation has made good progress and further declines are widely expected, core inflation does remain well above target and there are still dangers from areas like high wage settlements and geopolitical threats to energy prices.

Most economies have coped well in the face of much higher interest rates, especially in the US, with the impact of higher borrowing costs being

somewhat offset by the resilience of consumer spending and fiscal policy support. The UK will see a headwind from higher mortgage costs as loan deals locked in at lower rates expire, but mortgage rates are well off their peaks and above inflation wage rises will also provide some support to consumers. Whilst there remain risks of a mild recession in some countries, most forecasters see a further period of modest economic growth for the global economy in the short term before picking up from 2025.

We previously identified that many investment assets had discounted a lot of bad news and markets would be looking for signs of turning points in the interest rate cycle and benefits from moving towards a lower inflation higher growth environment. Evidence of some of this emerging in the last quarter enabled a strong move in equities and bonds and this has taken the edge off some of the valuation attractions that previously existed, but our medium to longer-term views remain broadly positive.

Whilst the previous substantial fall in bond prices was painful for investors, the resulting improvement in yields has meant that fixed income assets are offering better value than we have seen for a long time, and are once more offering their traditional attractions of both reasonable income and return potential and also useful diversification benefits within mixed asset portfolios. However, high levels of government debt in many countries and heavy bond issuance to fund deficits will act as a constraint on prices.

Yields have come down from recent peaks, but 10-year UK government bonds (gilts) are still offering yields of around 4%. Other fixed income options such as investment grade corporate bonds, high yield and emerging market debt offer even more income to compensate for their greater risk. These additional yields over gilts (known as spreads) take overall yields up to some attractive levels of income by recent standards and whilst defaults are edging higher they remain relatively low.

Equity markets have also been caught up in the ebbs and flows of inflation and interest rate expectations, with occasional short-term reactions to geopolitical events, and this is likely to continue. Gains in 2023 were initially driven by a relatively small group of predominantly US-based

technology companies, and especially those seen as potential beneficiaries of the rapid growth of artificial intelligence, but this turned into a broader based rally as the inflation and interest rate outlook improved. There remain a number of risks that could see short-term sentiment turn again, but falling inflation and rate cuts could continue to drive markets and there are other potential positive drivers from developments in areas like AI, decarbonisation and healthcare. Most equities continue to be priced at or below their long term average valuations, they have a long track record of delivering above inflation growth, and still offer reasonable potential for patient investors who are able to cope with any shorter term volatility.

The UK market has an above average exposure to commodity based sectors like energy and a below average exposure to technology companies, and this has seen it behave quite differently to markets like the US in recent years. Whilst the domestic economy still struggles with subdued growth and above average inflation, it has moved closer to peers. 2024 is a record year for elections around the world, and whilst some pose risks, the two main UK parties have moved towards the centre ground and likely outcomes look relatively benign for investors. The UK market still hosts a number of good quality companies, offers significant international revenue exposure, and is priced at a notable discount to other markets whilst offering an attractive dividend yield and potential for corporate takeover interest.

Within international equities the US remains the dominant market, having benefitted greatly over the last decade from their above average exposure to growth and technology stocks, the strength of the dollar, resilient consumer spending and substantial fiscal packages. As a home to many excellent companies the US continues to form a significant part of our global portfolios, but with a significant election looming and valuations above all other regions, we look to diversify exposures towards other more attractively valued equity markets.

Despite its previous reliance on cheap Russian gas and exporting goods to China, Europe has coped relatively well with challenges in these areas, and alongside Japan offers reasonable valuations and saw positive market performance in 2023. Emerging markets contain a wide range of countries with different attributes, but despite fewer inflation and interest rate headwinds they underperformed in 2023. This was driven by

weakness in China due to their disappointing economic recovery from Covid, property market weakness and tensions over their relationship with the US. Emerging markets overall continue to see elevated risks, but still offers superior economic growth and the potential for longer-term outperformance at relatively attractive valuations.

The 2024 outlook for UK property is one of stabilisation. Investor sentiment should improve as property yields and valuations stabilise as inflation and interest rates fall back. Scope for valuation improvement is expected to be limited and further negative pressure is anticipated across the office sector, but overall property total returns are expected to be strongly influenced by income, with mid-single digit returns forecast for 2024.

After fourteen increases, UK interest rates have been held at 5.25% since August and as confidence grows that inflation is under control forecasts now suggest rates will see a number of cuts in 2024. Rates are not expected to return to the exceptionally low levels of recent years, so although the returns available on cash deposits are likely to reduce, they should still provide a useful low risk option for savers alongside other investments.

In conclusion, there remain many potential challenges such as risks to economic growth from higher borrowing costs and also elevated geopolitical risks which could impact energy prices. However, economies so far have been surprisingly resilient, and if inflation continues to subside, we should see a number of welcome interest rate cuts. The previous increase in interest rates sees both returns on cash and the yields available on fixed income assets offering much improved value and they provide useful attributes alongside equities in mixed asset portfolios. The strong run for equities has perhaps lessened some of their shorter-term potential, but many UK and international equities remain relatively attractively valued and the corporate environment should improve in coming years. Turning points in interest rate hiking cycles that don't coincide with recessions can be useful catalysts for market sentiment across many investment asset classes, and from current valuation levels suitably diversified portfolios containing equities, fixed income and property (where available) offer the potential to deliver reasonable medium to longer-term investment returns.

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
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# TEN YEAR MARKET ASSET RETURNS

RANKING	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	US Equities 20.3	Japan Equities 17.6	Emerging Markets 35.4	Asia Equities (ex Japan) 23.4	Gold Bullion 4.6
2	UK Government Bonds 13.9	UK Commercial Property 10.8	US Equities 33.4	Emerging Markets 21.1	UK Commercial Property 3.5
3	UK Commercial Property 13.1	US Equities 6.9	Gold Bullion 31.6	Europe Equities 17.2	US Equities 1.4
4	Asia Equities (ex Japan) 10.1	Europe Equities 6.0	Asia Equities (ex Japan) 28.7	Japan Equities 14.4	Cash 0.8
5	Emerging Markets 7.9	UK Equities 1.0	Japan Equities 22.7	UK Equities 13.1	UK Government Bonds 0.6
6	Gold Bullion 5.9	Cash 0.8	Europe Equities 19.7	US Equities 11.5	Emerging Markets -7.6
7	Japan Equities 2.7	UK Government Bonds 0.6	UK Equities 16.8	UK Commercial Property 7.6	Japan Equities -7.6
8	UK Equities 1.2	Asia Equities (ex Japan) -3.5	UK Government Bonds 10.1	Gold Bullion 1.9	Asia Equities (ex Japan) -8.5
9	Cash 0.7	Gold Bullion -7.0	Cash 0.8	UK Government Bonds 1.8	Europe Equities -9.1
10	Europe Equities 0.0	Emerging Markets -10.3	UK Commercial Property 0.4	Cash 0.5	UK Equities -9.5

## Index

	Emerging Markets Index	= FTSE Emerging GTR in GB
	Japan Index	= FTSE Japan GTR in GB
	Asia Equities (ex Japan) Index	= FTSE Asia Pacific ex Japan GTR in GB
	Gold Bullion Index	= LBMA Gold Bullion LBMA Stg/Troy Ounce in GB
	Europe Equities Index	= FTSE Developed Europe ex UK GTR in GB
	UK Equities Index	= FTSE All Share TR in GB
	UK Commercial Property Index	= FE UK Property proxy GTR in GB
	US Equities Index	= FTSE USA GTR in GB
	UK Government Bonds Index	= FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks TR in GB
	Cash	= Money Facts 90 days notice £10k in GB

Source: FE (Financial Express). Report dates are 1 January to 31 December.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
US Equities 26.6	Asia Equities (ex Japan) 19.4	US Equities 28.0	Gold Bullion 11.7	US Equities 19.9
Europe Equities 20.5	Gold Bullion 19.3	UK Equities 18.3	Cash 0.8	Europe Equities 15.9
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UK Government Bonds 6.9	Cash 0.8	Asia Equities (ex Japan) -0.1	US Equities -9.1	Emerging Markets 2.9
UK Commercial Property 1.6	UK Commercial Property -2.5	Gold Bullion -2.5	UK Commercial Property -9.2	Asia Equities (ex Japan) 2.3
Cash 1.0	UK Equities -9.8	UK Government Bonds -5.2	UK Government Bonds -23.8	UK Commercial Property -0.3

The market asset returns chart (above) shows how different investment asset classes have performed over the last 10 calendar years. Each asset class has been ranked, with one being the top performer for the year and 10 being the worst. No single asset class has been consistently at top or bottom over the 10 year period. Predicting which

will be the best and worst each year is difficult and for many people it suggests that a diversified portfolio representing a wide range of investment types and assets is worth considering if managing shorter-term volatility is important. Results shown are based on total returns and in pounds sterling.

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# MARKET INDICATORS

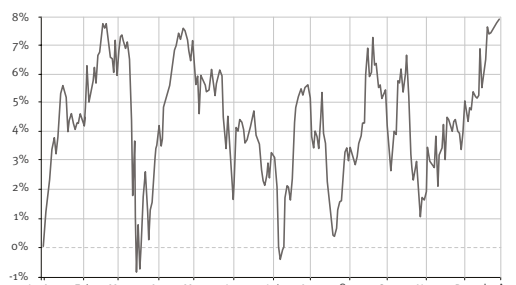
## FTSE 100

**7,722.74** as of 31/12/2023

Movement in quarter excluding income  **1.51%**

12 month **high** 8,014.31

12 month **low** 7,256.94



Performance over last 12 months.

	31/12/22 - 31/12/23	31/12/21 - 31/12/22	31/12/20 - 31/12/21	31/12/19 - 31/12/20	31/12/18 - 31/12/19
FTSE 100 TR in GB	7.9	4.7	18.4	-11.6	17.3

## FTSE USA

**5,150.82** as of 31/12/2023

Movement in quarter including income  **7.26%**

12 month **high** 5,166.49

12 month **low** 4,248.22



Performance over last 12 months.

	31/12/22 - 31/12/23	31/12/21 - 31/12/22	31/12/20 - 31/12/21	31/12/19 - 31/12/20	31/12/18 - 31/12/19
FTSE USA TR in GB	19.3	-9.6	27.5	16.5	25.8

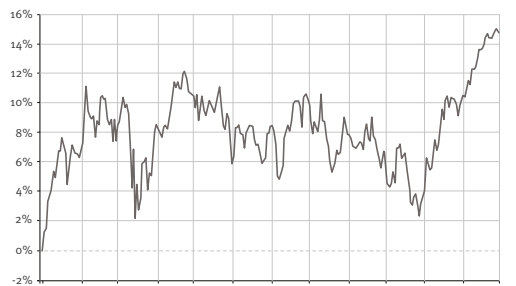
## FTSE Europe

**762.90** as of 31/12/2023

Movement in quarter including income  **7.78%**

12 month **high** 762.90

12 month **low** 658.12



Performance over last 12 months.

	31/12/22 - 31/12/23	31/12/21 - 31/12/22	31/12/20 - 31/12/21	31/12/19 - 31/12/20	31/12/18 - 31/12/19
FTSE Europe ex UK TR in GB	14.8	-10.1	16.8	7.1	20.2

## FTSE Japan

**351.43** as of 31/12/2023

Movement in quarter including income  **3.00%**

12 month **high** 352.68

12 month **low** 304.56



Performance over last 12 months.

	31/12/22 - 31/12/23	31/12/21 - 31/12/22	31/12/20 - 31/12/21	31/12/19 - 31/12/20	31/12/18 - 31/12/19
FTSE Japan TR in GB	12.8	-5.2	2.1	10.7	14.4

FTSE 100, FTSE USA, FTSE Europe and FTSE Japan Charts and Discrete Performance Source: Financial Express (FE) 31st December 2023. All other data source Bloomberg 31st December 2023.

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**\$1.27** to the pound  
as of 31/12/2023



Movement in quarter  
**4.38%**

Source: Bloomberg 31st December 2023.



**€1.15** to the pound  
as of 31/12/2023



Movement in quarter  
**-0.23%**

Source: Bloomberg 31st December 2023.



**\$71.65** per barrel  
as of 31/12/2023



Movement in quarter  
**-20.95%**

Source: Bloomberg 31st December 2023.

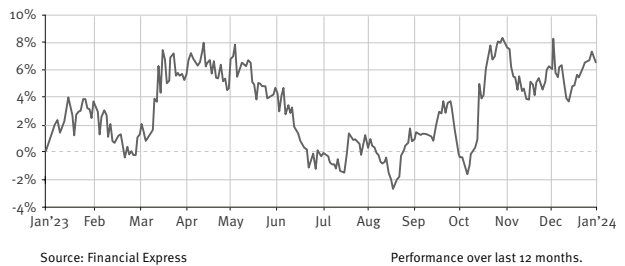


**\$2,062.98** per troy ounce  
as of 31/12/2023



Movement in quarter  
**11.74%**

Source: Bloomberg 31st December 2023.



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# NFU MUTUAL – OUR INVESTMENT BELIEFS

At the core of our investment philosophy is the application of a ‘genuinely long-term fundamentals-led investment approach employed to build and maintain well-diversified portfolios’.

- We aim to provide portfolios that are resilient to shorter-term market shocks and fluctuations, allowing us to maintain stable holdings that are well placed to deliver against their long-term objectives.
- We invest through market cycles – Portfolios contain investments into high-quality companies with strong market positions and holdings in stable, highly rated government debt.
- When holding equities our preference is to allow high quality businesses that make good returns to compound their value over time and patiently accrue that value to us as shareholders.

All our actively managed investments are subject to an integrated investigation and selection process and ongoing review, considering a wide range of both financial and non-financial factors which may impact long-term performance and stability. We also actively engage as asset owners to influence behaviours of the companies and providers we invest with.

Our long-term approach gives our investment ideas time to work and limits unnecessary portfolio turnover and the associated costs. We also position our business as a sensible and collaborative provider of patient capital where our engagement focuses on an investments ability to generate sustainable long-term returns.

As long-term investors we believe that it is ‘time in the market’ not ‘timing the market’ that matters. We believe that customers holding a portfolio over the long term and allowing returns to compound, rather than attempting to time their investments, will be the biggest factor in the overall return achieved. We align our approach to this view, providing comfort to invest under a wide range of market conditions and to maintain holdings through periods of volatility for as long as they remain suitable to achieve long-term goals.

To help enable this approach the NFU Mutual investment team have developed an investment process that is rigorously applied to select internal and externally managed assets that we feel are best placed to achieve optimal risk-adjusted outcomes. Our Investment beliefs are supported by academic literature and, through dedicated application, we are confident we can achieve good long-term investment outcomes for our customers.

For more information on our investment beliefs visit our website at [nfumutual.co.uk/investments/our-investment-beliefs/](https://nfumutual.co.uk/investments/our-investment-beliefs/)

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# HOW WE INVEST YOUR MONEY RESPONSIBLY

Recent years have seen more focus on how investors' money works in a sustainable way. This is commonly referred to as Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investing.

## NFU Mutual's ESG investment approach

- At NFU Mutual we take a responsible and integrated approach to ESG investing. This means that we incorporate ESG considerations directly into our investment process. We believe that by building and maintaining well-diversified portfolios of quality companies, we can target long-term investment growth and sustainability. This in turn drives good returns for our customers and positive outcomes for all stakeholders.
- We look to invest in companies that offer fundamentally sustainable investment opportunities and believe that non-financial measures can be as important as more traditional financial measures.
- We do not dismiss opportunities to engage with companies based on their overall strategic direction or exclude 'non-green' sectors such as oil. Instead, we believe that engaging with companies and holding them to account can be a more effective contribution. Through investment and incentivisation, we are in a position to influence the direction of companies to make positive sustainable change.
- We are transparent about where we have made ESG considerations and engaged with companies to further their sustainability credentials.
- Our fund managers use a mixture of internal and external research when considering an investee company and frequently meet with management teams or their representatives to ensure that their interests are aligned with our own and that we are comfortable the company has a strong culture.
- We may decide to avoid companies and sectors which we deem to be the most harmful to society. Following the invasion of Ukraine, we announced our commitment to divest from all Russian holdings as soon as practically possible.
- Our fund managers are dedicated to investing our customers money in a sustainable and responsible way. In February 2022, we became signatories to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). Supported by the United Nations, the PRI is an independent international network of investors working together to achieve six aspirations designed to develop a more sustainable global financial system.
- In 2022 we successfully applied to become a signatory of the UK Stewardship Code, which was introduced by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) to set high standards for those investing money on behalf of UK savers and pensioners and comprises of 12 principles.

## Our net zero roadmap

Tackling climate change is a shared global responsibility and we all have a part to play. Acknowledging the need for action, NFU Mutual has developed a strategy that takes into account science-based guidance and methodologies to set credible targets. We now have a net zero roadmap in place, which confirms our ambition to be a Net Zero business by 2050. Our investment team confirmed they will aim to deliver a 50% emissions reduction in NFU Mutual's equity, corporate bond and property portfolios by 2030.

Learn more about our approach to responsible investment in our Stewardship Code Report, which you can find on our website [nfumutual.co.uk](https://www.nfumutual.co.uk).

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# RISK RATINGS

NFU Mutual has a defined number of risk categories ranging from low risk to high risk, where low is Risk Level One and high is Risk Level Six. Each NFU Mutual fund sits within one of the risk categories. The definitions for each risk category are shown below. These definitions and the fund descriptions are designed to help you decide which fund is appropriate for your needs.

## **Risk Level One**

- You are not willing to make investments where you could risk losing money.
- You accept the potential for growth is low and also that the growth may not keep pace with inflation.
- Keeping your initial monetary value, rather than exposing it to the risks of financial markets, is likely to be your priority.
- You might need to access any investment within 5 years, possibly at short notice.
- Share investment is not suitable for you because values can fall and you could lose money.
- You do not need knowledge of investments.

## **Risk Level Two**

- You are prepared to take some risk when investing but will choose investments where the amount of any losses would be small.
- You want to have the potential to outperform bank and building society accounts over the longer term generally meaning more than 5 years. You would prefer to have the potential for slower investment growth with limited exposure to equities.
- You can invest for the longer term, say 5 years or more, and do not expect you will have to sell your investments earlier.
- You are comfortable putting around a third of your investment into shares of large, established companies and the rest in lower risk investments such as cash and bonds.
- You have some knowledge of the most popular types of investment.

## **Risk Level Three**

- You are prepared to put money at risk and accept that values can fall, but will try to avoid any investments that could lead to a large loss.
- You want to have the potential for growth significantly higher than that typically on offer with deposit accounts, but accept that high returns are unlikely.
- You accept that other investments may provide the potential for better returns by taking a greater risk.
- You can invest for the longer term, say 5 years or more, and do not expect you will have to sell your investments earlier.
- You are comfortable putting around two-thirds of your investments into shares of companies in well-established markets, and the rest in lower risk investments such as bonds and cash.
- You have a good level of knowledge of the most popular types of investment.

## **Risk Level Four**

- You are prepared to put money at risk and accept that values can fall, but will try to limit the risk of significant losses.
- You wish to have the potential to significantly outperform bank or building society accounts. Investments like this will rise and fall in value more than investments associated with lower risk levels.
- You can invest for the longer term, say 5 years or more, and do not foresee needing to sell your investments earlier.
- You are comfortable putting around three-quarters of your investments into shares of companies in well-established markets, and the rest in lower risk investments such as bonds.
- You have a good level of knowledge of stock market investments.

## **Risk Level Five**

- You are prepared to risk putting money into investments that can fall sharply in value and lose money.
- You are looking for significant returns on your investment and are willing to accept a higher level of risk than our lower risk levels.
- You accept the possibility of large changes in the value of investments. You accept you could lose some of your money and understand the consequences this may have on your objectives.
- You can invest for the longer term, say 5 years or more, and do not foresee needing to sell your investments earlier.
- You are comfortable investing wholly into the shares of a wide range of companies, including some in emerging markets, but may want to hold some lower risk investments such as bonds.
- You have a very good knowledge or experience of stock market investments.

## **Risk Level Six**

- You are prepared to risk putting a significant proportion of your money into investments that can fall sharply in value and lose money.
- You are looking for maximum returns on your investment and are willing to accept a high level of risk, with the possibility of extreme changes in the value of your investment. You accept that you could lose some or all of your money and understand the consequences this may have on your objectives.
- You can invest for the longer term, say 5 years or more, and do not foresee needing to sell your investments earlier.
- You are comfortable investing wholly into shares of a wide range of companies, including small or new companies and those in emerging markets.
- You have a high level of knowledge or experience of stock market investments.

## NFU Mutual Investments – Choices to suit you

### You can leave the investment decisions to us

If you want to spread your investment risk and leave the investment decisions to the experts, choose from our Mutually Managed funds.









Fund	Risk Rating
 Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares	<b>Level Five</b>
 Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares*	<b>Level Four</b>
 Mixed Portfolio 20% – 60% Shares*	<b>Level Three</b>
 With-Profits Fund	<b>Level Three</b>
 With-Profits Fund (Risk Level 2)**	<b>Level Two</b>



\*These funds are the underlying investments for Investment Pathway 1 (Mixed Portfolio 40 - 85% Shares) and Investment Pathway 3 (Mixed Portfolio 20 - 60% Shares) available on our Select Pension Plan. For more information please refer to 'A Guide to Investment Pathways' brochure and the underlying fund Key Investor Information Document. \*\* The With-Profits Risk Level 2 fund is only available on the Select Pension Plan. This fund is the underlying investment for Investment Pathway 2 and 4 available on our Select Pension Plan. For more information please refer to 'A Guide to Investment Pathways' brochure and the underlying fund Key Investor Information Document.

### Or, you can create your own portfolio





Our Market Funds allow you to invest in a specific area or build your own portfolio with a spread of investments. These funds could be ideal if you like a hands-on approach to selecting your funds.

Fund	Risk Rating
 Global Equity	<b>Level Five</b>
 Property	<b>Level Five</b>
 UK Equity	<b>Level Five</b>
 UK Equity Income	<b>Level Five</b>
 Index Linked	<b>Level Three</b>
 Gilt and Corporate Bond	<b>Level Two</b>
 Fixed Interest	<b>Level Two</b>
 Deposit	<b>Level One</b>



### Additional funds to increase choice and flexibility

Our Select Funds are carefully chosen to complement our fund range and to offer you extra choice. Each fund is managed by a well respected investment house and has been selected against a rigorous selection criteria to make sure that it meets – and continues to meet – our high expectations and standards.

Fund	Risk Rating
 abrdn Global Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund	<b>Level Five</b>
 Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Fund	<b>Level Five</b>
 abrdn UK Real Estate Feeder Fund	<b>Level Four</b>
 Columbia Threadneedle High Yield Bond	<b>Level Three</b>



These funds are not available for all of our products. Ask your NFU Mutual Financial Adviser or check our website for full details.

This list was complete as at 31st December 2023. We are constantly reviewing the most appropriate choices and, inevitably, the funds within the Select range will change over time. Our website (nfumutual.co.uk) will contain the very latest list.

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# NFU MUTUAL WITH-PROFITS FUNDS

## Fund objective

We invest this fund with the aim of achieving long-term growth. Returns on investments are smoothed out over time, as we keep back some of the growth from good years to boost returns in poor years. Although returns are smoothed, values can still change sharply. This means that the with-profits fund is not suitable as a short-term (0 – 5 years) investment.

## Fund manager comments (Risk level 3 fund)

The main risk level 3 fund began the fourth quarter with weighting towards fixed interest at 26.5%. At the start of the quarter, equity exposure was reduced by 0.5% to 54.5% whilst property was also reduced by 0.5% to 14.5%. Within equities the bias remained firmly tilted towards international at 31% against 23.5% for the UK. The remaining 4.5% is held in cash. From the start of 2024, the fund has added a new 0.5% exposure to overseas property from a reduction in cash, with further increases expected over coming quarters.

The newer risk level 2 fund has lower exposures to equities and property and higher allocations to fixed income assets and cash. This fund has a total equity exposure of 29.5% and a fixed interest exposure of 51.5%, and is also adding overseas property in 2024.

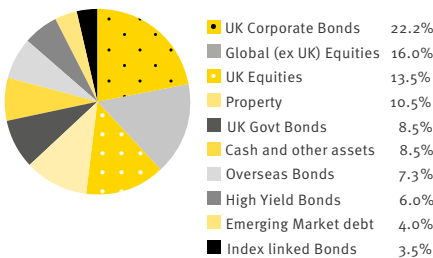
The final quarter of 2023 saw a notable shift in interest rate sentiment across all major central banks. Inflation continued to fall, often quicker than expected. UK Consumer inflation reported at 3.9% for November, down from a high of 11.1% in October 2022. The Bank of England held UK base rates at 5.25% although 3 members were still voting for a quarter point increase. However, market forecasts have decisively moved to predicting rate cuts of 1.25% in 2024. This has fed through to the mortgage market with fixed rates now under 4%. Both Europe and the US have seen a similar trend with 1%-1.5% of cuts now priced in by the market. Risks still remain with various conflicts around the globe having the potential to impact commodity prices, for example through Red Sea shipping costs.

Returns were strong across all asset classes for the quarter and positive for the full year. US equities had another solid quarter with a total return of 7.1%. Only marginally ahead were Europe ex-UK with a return of 7.9% and Asia Pacific ex-Japan with 7.8%. UK Equities lagged with a return of 3.2% although the FTSE 250 mid cap and the FTSE smaller companies indices bounced back with returns of 8.6% and 8.3% respectively. With the interest rate environment seeing a change, fixed interest returns moved from flat or negative on the year to positive with a robust quarter. Longer dated bonds outperformed shorter term debt with overall gilts returning 8.1%, index-linked 8.7% and corporate bonds 8.2%.

Higher borrowing costs and a challenging economic environment has seen a modest decline in UK commercial property valuations, but income support has limited estimated index losses.

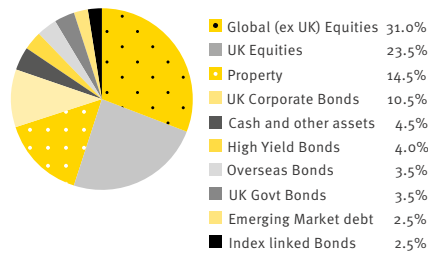
## Risk Level 2 Asset Mix

### Pensions Asset Mix

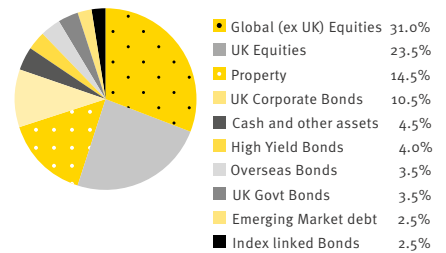


## Risk Level 3 Asset Mix

### Pensions Asset Mix



### Life Asset Mix



The Risk Level 2 With-Profits fund is only available for investment through our Select Pension Plan on My Investments.

Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

When you invest in with-profits, your money is pooled with that of all other with-profits investors in NFU Mutual's with-profits fund. The tables below show the past gross returns (before deductions such as tax and product charges) attributable to NFU Mutual's with-profits fund inclusive of any with-profits distributions. These figures relate to the overall performance of the fund in which with-profits investments are held, they are not what investors have received on individual policies.

#### Investment returns 2014 – 2023

	Investment return on NFU Mutual with-profits (risk level 2) – select pension plan only	Investment return on all other products (risk level 3)
2014	-	9.5%
2015	-	5.7%
2016	-	18.1%
2017	-	10.2%
2018	-	-3.3%
2019	-	14.2%
2020	-	0.4%
2021	8.6%	12.9%
2022	-7.6%	-4.9%
2023	9.2%	9.2%

Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

#### Annualised and cumulative performance

	Annualised return	Cumulative return
Investment return on Risk Level 3 products		
25 years	6.4%	372.0%
20 years	7.4%	315.8%
15 years	8.4%	236.0%
10 years	6.9%	95.6%
5 years	6.1%	34.4%
3 years	5.4%	17.2%
1 year	9.2%	9.2%
Investment return on Risk Level 2 products		
3 years	3.1%	9.4%
2 years	0.4%	0.8%
1 year	9.2%	9.2%

Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

The figures in the tables above show only the gross rate of return on NFU Mutual's with-profits fund over the term or year shown. These figures give an indication of how the with-profits fund has performed over time. The return individual investors have received on their own investments will be different due to, for example, the amount invested, smoothing, guarantees and charges.

The figures in the table below show how example with-profits policies have performed over time and are indicative only. The return individual investors have received may be different and depends upon the amount invested and the date(s) on which the investments were made.

The With-Profits Risk Level 2 fund was launched on 9th March 2020 and is currently only available on the Select Pension Plan product.

#### Cumulative Returns

	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	01/01/19 01/01/20	01/01/20 01/01/21	01/01/21 01/01/22	01/01/22 01/01/23	01/01/23 01/01/24	5 Year AGR
NFU Mutual Flexibond With-Profits Fund	63.2%	17.6%	6.3%	4.2%	-1.9%	11.6%	-5.8%	9.3%	3.3%
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account With-Profits Fund	73.8%	20.6%	3.6%	6.0%	-2.9%	13.2%	-5.3%	9.3%	3.8%
NFU Mutual Shrewd Savings Plan ISA With-Profits Fund	67.2%	18.0%	7.5%	4.8%	-2.3%	11.7%	-6.6%	10.4%	3.4%
NFU Mutual Personal Pension With-Profits Fund (RL2) – Select Pension	N/A	N/A	4.0%	N/A	N/A	4.9%	-3.1%	2.3%	N/A
NFU Mutual Personal Pension With-Profits Fund (RL3) – Select Pension	N/A	N/A	9.4%	N/A	N/A	5.8%	0.2%	3.2%	N/A

Source: NFU Mutual 1st January 2024.

The 10, 5, and 3 year cumulative returns are based on policies commenced in 2014, 2019, and 2021 respectively. The annual figures are based on a 2019 commencement date. Similarly, the 5 year AGR's are based on policies commenced in 2019. The individual annual figures are based on a 01/01/2019 commencement date. Figures are based on a £10,000 single premium for the Pensions and Flexibond, and a £1,000 single premium for the ISA. These figures are shown net of typical charges and deductions relevant for each product type but surrender penalties have not been applied. Figures include Terminal Bonus where applicable. Percentages are calculated on a Bid-to-Bid basis where applicable.

These figures relate to past performance and are for indicative purposes only. Please speak to your Financial Adviser or contact us on 0800 622 323 about the impact that charges can have on the returns and to receive a personal illustration. The figures quoted in these tables are designed to provide an indication of past returns received from our with-profits fund and should not be relied upon to predict what future returns may be achieved. It is likely that the returns achieved within your personal policy will not directly match the returns stated above due to differences in the periods of investment, product charges and amounts invested.

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# NFU MUTUAL MAX 100% MIXED FUNDS

## Fund objective

The investment objective of the Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Fund is to provide capital growth (net of fees) over the long term (a period of at least 5 years). The Fund invests at least 80% and up to 100% of its assets in other funds managed by NFU Mutual or third-party managers. The other funds may be actively managed or may be passively managed (that is funds which track or are closely linked to the performance of a market index) and no more than half of the assets will be invested in passive funds. Through its investment in other funds, the Fund will have an exposure to the following asset classes: shares of companies (equities), fixed income securities (such as bonds), money market instruments and cash and near cash. Up to 100% of the assets of the Fund will be in equities. The Fund can also invest indirectly in property through other funds which gain exposure to property related securities and through shares, including in real estate investment trusts (REITs) and may also seek exposure to alternative assets (such as infrastructure) through its equity investment. The Fund may also invest directly in company shares, fixed income securities and cash and near cash.

For more information on this fund including key risks please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on our website.

The objective shown above relates to our Open-ended Investment Company (OEIC) fund. Although similar, the detailed investment objective and policy may vary for our Life and Pension funds. Please refer to 'Your Guide to Our Funds' provided with the Key features document for the exact description for these funds.

## Fund manager comments

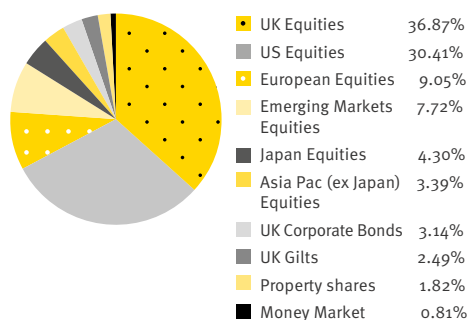
These funds are predominantly invested in UK and overseas equity markets. The final quarter of 2023 saw a notable shift in interest rate sentiment across all major central banks. Inflation continued to fall, often quicker than expected. UK Consumer inflation reported at 3.9% for November, down from a high of 11.1% in October 2022. The Bank of England held UK base rates at 5.25% although 3 members were still voting for a quarter point increase. However, market forecasts have decisively moved to predicting rate cuts of 1.25% in 2024. This has fed through to the mortgage market with fixed rates now under 4%. Both Europe and the US have seen a similar trend with 1%-1.5% of cuts now priced in by the market. Risks still remain with various conflicts around the globe having the potential to impact commodity prices, for example through Red Sea shipping costs.

Returns were strong across all asset classes for the quarter and positive for the full year. US equities had another solid quarter with a total return of 7.1%. Only marginally ahead were Europe ex-UK with a return of 7.9% and Asia Pacific ex-Japan with 7.8%. UK Equities lagged with a return of 3.2% although the FTSE 250 mid cap and the FTSE smaller companies indices bounced back with returns of 8.6% and 8.3% respectively. With the interest rate environment seeing a change, fixed interest returns moved from flat or negative on the year to positive with a robust quarter. Longer dated bonds outperformed shorter term debt with overall gilts returning 8.1%, index-linked 8.7% and corporate bonds 8.2%.

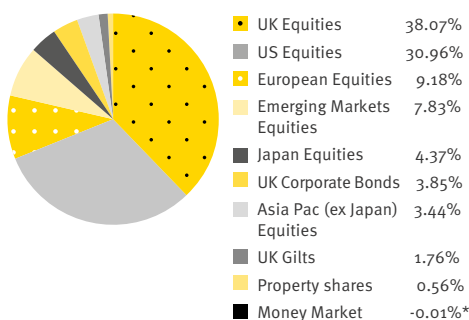
With all asset classes producing positive returns, there was a strong return over the quarter and 2023 as a whole. The OEIC fund invested cash throughout the quarter to keep weightings close to target levels. With UK equities underperforming, there was a bias towards domestic equity investment over international. The Life and Pension funds also invested in the UK but through selling international. All funds were approximately 93% invested in equity assets (including the property shares fund), with international equities accounting for a larger exposure. Fixed income weightings have risen to over 5% in all funds, with cash less than 1% in the Life and Pension funds.

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### Pensions Asset Mix

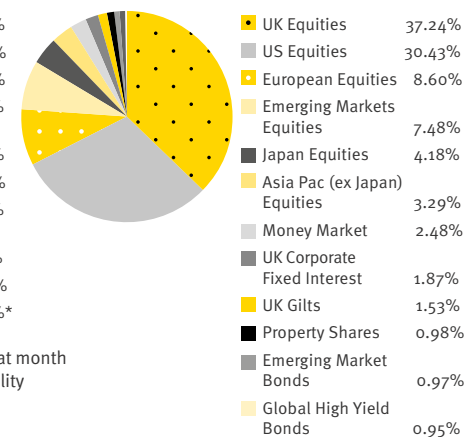


### Life Asset Mix



\*This is a technical position at month end that allows for Tax Liability

### OEIC Asset Mix

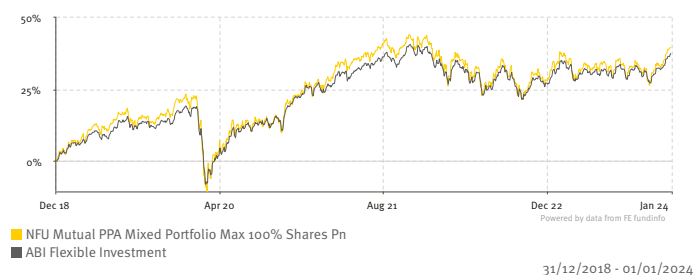


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Key Information	Pensions	Life	OEIC
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012	3 December 2012
Sector	ABI Flexible Investment	ABI Flexible Investment	IA Flexible Investment
Fund Size	£548.3m (as at 31/12/23)	£63.1m (as at 31/12/23)	£175.4m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Five	Level Five	Level Five

#### NFU Mutual PPA Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



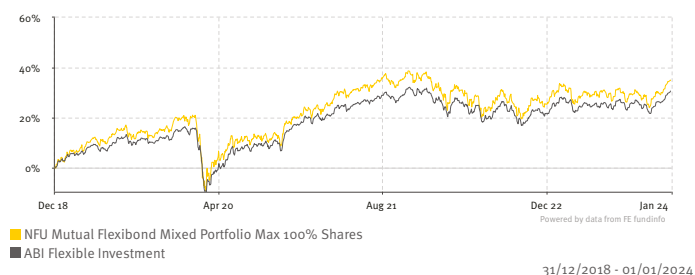
#### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual PPA Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Pension S3	8.7	-10.0	15.6	2.7	20.3
Sector	8.2	-8.9	13.3	5.5	16.8

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

Fund performances are shown on pages 49 to 55.

#### NFU Mutual Flexibond Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Series 3 5 years past performance



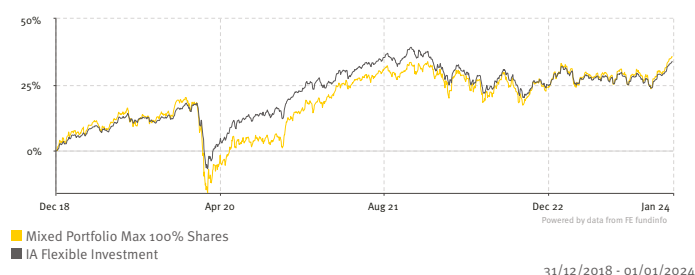
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NFU Mutual Flexibond Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares S3	7.4	-8.5	13.9	1.6	18.8
Sector	7.4	-7.3	11.2	3.0	14.7

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

Fund performances are shown on pages 49 to 55.

#### NFU Mutual OEIC Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares 5 years past performance



#### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual OEIC Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares	9.2	-6.4	15.3	-2.6	18.0
Sector	7.1	-9.0	11.3	6.7	15.7

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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# NFU MUTUAL 40% – 85% MIXED FUNDS

## Fund objective

The investment objective of the Mixed Portfolio 40-85% Shares Fund is to provide capital growth and income (net of fees) over the long term (a period of at least 5 years). The Fund invests at least 80% and up to 100% of its assets in other funds managed by NFU Mutual or third-party managers. The other funds may be actively managed or may be passively managed (that is funds which track or are closely linked to the performance of a market index) and no more than half of the assets will be invested in passive funds. Through its investment in other funds, the Fund will have an exposure to the following asset classes: shares of companies (equities), fixed income securities (such as bonds), money market instruments and cash and near cash. Between 40-85% of the assets of the Fund will be in equities. The Fund can also invest indirectly in property through other funds which gain exposure to property related securities and through shares, including in real estate investment trusts (REITs) and may also seek exposure to alternative assets (such as infrastructure) through its equity investment. The Fund may also invest directly in company shares, fixed income securities and cash and near cash.

For more information on this fund including key risks please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on our website.

The objective shown above relates to our OEIC fund. Although similar, the detailed investment objective and policy may vary for our Life and Pension funds. Please refer to 'Your Guide to Our Funds' provided with the Key features document for the exact description for these funds.

## Fund manager comments

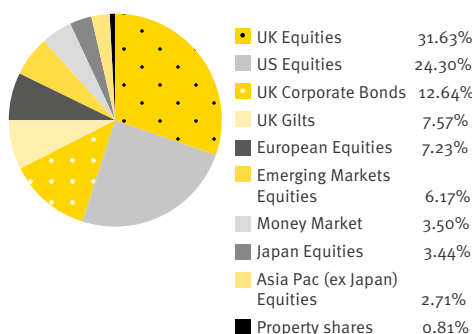
These funds are mainly invested in UK and overseas equity markets, with the balance in fixed income and cash. The final quarter of 2023 saw a notable shift in interest rate sentiment across all major central banks. Inflation continued to fall, often quicker than expected. UK Consumer inflation reported at 3.9% for November, down from a high of 11.1% in October 2022. The Bank of England held UK base rates at 5.25% although 3 members were still voting for a quarter point increase. However, market forecasts have decisively moved to predicting rate cuts of 1.25% in 2024. This has fed through to the mortgage market with fixed rates now under 4%. Both Europe and the US have seen a similar trend with 1%-1.5% of cuts now priced in by the market. Risks still remain with various conflicts around the globe having the potential to impact commodity prices, for example through Red Sea shipping costs.

Returns were strong across all asset classes for the quarter and positive for the full year. US equities had another solid quarter with a total return of 7.1%. Only marginally ahead were Europe ex-UK with a return of 7.9% and Asia Pacific ex-Japan with 7.8%. UK Equities lagged with a return of 3.2% although the FTSE 250 mid cap and the FTSE smaller companies indices bounced back with returns of 8.6% and 8.3% respectively. With the interest rate environment seeing a change, fixed interest returns moved from flat or negative on the year to positive with a robust quarter. Longer dated bonds outperformed shorter term debt with overall gilts returning 8.1%, index-linked 8.7% and corporate bonds 8.2%.

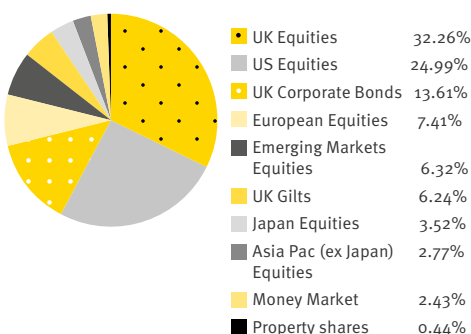
With all asset classes producing positive returns, there was a strong return over the quarter and 2023 as a whole. The OEIC fund invested cash throughout the quarter to keep weightings close to target levels. With UK equities underperforming, there was a bias towards domestic equity investment over international. The Life and Pension funds also invested in the UK but through selling international. At the end of the quarter, the OEIC fund had over 72% exposure to equities with a bias to international. Life and Pension funds had a higher weighting to equities at approximately 75% for Pension funds and 77% for Life funds with the difference being in international equities. Fixed income weightings have continued to rise to above 21% in the OEIC whilst the Life and Pension weightings have risen to around 20%. Cash levels have been reduced to approximately 3% in the Life and Pension funds.

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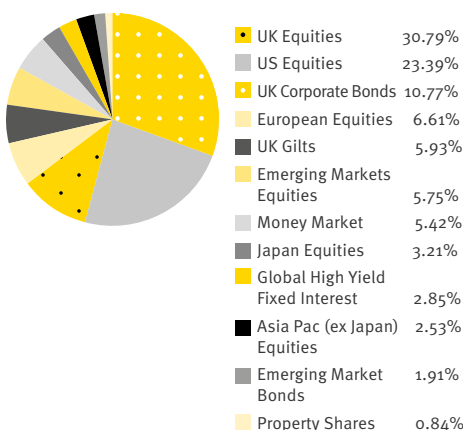
## Pensions Asset Mix



## Life Asset Mix



## OEIC Asset Mix

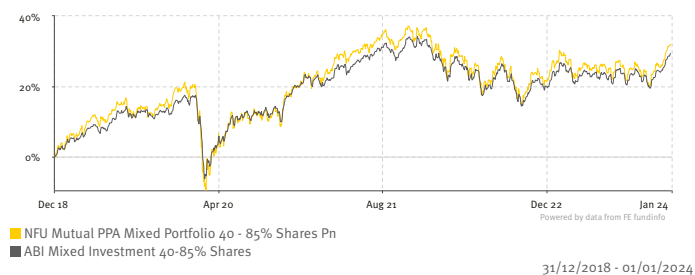


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Key Information	Pensions	Life	OEIC
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012	3 December 2012
Sector	ABI Mixed 40% – 85%	ABI Mixed 40% – 85%	IA Mixed Investments 40% – 85%
Fund Size	£1,832.4m (as at 31/12/23)	£594.8m (as at 31/12/23)	£759.8m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Four	Level Four	Level Four

### NFU Mutual PPA Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



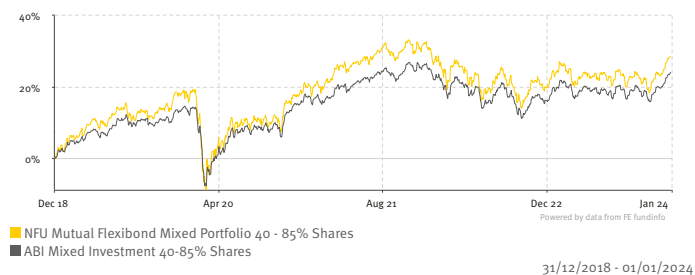
### Discrete performance (%)

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<b>NFU Mutual PPA Mixed Portfolio Max 40% – 85% Shares Pension S3</b>	8.3	-10.5	12.9	1.8	18.3
<b>Sector</b>	7.9	-10.0	10.3	4.8	15.3

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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### NFU Mutual Flexibond Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Series 3 5 years past performance



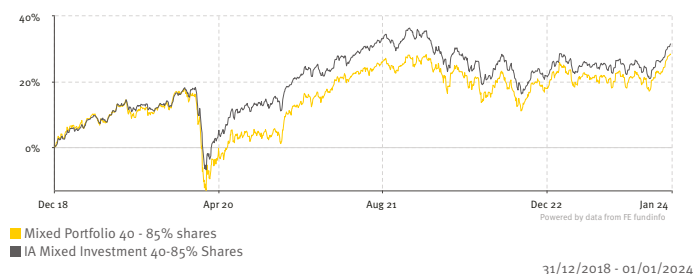
### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
<b>NFU Mutual Flexibond Portfolio S3 40% – 85% Shares S3</b>	7.0	-9.1	11.8	0.6	17.4
<b>Sector</b>	6.8	-8.0	9.1	2.5	13.0

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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### NFU Mutual OEIC Mixed Portfolio 40-85% Shares 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
<b>NFU Mutual OEIC Mixed Portfolio 40-85% Shares</b>	8.7	-7.4	12.9	-2.6	15.9
<b>Sector</b>	8.1	-10.0	10.9	5.3	15.8

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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# NFU MUTUAL 20% – 60% MIXED FUNDS

## Fund objective

The investment objective of the Mixed Portfolio 20-60% Shares Fund is to provide capital growth and income (net of fees) over the long term (a period of at least 5 years). The Fund invests at least 80% and up to 100% of its assets in other funds managed by N.F.U. Mutual or third-party managers. The other funds may be actively managed or may be passively managed (that is funds which track or are closely linked to the performance of a market index) and no more than half of the assets will be invested in passive funds. Through its investment in other funds, the Fund will have an exposure to the following asset classes: shares of companies (equities) and between 20-60% of the assets of the Fund will be in equities. At least 30% of Fund exposure will be to fixed income securities (such as bonds), money market instruments and cash and near cash. The Fund can also invest indirectly in property through other funds which gain exposure to property related securities and through shares, including in real estate investment trusts (REITs) and may also seek exposure to alternative assets (such as infrastructure) through its equity investment. The Fund may also invest directly in company shares, fixed income securities and cash and near cash.

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## Fund manager comments

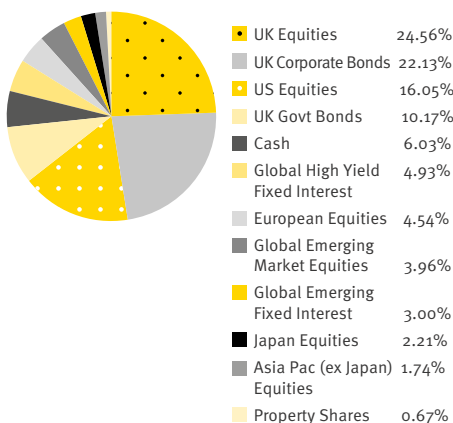
These funds are diversified with a current weighting of approximately 55% towards UK and overseas equities, including property shares, with the balance in fixed income and cash. The final quarter of 2023 saw a notable shift in interest rate sentiment across all major central banks. Inflation continued to fall, often quicker than expected. UK Consumer inflation reported at 3.9% for November, down from a high of 11.1% in October 2022. The Bank of England held UK base rates at 5.25% although 3 members were still voting for a quarter point increase. However, market forecasts have decisively moved to predicting rate cuts of 1.25% in 2024. This has fed through to the mortgage market with fixed rates now under 4%. Both Europe and the US have seen a similar trend with 1%-1.5% of cuts now priced in by the market. Risks still remain with various conflicts around the globe having the potential to impact commodity prices, for example through Red Sea shipping costs.

Returns were strong across all asset classes for the quarter and positive for the full year. US equities had another solid quarter with a total return of 7.1%. Only marginally ahead were Europe ex-UK with a return of 7.9% and Asia Pacific ex-Japan with 7.8%. UK Equities lagged with a return of 3.2% although the FTSE 250 mid cap and the FTSE smaller companies indices bounced back with returns of 8.6% and 8.3% respectively. With the interest rate environment seeing a change, fixed interest returns moved from flat or negative on the year to positive with a robust quarter. Longer dated bonds outperformed shorter term debt with overall gilts returning 8.1%, index-linked 8.7% and corporate bonds 8.2%.

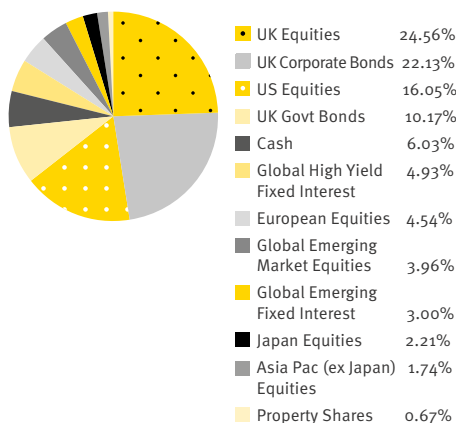
With all asset classes producing positive returns, there was a strong return over the quarter and 2023 as a whole. The fund invested cash throughout the quarter to keep weightings close to target levels. With UK equities underperforming, there was a bias towards domestic equity investment over international. Equity exposure remained close to 55% with a greater weighting towards international stocks. Fixed interest exposure stayed over 40% whilst cash balances were approximately 6%.

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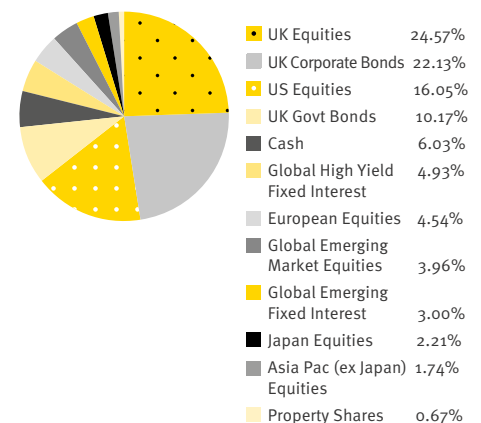
Pensions Asset Mix



Life Asset Mix



OEIC Asset Mix

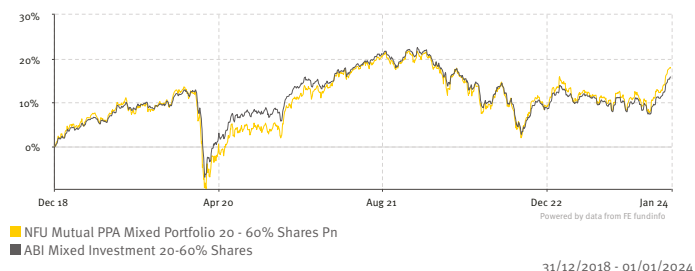


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Key Information	Pensions	Life	OEIC
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012	3 December 2012
Sector	ABI Mixed 20% – 60%	ABI Mixed 20% – 60%	IA Mixed Investments 20% – 60%
Fund Size	£158.5m (as at 31/12/23)	£81.0m (as at 31/12/23)	£599.8m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Three	Level Three	Level Three

### NFU Mutual PPA Mixed 20-60% Shares 5 years past performance



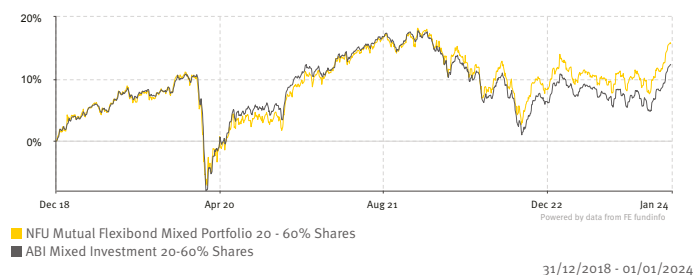
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual PPA Mixed 20-60% Shares	7.9	-9.9	8.8	-0.6	12.1
Sector	6.6	-10.8	6.7	2.4	11.5

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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### NFU Mutual Flexibond Mixed 20-60% Shares 5 years past performance



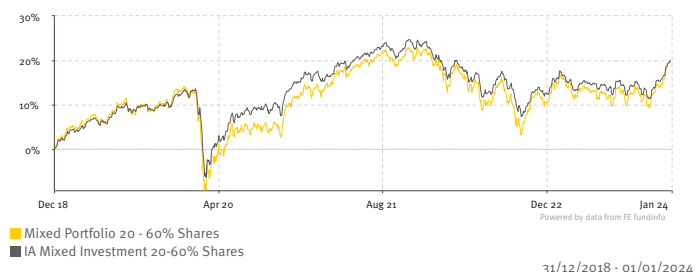
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual Flexibond Mixed 20-60% Shares	6.8	-7.9	7.7	-0.6	9.9
Sector	5.8	-9.6	5.8	1.0	9.9

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### NFU Mutual OEIC Mixed 20-60% Shares 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual OEIC Mixed 20-60% Shares	8.3	-9.7	9.1	-0.5	12.6
Sector	6.8	-9.5	7.2	3.5	11.8

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# NFU MUTUAL UK EQUITY FUNDS

## Fund objective

To achieve a combination of capital growth and income, by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks with the potential to generate earnings growth over the long term (5 years +). The Fund will invest at least 80% in a broadly diversified portfolio of company shares (equities) domiciled in the UK, or whose business activities are predominantly in/the majority of their revenue is derived from the UK but which are domiciled or quoted on a market outside the UK. The Fund may also invest up to 20% in other Transferable Securities, Money Market Instruments, Collective Investment Schemes (including other funds managed by NFU Mutual), Deposits, Cash and Near Cash.

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OEIC funds only – for these funds we have selected benchmarks which can be used to measure the performance of the fund.

The chosen benchmark is representative of the types of investments that the fund is likely to hold. For this fund we have chosen the FTSE All Share Index as the benchmark.

## Fund manager comments

The UK equity market performed strongly in the final quarter, rounding off a positive year. This is despite global geopolitical instability and mixed UK macroeconomic indicators. A period of high inflation, which peaked in 2022 at 11% has begun to abate reaching 3.9% for November. Although that is still above the 2% official target, the degree of decline has led economists to forecast that base rates could be cut in coming months, with the current 5.25% bank rate potentially reducing to around 4% by the end of 2024.

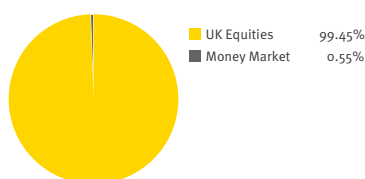
The positive sentiment around inflation and base rates saw the FTSE 100 and All-Share indices rise by 2.3% and 3.2% respectively in the quarter, taking 2023 total returns to 7.9% for both indices. In a strong equity market small and medium sized stocks saw a reversal of fortune and were favored in the fourth quarter with the FTSE 250 index returning 8.6%, resulting in a total return just ahead of the overall index for 2023 at 8.0%.

The UK portfolios benefitted from holding Hill & Smith, as the UK based infrastructure multinational saw positive earnings growth thanks to robust US government spending. Pest control firm Rentokil Initial was a negative contributor to fund performance, they surprised the market with worse than expected results in North America as they complete the integration of a large acquisition. Whilst this saw a negative contribution to our performance on the quarter, we continue to believe in the long-term story of this company, and so have taken advantage of share price weakness to increase exposure to this high-quality company at an attractive long-term valuation.

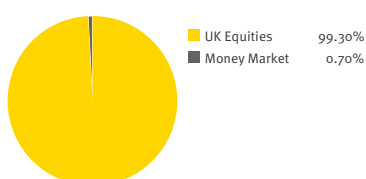
The UK Equity market appears undervalued vs its global peers. If the UK economy avoids a severe recession, interest rates fall as expected and UK companies gain more appreciation from global investors then UK equities should begin to address their underperformance vs their international peers. While the UK Growth fund has lagged the wider UK market over recent history, our well diversified funds invested in high-quality companies that are positioned to benefit in this scenario.

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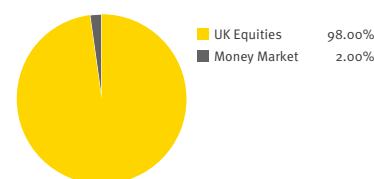
## Pensions Asset Mix



## Life Asset Mix



## OEIC Asset Mix



## Top Ten Fund Holdings

NFU Mutual UK Equity fund Holdings	
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BP	Shell PLC
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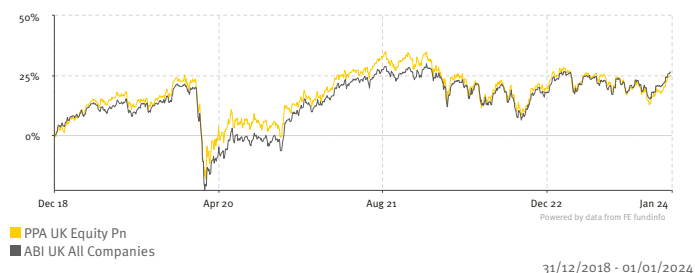
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Key Information	Pensions	Life	OEIC
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012	3 December 2012
Sector	ABI UK All Companies	ABI UK All Companies	IA UK All Companies
Fund Size	£823.8m (as at 31/12/23)	£237.0m (as at 31/12/23)	£366.7m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Five	Level Five	Level Five

### NFU Mutual PPA UK Equity Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



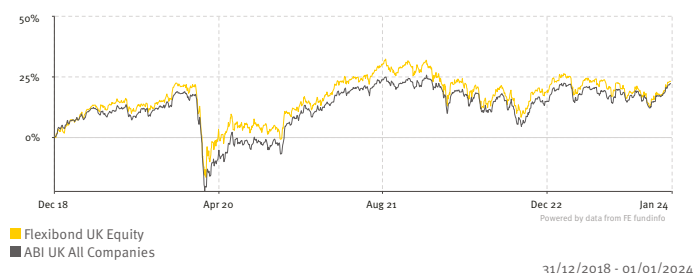
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual PPA UK Equity Pension S3	4.6	-10.7	17.3	-7.1	22.6
Sector	7.2	-8.1	15.2	-7.7	20.6

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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### NFU Mutual Flexibond UK Equity Series 3 5 years past performance



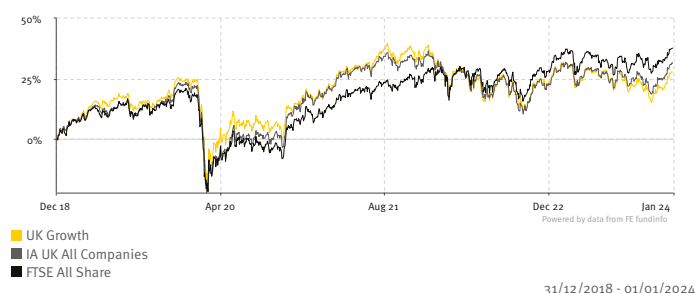
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual Flexibond UK Equity S3	4.0	-9.5	15.9	-6.9	21.1
Sector	6.5	-7.7	13.2	-7.1	18.2

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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### NFU Mutual UK Growth Fund Class C 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual UK Growth Fund Class C	4.1	-10.9	18.6	-6.4	24.1
Sector	7.4	-9.1	17.3	-6.0	22.2
FTSE All Share	7.9	0.3	18.3	-9.8	19.2

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# NFU MUTUAL UK EQUITY INCOME FUNDS

## Fund objective

To produce a growing income in excess of the FTSE All-Share Index (the Index) with some capital growth over the long-term (5 - 7 years) by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks able to generate above the Index average and/or growing dividend payment. The Fund will invest at least 80% in a broadly diversified portfolio of company shares (equities) domiciled in the UK, or whose business activities are predominantly in/the majority of their revenue is derived from the UK but which are domiciled or quoted on a market outside the UK. The Fund may also invest up to 20% in other Transferable Securities, Money Market Instruments, Collective Investment Schemes (including other funds managed by NFU Mutual), Deposits, Cash and Near Cash. For more information on this fund including key risks please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on our website. The objective shown above relates to our OEIC fund. Although similar, the detailed investment objective and policy may vary for our Life and Pension funds. Please refer to 'Your Guide to Our Funds' provided with the Key Features document for the exact description for these funds.

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## Fund manager comments

The UK equity market performed strongly in the final quarter, rounding off a positive year. This is despite global geopolitical instability and mixed UK macroeconomic indicators. A period of high inflation, which peaked in 2022 at 11% has begun to abate reaching 3.9% for November. Although that is still above the 2% official target, the degree of decline has led economists to forecast that base rates could be cut in coming months, with the current 5.25% bank rate potentially reducing to around 4% by the end of 2024.

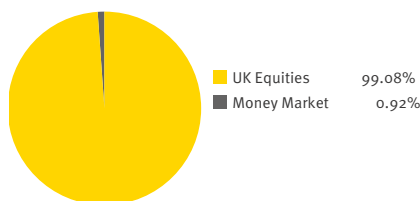
The positive sentiment around inflation and base rates saw the FTSE 100 and All-Share indices rise by 2.3% and 3.2% respectively in the quarter, taking 2023 total returns to 7.9% for both indices. In a strong equity market small and medium sized stocks saw a reversal of fortune and were favored in the fourth quarter with the FTSE 250 index returning 8.6%, resulting in a total return just ahead of the overall index for 2023 at 8%.

Sector allocation benefitted the income funds over the period with an overweight position in Homebuilder stocks and underweight in Tobacco reflecting positively on performance. Elsewhere, the quarter saw the fund benefit from continued solid operating updates from diverse companies such as 3i Group, Intermediate Capital and Bloomsbury. Although modestly behind the market index in 2023, performance of the NFU Mutual UK Equity Income funds continue to track well over the 3-year period relative to the index and its peers.

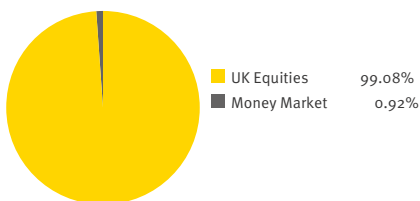
The majority of companies in the fund are paying healthy (and in many cases growing) dividends, illustrating the strength of their business models. The UK Equity Income funds remain well diversified and continue to seek companies that can generate strong and sustainable dividends over the long term.

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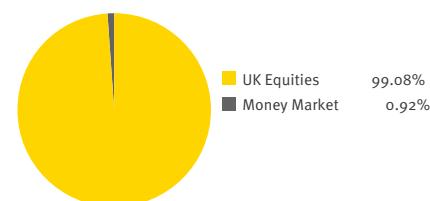
## Pensions Asset Mix



## Life Asset Mix



## OEIC Asset Mix



## Top Ten Fund Holdings

NFU Mutual UK Equity Income Fund Holdings	
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Rio Tinto	Diageo
BP	RELX NV
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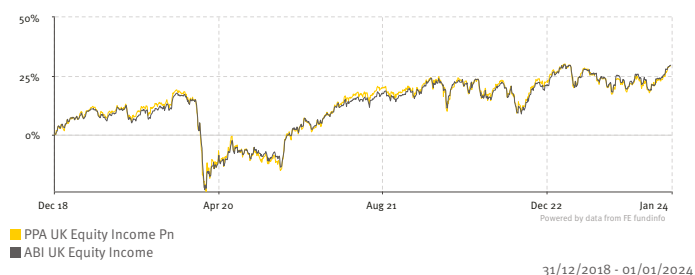
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Key Information	Pensions	Life	OEIC
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012	3 December 2012
Sector	ABI UK Equity Income	ABI UK Equity Income	IA UK Equity Income
Fund Size	£3.8m (as at 31/12/23)	£4.3m (as at 31/12/23)	£195.3m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Five	Level Five	Level Five

### NFU Mutual PPA UK Equity Income Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



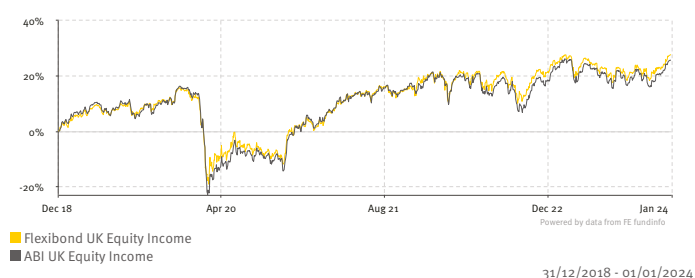
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual PPA UK Equity Income Pension S3	5.9	0.6	18.9	-13.3	17.8
Sector	7.2	0.1	17.0	-11.5	16.6

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### NFU Mutual Flexibond UK Equity Income Series 3 5 years past performance



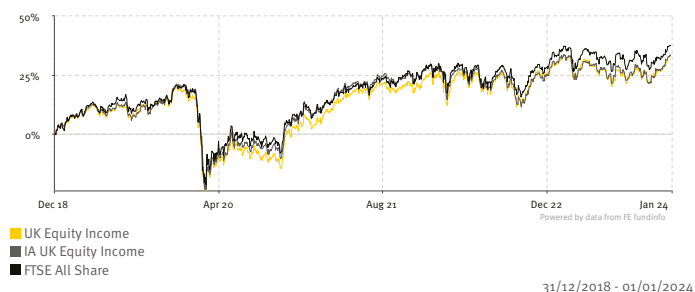
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual Flexibond UK Equity Income S3	5.5	1.8	16.9	-11.3	14.7
Sector	6.4	-0.2	15.9	-11.5	15.5

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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### NFU Mutual UK Equity Income Fund Class C 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual UK Equity Income Fund Class C	6.4	1.6	19.5	-12.9	18.4
Sector	7.0	-1.7	18.4	-10.7	20.1
FTSE All Share	7.9	0.3	18.3	-9.8	19.2

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# NFU MUTUAL GLOBAL EQUITY FUNDS

## Fund objective

To achieve long term (5+ years) capital growth (net of fees) by investing globally. The Fund will gain exposure to at least 80% in a broadly diversified portfolio of global company shares (equities), of which at least 50% will be a combination of companies based in North America, Europe and Asia. The Fund may also invest up to 20% in shares in companies and other equivalent securities, depositary receipts, Money Market Instruments, Deposits, Cash and Near Cash. The fund manager will invest up to 100% of the Fund's assets in other funds managed by NFU Mutual and/or third party funds with compatible objectives. The fund manager also has the ability to invest directly in company shares (equities) and other permitted investments within the stated limits.

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## Fund manager comments

International equities had a strong finish to the year, with the FTSE All World ex-UK index rising 6.5% in sterling terms over the final quarter. This took the full year index return for 2023 up to 16.0%, which is a good year for the asset class.

Market expectations for the path of inflation and interest rates shifted in the fourth quarter. Evidence gathered that the higher rates of inflation that we have experienced in recent times are under control and could indeed be headed on a downward path towards more desirable levels. Given this change in trend, the US Federal Reserve held interest rates steady over the quarter and signalled that they could start to be reduced in 2024.

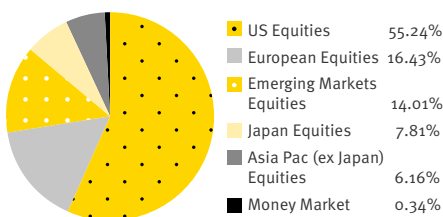
This change in interest rate dynamics was an important factor in driving investment markets in the period. Equities were buoyed by this more favourable backdrop and alongside it the hope that a hard economic landing can be avoided. Furthermore, Technology related shares and the Real Estate sector, which are considered to be key beneficiaries of lower interest rates, were the strongest subgroups in the period with both achieving double digit gains. Elsewhere, Energy related shares were the only group in the index that fell in the period, as oil prices pared back following a strong run in the previous quarter.

From a regional perspective, all of the major components of the index produced positive returns in the fourth quarter. Europe ex-UK and North America led the markets higher in the period with both making returns in excess of 7%, whilst Emerging Markets were the weakest area in the fourth quarter with returns of just over 2%.

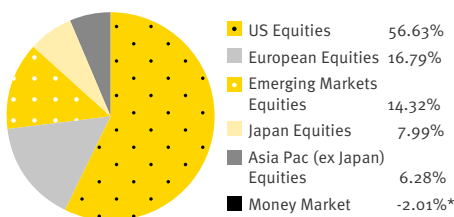
Portfolio positioning is overweight Emerging Markets and underweight North America compared to the FTSE All World ex-UK index, although the US remains the dominant market exposure. This has been a headwind to relative performance and so whilst fund returns have been strong over the fourth quarter and for 2023, they have lagged those of the benchmark. The portfolios maintain well-diversified balances of exposures across sectors, geographies and companies and this remains a sensible approach to mitigate against risks.

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## Pensions Asset Mix

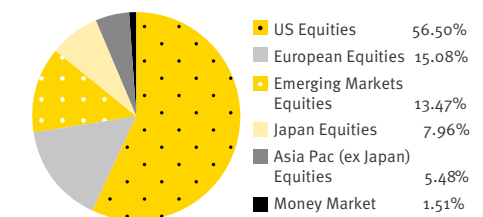


## Life Asset Mix



\*This is a technical position at month end that allows for Tax Liability

## OEIC Asset Mix



## Top Fund Holdings

NFU Mutual Global Equity Fund Holdings		NFU Mutual Global Equity Fund Holdings		NFU Mutual Global Equity Fund Holdings	
NFU Mutual Global Alpha Fund	Alphabet	NFU Mutual Global Alpha Fund	Alphabet	NFU Mutual North America Equity Core	NFU Mutual Global Strategic
NFU Mutual Global Regional Core	Amazon	NFU Mutual Global Regional Core	Amazon	NFU Mutual Global Alpha	NFU Mutual Dev Europe Equity Core
NFU Mutual Global Strategic Fund	Meta Platforms	NFU Mutual Global Strategic Fund	Meta Platforms	VANGUARD FTSE	
Apple	Nvidia Corporation	Apple	Nvidia Corporation	NFU Mutual Global Regional	
Microsoft	Berkshire Hathaway	Microsoft	Berkshire Hathaway	IShare Core S&P 500	

Please note that individual holdings may be duplicated in fund holdings due to external fund manager outsourcing in these funds.

Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

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Key Information	Pensions	Life	OEIC
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012	3 December 2012
Sector	ABI Global Equity	ABI Global Equity	IA Global
Fund Size	£1,196.1m (as at 31/12/23)	£316.5m (as at 31/12/23)	£44.6m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Five	Level Five	Level Five

Previously the International funds within our Life and Pensions and OEIC products were managed wholly by our own in-house Investment team. From the 18th November 2019 the Life and Pension products began utilising the expertise of selected external fund managers to complement our own Investment team. From 6th October 2020 the Global Growth OEIC also began utilising this new approach. For this reason we only show limited past performance below from the dates of these changes.

#### NFU Mutual PPA International Pension Series 3 4 years 1 month past performance

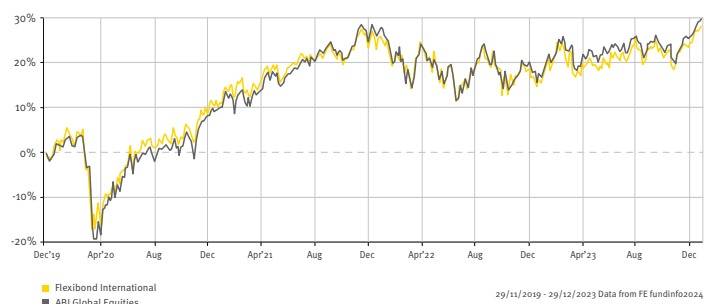


#### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual PPA International Pension S3	11.9	-7.8	15.1	11.7	N/A
Sector	12.8	-9.1	18.0	9.6	21.1

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

#### NFU Mutual Flexibond International Series 3 4 years 1 month past performance

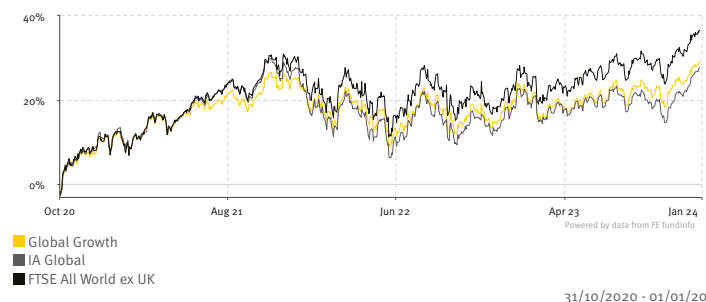


#### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual Flexibond International S3	10.1	-7.0	13.1	9.3	N/A
Sector	10.9	-7.9	15.7	8.7	18.0

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

#### NFU Mutual Global Growth Fund Class C 3 years 2 months past performance



#### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual Global Growth Fund Class C	12.6	-8.0	16.7	N/A	N/A
Sector	12.7	-11.1	17.7	15.3	21.9
FTSE All World ex UK	15.4	-8.3	19.5	13.7	21.9

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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# NFU MUTUAL FIXED INTEREST FUNDS

## Fund objective

To achieve income and capital growth (net of fees) over the long term (5 years +). This Fund will invest at least 80% in government and corporate debt (bonds), both UK and international that have investment grade credit ratings. The Fund may also invest up to 20% in lower credit rated corporate debt (bonds), Transferable Securities, Collective Investment Schemes (including other funds managed by NFU Mutual), Money Market Instruments, Deposits, Cash and Near Cash.

For more information on this fund including key risks please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on our website.

The objective shown above relates to our OEIC fund. Although similar, the detailed investment objective and policy may vary for our Life and Pension funds. Please refer to 'Your Guide to Our Funds' provided with the Key Features document for the exact description for these funds.

OEIC funds only – for these funds we have selected benchmarks which can be used to measure the performance of the fund.

The chosen benchmarks are representative of the types of investments that the fund is likely to hold. For this fund we have chosen the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index and the Markit iBoxx £(GBP) Corporate Index as a composite benchmark. There will be a 50:50 split in the composite benchmark between these indices.

## Fund manager comments

Government and corporate bonds delivered strong returns over the fourth quarter as rapidly falling inflation led investors to anticipate interest rate cuts in 2024.

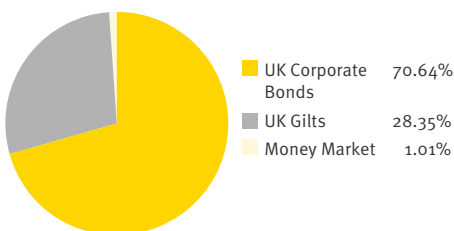
The Bank of England voted 6-3 in early November and mid-December to maintain Bank Rate at 5.25%. While the option of further rate rises remains, current market pricing implies that the next move in Bank Rate will be downwards, with five rate cuts priced in for 2024, taking Bank Rate down to 4%. UK consumer price inflation has come down substantially, from 11.1% in October 2022 to its latest reading of 3.9% for November, but still remains above the Bank of England's 2% target. The increases in interest rates over the last few years have resulted in substantial falls in bond prices, especially over 2022. However, because of these price falls and the corresponding rise in yields, going forwards fixed income assets such as gilts and corporate bonds now offer both reasonable income and return potential.

The fourth quarter of 2023 saw the FTSE Gilts All Stocks index produce a total return of 8.1%, driven by the longer maturity (over 15 years) gilts rallying 14.4%. Similarly, corporate bonds returned 8.2%, with credit spreads (the additional yield over gilts) benefiting from continued reasonable corporate health. Whilst this has been a challenging last 3 years for fixed interest funds, the NFU Mutual Life and Pension funds have outperformed comparable peer averages.

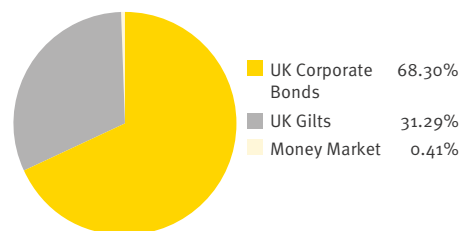
Investment activity during the fourth quarter focused on two main areas. Firstly, the Funds reduced their overall exposure to credit and conversely increased their weightings to gilts. During the second half of November a range of different corporate bonds were sold, including Santander 2026, Goldman Sachs 2027, Next 2028, 3i Group 2032 and Suez 2043 bonds. The proceeds were invested into a range of different maturity gilts. While credit exposure was reduced in November, the Funds did participate in a new issue from Kering – a global luxury brands group, which includes Gucci and Balenciaga. Secondly, the duration of the Funds was altered in response to yield movements in the gilt market. Opportunities were taken during the first half of the quarter to open and close out some short-term tactical gilt trades for a profit. During the second half of the quarter some 2068 and 2073 gilts were sold to reduce the Funds' duration in response to falling gilt yields.

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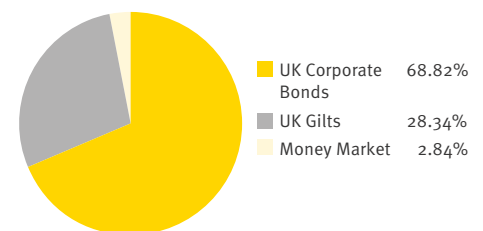
### Pensions Asset Mix



### Life Asset Mix



### OEIC Asset Mix



Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

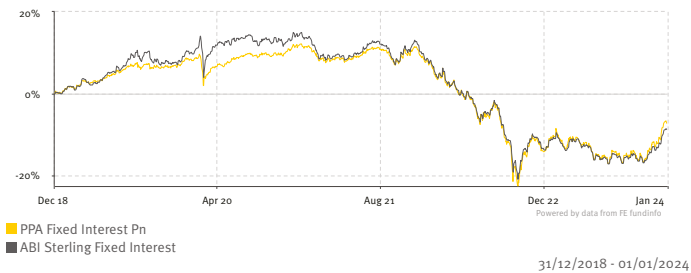
As well as investing in the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, the fund may invest in Government and other public securities of the following European Economic Area (EEA) States:

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden, and in addition the Governments of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the United States of America.

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Key Information	Pensions	Life	OEIC
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012	3 December 2012
Sector	ABI Sterling Fixed Interest	ABI Sterling Fixed Interest	IA Sterling Strategic Bond
Fund Size	£448.3m (as at 31/12/23)	£150.7m (as at 31/12/23)	£253.0m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Two	Level Two	Level Two

### NFU Mutual PPA Fixed Interest Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



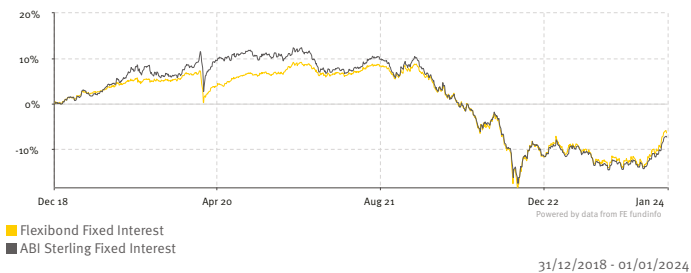
### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual PPA Fixed Interest Pension S3	8.0	-21.4	-2.6	5.2	6.5
Sector	5.9	-21.6	-4.3	7.2	7.0

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

Fund performances are shown on pages 49 to 55.

### NFU Mutual Flexibond Fixed Interest Series 3 5 years past performance



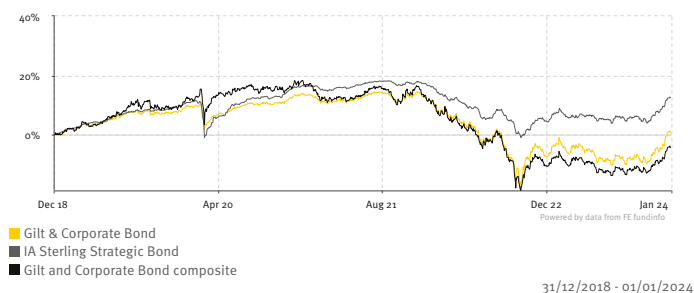
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual Flexibond Fixed Interest S3	5.9	-17.5	-2.0	3.8	5.1
Sector	4.9	-18.1	-3.9	6.1	5.7

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

Fund performances are shown on pages 49 to 55.

### NFU Mutual Gilt and Corporate Bond Fund Class C 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual Gilt and Corporate Bond Fund Class C	8.5	-17.8	-0.9	5.8	7.6
Sector	7.8	-11.0	0.8	6.6	9.3
Composite Benchmark	6.9	-21.0	-4.2	8.5	9.0

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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# NFU MUTUAL INDEX-LINKED FUND

## Fund objective

To provide a return from a portfolio investing predominantly in index-linked bonds. The fund will invest in a portfolio investing in index-linked government or investment grade corporate index linked securities denominated mainly in sterling. It aims to provide a total return related to inflation linked income and redemption payment. In the short term, the fund may not provide much inflation protection.

## Fund manager comments

Index-linked bonds delivered strong returns over the fourth quarter as bond yields fell in anticipation of interest rate cuts in 2024 in most major economies.

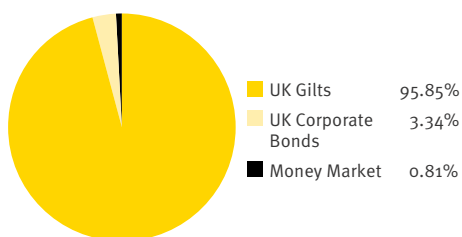
The Bank of England voted 6-3 in early November and mid-December to maintain Bank Rate at 5.25%. Both decisions arguably garnered more consensus among the Committee than the 5-4 split decision to hold Bank Rate at 5.25% in September, hence suggesting that it's now more likely that rates have peaked for the current interest rate cycle. While the option of further rate rises remains, current market pricing also implies that the next change to Bank Rate will be a decrease, with five rate cuts priced in for 2024, taking Bank Rate down to 4%. UK consumer price inflation has come down substantially, from 11.1% in October 2022 to its latest reading of 3.9% for November, but still remains above the Bank of England's 2% target. The increases in interest rates over the last few years have resulted in substantial falls in index-linked bond prices, especially over 2022. However, because of these price falls and the corresponding rise in real yields, going forwards index-linked gilts now offer more reasonable return potential.

The FTSE Index-Linked Gilts All Stocks index rallied 8.7% in the fourth quarter of 2023. This was driven by the longer maturity (over 15 years) index-linked gilts, which returned 13.8%. Short (under 5 years) index-linked gilts produced a positive 2.3% return and medium maturity (5 to 15 years) index-linked gilts returned 5.9%. Whilst this has been a challenging last 3 years for index-linked funds, the NFU Mutual fund has held up better than the market index (FTSE Index-Linked Gilts All Stocks) and outperformed comparable peer averages.

Volatility within the index-linked gilt market during the fourth quarter provided some short-term tactical trading opportunities. Four of these tactical trades were initiated and closed out during the period, all for a profit and hence benefitting Fund performance. As the market rallied during November and December the duration of the Fund was reduced by switching out of 2073 gilts into 2026 gilts, bringing the Fund duration closer to the benchmark index. The Fund continues to invest predominantly in a mix of index-linked gilts and some corporate names, whilst keeping cash levels low.

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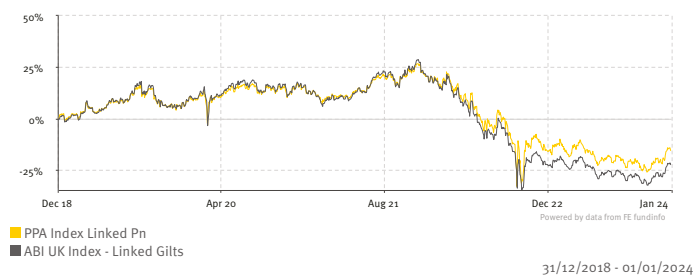
## Pensions Asset Mix



Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

Key Information	Pensions
Fund Launch	31 December 2012
Sector	ABI UK Index-Linked Gilts
Fund Size	£73.1m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Three

### NFU Mutual PPA Index-Linked Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual PPA Index-Linked Pension S3	0.1	-30.0	4.2	10.0	5.1
Sector	0.4	-36.1	3.8	10.8	4.8

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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# NFU MUTUAL DEPOSIT FUNDS

## Fund objective

To maintain capital stability by investing in secure UK money market accounts. The fund is an ideal temporary haven for your money while you're deciding where to invest it for the longer term. The fund isn't intended as a long-term investment. The fund will primarily place money on short-term deposit in the UK money markets to get competitive rates of interest. The return will reflect the short-term interest rates in the money markets. When interest rates are low, charges may be greater than the returns achieved by the fund. The fund is not intended as a long-term investment and investors must be able to accept the risk that returns might not keep up with inflation.

The fund invests principally in deposits and in money market assets, which includes deposits in banks and other financial institutions. If any of these get into financial difficulties or become insolvent, they may not pay back some or all of the amount invested in them. This could mean that you might not get back the full value of your investment.

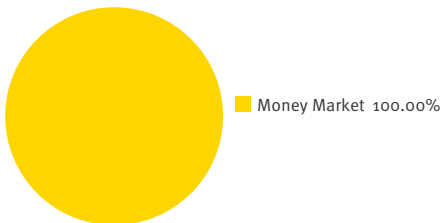
## Fund manager comments

The Bank of England's (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) sets policy to meet the 2% inflation target in a way that helps to sustain UK growth and employment. During the fourth quarter of 2023 the MPC had two policy meetings, in early November and mid-December. At both meetings the MPC voted 6-3 to maintain Bank Rate at 5.25%, with the three outvoted members preferring to increase Bank Rate to 5.5%. While the option of further rate rises remains, market consensus is that Bank Rate may have now peaked at 5.25%. Current market pricing implies five rate cuts during 2024, taking Bank Rate down to 4%.

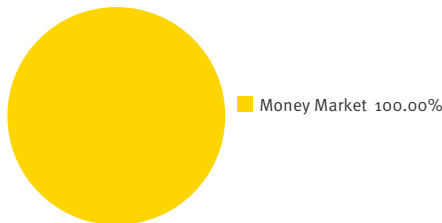
During the fourth quarter funds were deposited with a specific range of well-rated banks and building societies, to benefit from diversification while optimising Fund returns. Throughout the quarter the recent disinflationary trend continued, and markets priced in greater expectations of rate cuts in 2024. Long-term rates fell significantly while short-term rates (of less than 3 months) remained largely unchanged. Some deposits have been placed at the short end to allow flexibility to respond to any paring of rate cut expectations, while others have locked in rates at the longer end.

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## Pensions Asset Mix



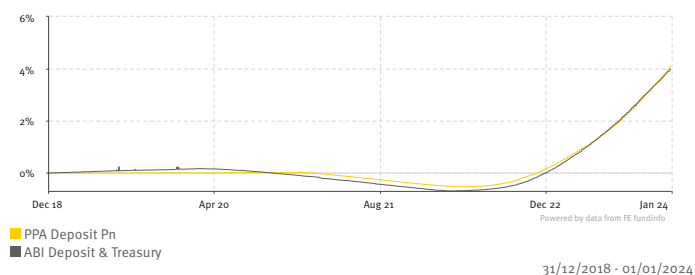
## Life Asset Mix



Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

Key Information	Pensions	Life
Fund Launch	31 December 2012	31 December 2012
Sector	ABI Deposit & Treasury	ABI Deposit & Treasury
Fund Size	£122.0m (as at 31/12/23)	£24.0m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level One	Level One

### NFU Mutual PPA Deposit Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



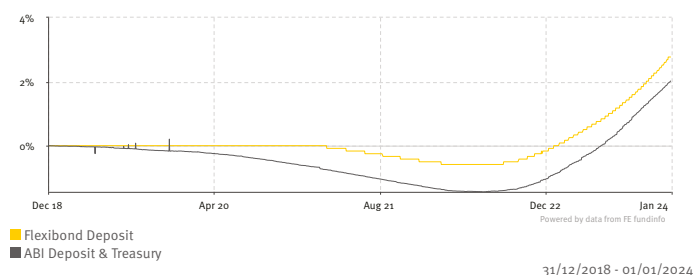
### Discrete performance (%)

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NFU Mutual PPA Deposit Pension S3	3.9	0.6	-0.5	0.0	0.0
Sector	4.0	0.6	-0.5	-0.2	0.1

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

Fund performances are shown on pages 49 to 55.

### NFU Mutual Flexibond Deposit Series 3 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual Flexibond Deposit S3	2.9	0.3	-0.5	0.0	0.0
Sector	3.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.2

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# NFU MUTUAL PROPERTY SHARES FUND

## Fund objective

To provide long-term growth by investing in property related shares and/or property. To invest in a selection of UK property and property related shares. The valuation will reflect UK property and stock market values. However, the fund does not currently invest directly in property.

## Fund manager comments

The UK equity market performed strongly in the final quarter, rounding off a positive year. This is despite global geopolitical instability and mixed UK macroeconomic indicators. A period of high inflation, which peaked in 2022 at 11% has begun to abate reaching 3.9% for November. Although that is still above the 2% official target, the degree of decline has led economists to forecast that base rates could be cut in coming months, with the current 5.25% bank rate potentially reducing to around 4% by the end of 2024.

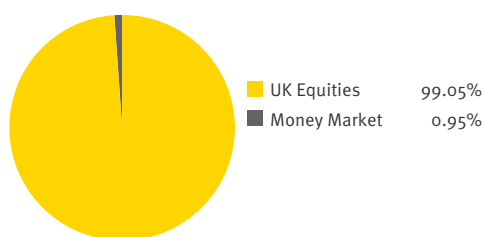
The positive sentiment around inflation and base rates saw the property sector index rebound very strongly in the fourth quarter increasing by 18.7%, resulting in a 9.8% total return for 2023, ahead of the overall market performance of 7.9%

Central bank base rates have been rising consistently for 2 years now and therefore property yields have risen in sympathy, lowering asset values. Even after this decline in asset values, UK listed real estate companies continue to operate with robust loan to value ratios, especially relative to other regions. On the operating side, strong demand from tenants is generating high occupancy and rental growth and thus rising dividend payments. This combination of strong balance sheets combined with good operating performance in an environment where base rates look to have peaked and where a “soft economic landing” is increasingly the narrative, provides the potential for the UK real estate sector to continue to perform in 2024.

The UK Property Securities fund remains well diversified and continues to seek property securities providing access to the UK-listed property market. The fund benefitted from strong performance from Empiric Student Property, Workspace and Urban Logistics. Due to the year-end rally, absolute returns have been strong, and this has been led by the larger more liquid companies such as Segro, Land Securities and British Land. As a result, the performance of the NFU Mutual UK Property Shares fund which is tilted more towards small and medium sized companies lagged the market returns for 2023, however these small and mid-sized stocks have the potential to outperform as inflows come back into the sector.

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## Pensions Asset Mix



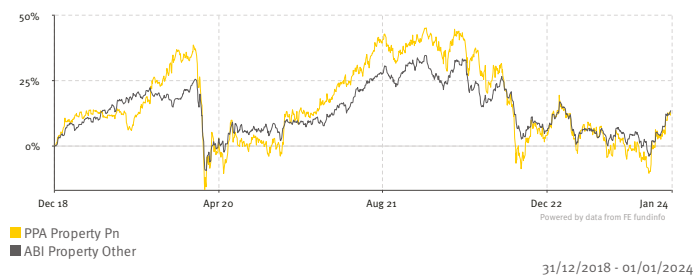
Source: NFU Mutual 31st December 2023.

## Top Holdings

NFU Mutual Property Shares Fund Holdings	
Segro	Land Securities Gp
Sirius	Urban Logistics
Shaftesbury Capital	Warehouse Group
Workspace Group	Unite Group
Empiric Student Living	TRITAX REIT PLC

Key Information	Pensions
Fund Launch	31 December 2012
Sector	ABI UK Property Other
Fund Size	£56.0m (as at 31/12/23)
Risk Rating	Level Five

### NFU Mutual PPA Property Pension Series 3 5 years past performance



### Discrete performance (%)

	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/18 31/12/19
NFU Mutual PPA Property Shares Pension S3	7.1	-28.1	28.2	-17.2	36.6
Sector	6.3	-20.8	23.5	-7.4	17.8

Source: FE Bid to Bid. Income reinvested to 31st December 2023.

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# NFU MUTUAL SELECT FUND RANGE



abrdn Global Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund  
abrdn UK Real Estate Feeder Fund

## **JUPITER**

Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Fund



Columbia Threadneedle High Yield Bond Fund



# abrdn Global Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund

I Inc GBP



31 December 2023

## Objective

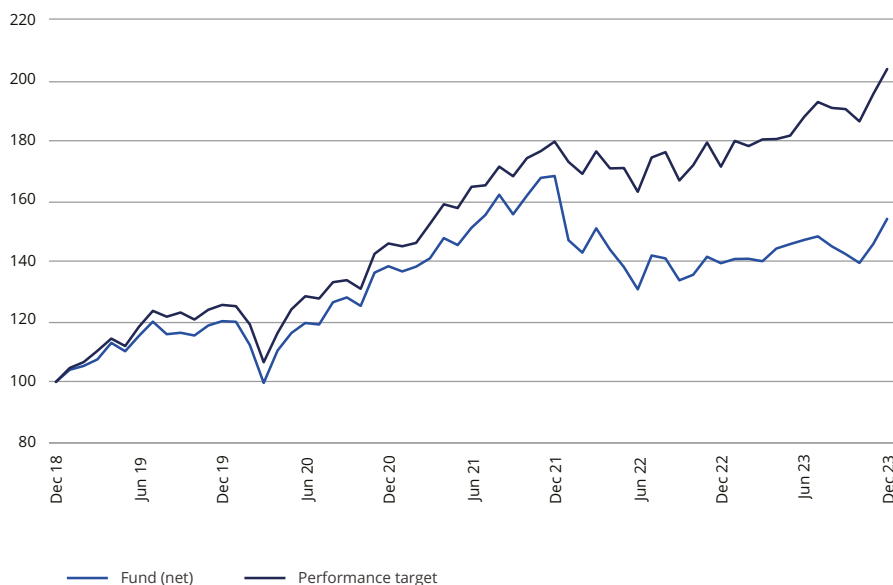
To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in global equities (company shares) which adhere to the abrdn Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach.

**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is no certainty or promise that the Performance Target will be achieved. The MSCI AC World Index (the "Index") is a representative index of world stock markets.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund invests at least 70% in global equities.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), cash and assets that can be turned into cash quickly.
- The fund will only invest in companies that adhere to the assessment criteria as set out in the abrdn Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Approach (the "Investment Approach") available on www.abrdn.com under "Fund Centre".
- The Investment Approach identifies companies that the management team consider to be sustainable leaders and improvers. Leaders are viewed as companies with the best in class Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") credentials or products and services which address global environmental and societal challenges, whilst improvers are typically companies where ESG management practices are considered to be at least of an average standard amongst its peers with potential for improvement.
- In addition a set of company exclusions are applied which are related but not limited to tobacco, coal, gambling, oil & gas and weapons.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (net) (%)	5.70	4.76	11.18	11.18	3.85	9.04
Performance target (%)	4.23	8.47	18.88	18.88	11.77	15.29

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/12

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund (net) (%)	11.18	-17.19	21.63	14.59	20.13
Performance target (%)	18.88	-4.62	23.14	16.22	25.51

Performance Data: Share Class I Inc.

Benchmark history: Performance target – MSCI AC World Index +3.00% from 31/05/2019. FTSE World +3.00% from 01/05/1999 to 30/05/2019

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net Income Reinvested.

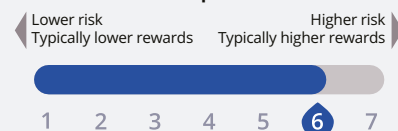
"Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

**Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.**

## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Dominic Byrne, Joanna MacIntyre, Jamie Mills O'Brien
Fund launch date	01 May 1999
Share class launch date	01 May 1999
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	abrdn Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£145.7m
Number of holdings	43
Performance target	MSCI AC World Index +3.00%
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	0.83%
Distribution frequency	Semi-Annual
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	0.75%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0.84%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 1,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	683382
ISIN	GB0006833825
Bloomberg	MUREWCI LN
Citicode	MJ43
Reuters	LP60010599
Domicile	United Kingdom

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIPs Key Information Document (KID) for details

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Equity Risk - The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- ESG Investment Risk - Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's benchmark or universe of potential investments. The interpretation of ESG and sustainability criteria is subjective meaning that the fund may invest in assets which similar funds do not (and thus perform differently) and which may not align with the personal views of any individual investor.

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## Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and company level.
- Through the application of the Investment Approach, the fund is expected to have a lower carbon footprint compared to the Index.
- Due to the active and sustainable and responsible nature of the management process, the fund will not invest in a material number of companies and sectors in the Index. This means the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Index.

## Top Ten Holdings

Microsoft Corp	5.9
LOreal SA	4.1
Marvell Technology Inc	3.6
Eli Lilly & Co	3.4
Lululemon Athletica Inc	3.3
Mastercard Inc	3.3
Dino Polska SA	3.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc	2.9
TJX Cos Inc/The	2.9
HDFC Bank Ltd	2.8
<b>Assets in top ten holdings</b>	<b>35.2</b>

## Sector (%)

Equities	98.7
Cash	1.3

## Country (%)

United States of America	60.3
France	5.6
Australia	4.5
Canada	3.7
Poland	3.0
India	2.8
Sweden	2.5
Netherlands	2.4
Other	14.0
Cash	1.3

Source : abrdn 31/12/2023

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

- (d) Emerging Markets Risk - The fund may invest in emerging markets, where political, economic, legal and regulatory systems are less developed. As a result, investing in emerging markets may involve higher volatility and a greater risk of loss than investing in developed markets.
- (e) Derivatives Risk - The use of derivatives may involve additional liquidity, credit and counterparty risks. In some cases the risk of loss from derivatives may be increased where a small change in the value of the underlying investment may have a larger impact on the value of the derivative.
- (f) Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- (g) The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

## Risk stats

Alpha <sup>^</sup>	-5.16
Benchmark Volatility (SD) <sup>^</sup>	10.81
Beta <sup>^</sup>	1.18
Fund Volatility (SD) <sup>^</sup>	14.10
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	-0.69
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0.81
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.13
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	6.40

Source : abrdn. <sup>^</sup> Three year annualised.

## Ratings

Morningstar ★★

## Derivative usage

- Derivatives are linked to the value of other assets. In other words, they derive their price from one or more underlying asset.
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to equities.



# abrdrn UK Real Estate Feeder Fund

## Monthly Factsheet November 2023

### Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK commercial property. It is intended that the sub-fund will be a PAIF at all times and, as such, its investment objective is to carry on property investment business and to manage cash raised for investment in the property investment business.

**Performance Target:** To exceed the return of the IA UK Direct Property Sector Average return (after charges) over rolling three year periods. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the sub-fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the sub-fund based on the investment policy of the sub-fund and the constituents of the sector.

### Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in a diversified portfolio of UK freehold and leasehold commercial property selected from across the retail, office, industrial and other sectors.
- The fund may also invest indirectly in commercial property through investment vehicles such as quoted and unquoted property companies or funds (including those managed by abrdrn).
- The fund may also invest in short term government bonds such as gilts, money-market instruments and cash.

### Discrete annual returns (%) - year ended 30/11

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund Retail Acc shareclass	-1.78	-4.65	8.80	-7.53	-3.30
Fund Institutional Acc shareclass	-1.38	-4.28	9.18	-7.14	-2.97
Fund Platform One Acc shareclass	-1.48	-4.32	9.11	-7.12	-3.04
Performance Target <sup>A</sup>	-0.79	-2.78	7.57	-4.64	-1.58

### Past performance (%)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y p.a.	5y p.a.
Fund Retail Acc shareclass	-1.03	-2.51	-3.49	-3.30	-0.91	-1.84
Fund Institutional Acc shareclass	-1.01	-2.37	-3.34	-2.97	-0.54	-1.47
Fund Platform One Acc shareclass	-1.05	-2.42	-3.37	-3.04	-0.58	-1.52
Performance Target <sup>A</sup>	0.04	-0.41	-0.77	-1.58	0.24	-0.75

<sup>A</sup>Benchmark includes both master and feeder funds in the IA UK Direct Property Peer group. Source: abrdrn (Fund) and Morningstar (Target)

Past performance is not a guide to future results.

### Top five property holdings

Name	£ of property*	Sub-sector
London, 24/26 Minories	£50m - 75m	Other Commercial
Leamington Spa, Leamington Shopping Park	£50m - 75m	Retail
Dartford, Masthead Industrial Estate	£25m - 50m	Industrial
Birmingham, Solar Park	£25m - 50m	Industrial
South Ruislip, The Old Dairy	£25m - 50m	Retail

Source: abrdrn, November 2023

<sup>B</sup> The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is an estimate as at April 2022 and may vary from year to year. It excludes the cost of buying and selling assets for the fund. An estimate is used in order to provide the figure that will most likely be charged. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The Ongoing Charge Figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds.

<sup>C</sup> MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Universe Property Index (unfrozen) from 01/01/2019. Prior MSCI UK Quarterly Balanced Monthly Index Funds Quarterly Property Index (Unfrozen)

<sup>D</sup> Historic Distribution Yield - this represents the income generated by the assets in which the fund has been invested over the last twelve months, expressed as a % of the fund's value for Institutional Acc Shareclass. Please note that this income stream may be subject to taxes and charges.

<sup>E</sup> The Average Lease Length is the weighted average (by estimated rental value, "ERV") of all contracted income within the fund. ERV refers to the rent that a particular asset would be expected to achieve if it were to be re-let in current market conditions. Benchmark is MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs Quarterly Property Index.

<sup>F</sup> The vacancy rate represents the sum of all assets within the fund's portfolio which do not generate rental income. It is expressed as a percentage of the total portfolio estimated rental value, ERV, which is the sum of rental income that the portfolio would be expected to achieve if all assets were to be re-let in current market conditions. Benchmark is MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs Quarterly Property Index.

### Dealing information

Minimum initial Investment	
Retail shareclass	£500
Institutional shareclass	£1,000,000
Platform One shareclass	£1,000,000
Valuation point	12:00 UK Time
Settlement terms	T+3
Accounting period end dates	31 Dec (final) and 30 Jun (interim)
Ex-dividend dates	First day of each month
Payment dates	15 Feb (final) and Last day of each month. Jan no payment (interim)

### Ongoing charges figure (OCF)<sup>B</sup>

Retail shareclass	: 1.30%
Institutional shareclass	: 0.83%
Platform One shareclass	: 0.88%

### Annual management charge (AMC)

Retail shareclass	: 1.30%
Institutional shareclass	: 0.75%
Platform One shareclass	: 0.75%

### Retail Acc Shareclass

Sedol	BYPHP97
ISIN	GB00BYPHP973
Bloomberg	IGUKFAA
Lipper	68362406

### Retail Inc Shareclass

Sedol	BYPHPB9
ISIN	GB00BYPHPB97
Bloomberg	IGUKFIA
Lipper	68362407

### Institutional Acc Shareclass

Sedol	BYPHPD1
ISIN	GB00BYPHPD12
Bloomberg	SLIUAFP
Lipper	68367082

<b>Performance Target/Performance Comparator</b>	IA UK Direct Property Sector Average
<b>Portfolio Constraining Benchmark<sup>C</sup></b>	MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Property Index

**Property Fund NAV** £946,316,656

**No. of holdings** 39

**Fund Launch date** 22 Dec 2004

**Historic Distribution Yield<sup>D</sup>** 4.32% (Fund)

**Average Unexpired Lease Length<sup>E</sup>** 7.6 Years

**Benchmark** 6.6 Years

**% Vacancy Rate<sup>F</sup>** 4.29%

**Benchmark** 10.87%



## Management process

- The management team use market research and their discretion (active management) to identify investments that are expected to benefit from changes in property prices and property improvements. They will maintain a diverse asset mix at sector level.

-In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Universe Property Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the MSCI UK Daily Traded APUTs and PAIFs in the UK Quarterly Universe Property Index over the longer term.

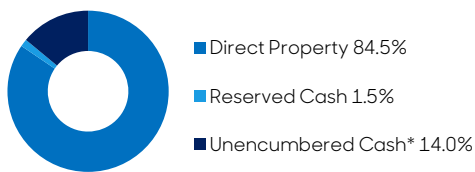
- Please note: Selling property can be a lengthy process so investors in the sub-fund should be aware that, in certain circumstances, they may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

## Top five tenants (consolidated)

Name	% of total income
Motel One (UK) Limited	5.70
Radisson Collection Hotel Edinburgh Limited	4.58
Tesco Stores Limited	4.48
ASDA Stores Ltd.	4.34
T P Bennett LLP	3.19

Source: abrdn, November 2023

## Asset allocation



\*The unencumbered cash figure includes cash or cash equivalents plus any short term assets and liabilities within the fund less any future committed capital expenditures.  
Source: abrdn, November 2023.

## Property portfolio: regional analysis

Region	Portfolio %
Central London	7.13
Rest of London	17.53
South East	19.13
South West	0.33
Eastern	10.65
East Midlands	0.96
West Midlands	14.90
Yorks/Humber	0.00
North West	8.61
North East	4.90
Scotland	13.66
Wales	2.20

Source: abrdn, November 2023

## Property portfolio: sector analysis

Sector	Portfolio %
<b>Retail</b>	<b>22.77</b>
Retail Warehouses	9.36
Standard Retail - South East	6.41
Standard Retail - Rest of UK	3.98
Shopping Centres	3.02
<b>Offices</b>	<b>19.75</b>
Office - Rest of UK	14.40
Office - Rest of South East	5.35
Office - West End & Mid Town	0.00
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>40.54</b>
Industrial - South East	29.49
Industrial - Rest of UK	11.05
<b>Other</b>	<b>16.94</b>

Source: abrdn, November 2023

## Monthly Factsheet to November 2023

## Market review

According to the MSCI UK Monthly Index for November, the all property total return fell from -0.2% in October to -0.5% in November, remaining negative for the third consecutive month. As a result, the 3 month total return for all property deteriorated to -1.0%. On an annual basis returns improved to -3.0% from -7.9% in the previous month, the strongest recording since October 2022.

The office sector continued to exhibit the weakest capital growth out of all sectors at -2.1%. Retail reported a capital value decline of -1.7% over the month. The industrial sector continues to outperform both offices and retail at -0.2%. Over a 12-month basis, capital growth for all property improved to -8.3%, with industrial capital growth the strongest sector at -4.4%.

## Fund performance

During November the Institutional Acc shares returned investors -1.01% over the month. Over the past 3 years the Fund has returned -0.54%, 0.78% behind the IA UK Direct Property benchmark.

## Fund management activity

In the office sector, at Annandale House, Sunbury, a rent review completed with BT Communications at a reviewed rent of £980,925 per annum (an uplift of 17%).

In the industrial sector, at Trilog, Concorde Way, Fareham, a new lease was entered into with SAAB, securing a 10 year term at an initial rent of £481,050 per annum (£11.25 per sq ft). The estate is now fully let. The Fund has also entered into agreements to buy land adjoining its existing holding at Hydehurst Lane, Crawley, and develop a c.62,000 sq ft parcel hub pre-let to DPD at an initial rent of c.£1.4m per annum on a 25 year lease.

## Outlook and Fund positioning

A substantive improvement in real estate performance is not anticipated until 2024, with a more stable interest rate helping to initially establish a floor in real estate pricing before UK monetary policy is anticipated to become more accommodative.

Those sectors that benefit from longer term growth drivers, such as the industrial sector, will see greater investment demand return and stronger pricing levels. The relative repricing of long-income assets, following repricing in fixed income markets, should also create an attractive opportunity. The focus for investors should be on good-quality assets with strong ESG credentials, which should be in a strong position to benefit from a recovery in UK real estate performance and to protect longer-term returns.

The over-arching Fund strategy remains focused on reducing risk within the property portfolio, whilst also retaining an enhanced exposure to liquid assets. Strong asset fundamentals are important at times of volatility. We will continually review and implement enhancements as appropriate to best protect the interests of our customers and investors as matters evolve.

# Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Fund

**DANIEL NICKOLS** Investment Manager

## Fund Objective and Investment Policy

To achieve capital growth. In seeking to achieve its investment objective the fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the Numis Smaller Companies Index excluding Investment Companies over rolling 3 year periods. The fund primarily invests in a portfolio of UK smaller companies.

## Risk and Reward Profile



**Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator (SRRI):** The SRRI is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The lowest category does not mean 'no risk'. Please see the KIID for further information.

## Fund Ratings and Awards



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## Fund Performance as at 31.12.2023

### Performance (%)

	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs
Fund	8.5	8.2	-1.4	-1.4	-25.1	4.5	61.3
Target Benchmark	9.4	8.3	10.1	10.1	10.3	32.1	61.2
Comparator Benchmark	7.1	6.8	0.4	0.4	-9.9	20.9	66.4
Quartile Ranking	1	2	3	3	4	4	3

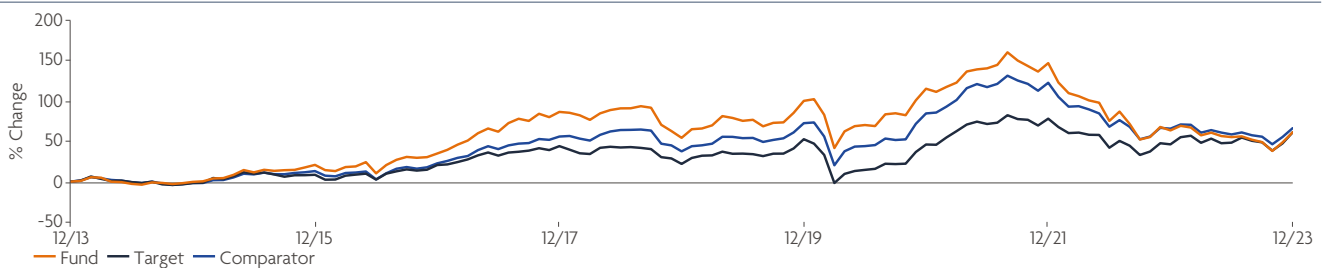
### Rolling 12-month Performance (%)

	01 Jan '23 to 31 Dec '23	01 Jan '22 to 31 Dec '22	01 Jan '21 to 31 Dec '21	01 Jan '20 to 31 Dec '20	01 Jan '19 to 31 Dec '19	01 Jan '18 to 31 Dec '18	01 Jan '17 to 31 Dec '17	01 Jan '16 to 31 Dec '16	01 Jan '15 to 31 Dec '15	01 Jan '14 to 31 Dec '14
Fund	-1.4	-33.8	14.7	7.6	29.7	-17.3	38.3	11.7	21.2	-0.3
Target Benchmark	10.1	-17.9	21.9	-4.3	25.2	-15.3	19.5	11.1	10.6	-1.9
Comparator Benchmark	0.4	-25.6	20.6	7.0	25.4	-11.8	27.1	8.5	14.9	-1.6

### Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	-1.4	-33.8	14.7	7.6	29.7	-17.3	38.3	11.7	21.2	-0.3
Target Benchmark	10.1	-17.9	21.9	-4.3	25.2	-15.3	19.5	11.1	10.6	-1.9
Comparator Benchmark	0.4	-25.6	20.6	7.0	25.4	-11.8	27.1	8.5	14.9	-1.6

### Performance Over 10 Years (%)



**Past performance does not predict future returns.** Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The performance data shown does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. Source: © [YEAR] Morningstar UK Limited via FactSet. All Rights Reserved. Fund performance data for I GBP ACC is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis, income reinvested, net of fees. All information as at 31.12.2023 unless otherwise stated. The benchmark is a broad representation of the fund's investment universe and as such is an appropriate benchmark for the fund to seek to outperform and may also be used as a point of reference against which the fund's performance may be measured. The fund's performance may also be compared to the IA sector, which consists of funds with similar investment objectives and policies. The performance of other share classes may differ, and any reported quartile ranking figures may refer to different share classes. Sector averages and rankings may change at any time. The fund class performance has been extended using the performance of an older share class.

## Risks

**Investment risk** - there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objective. A capital loss of some or all of the amount invested may occur. **Geographic concentration risk** - a fall in the UK market may have a significant impact on the value of the Fund because it primarily invests in this market. **Company shares (i.e. equities) risk** - the value of Company shares (i.e. equities) and similar investments may go down as well as up in response to the performance of individual companies and can be affected by daily stock market movements and general market conditions. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events. **Smaller companies risk** - smaller companies are subject to greater risk and reward potential. Investments may be volatile or difficult to buy or sell. **Liquidity risk** - some investments including those in unlisted companies may be hard to value or sell at a desired time and price. In extreme circumstances this may affect the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand. **Currency risk** - the Fund can be exposed to different currencies. The value of your shares may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate movements. **Derivative risk** - the Fund may use derivatives to reduce costs and/or the overall risk of the Fund (i.e. Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM)). Derivatives involve a level of risk, however, for EPM they should not increase the overall riskiness of the Fund. Derivatives also involve counterparty risk where the institutions acting as counterparty to derivatives may not meet their contractual obligations. For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.



**Fund Holdings as at 31.12.2023**

Top Ten Holdings (% of net assets)		Industry Allocation (%)		
			Short	Long
Osib Group Plc	4.1			
Chemring Group Plc	4.1	Industrials	-	32.1
Gamma Communications Plc	4.0	Financials	-	15.5
Jtc Plc	3.6	Consumer Discretionary	-	15.0
Bytes Technology Group Plc	3.5	Technology	-	10.0
Vesuvius	3.4	Telecommunications	-	8.6
Oxford Instruments Plc	3.3	Real Estate	-	5.8
Telecom Plus Plc	3.1	Energy	-	2.9
Morgan Sindall Group Plc	3.1	Consumer Staples	-	1.7
Alpha Group International Plc	3.0	Basic Materials	-	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.1</b>	Health Care	-	0.7
			-	<b>93.4</b>
		<b>Cash</b>	-	<b>6.6</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Please note due to rounding of figures they may not add up to 100%.

**Charges and Codes**

Share Class	Income Distribution Policy	ISIN	Bloomberg	Initial Charge (MAX.)	Fixed Annual Charge	Ongoing Charges Figure	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Top Up Investment
I GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00B1XG9599	OMUSSCP LN	0.00%	1.03%	1.05%	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 100,000
L GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00B1XG7C26	OMUSSCP LN	4.00%	1.90%	1.92%	GBP 500	GBP 250
L GBP INC	Annual paid out	GB00B1XG7D33	OMUSSAI LN	4.00%	1.90%	1.92%	GBP 500	GBP 250
P GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00B1XG8B83	OMUSSBA LN	4.00%	1.40%	1.42%	GBP 500	GBP 250
I GBP INC	Annual paid out	GB00B8FD4291	OMUSSCC LN	0.00%	1.03%	1.05%	GBP 1,000,000	GBP 100,000
P GBP INC	Annual paid out	GB00B8FK9V41	OMUSSCB LN	4.00%	1.40%	1.42%	GBP 500	GBP 250
U1 GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00BHBX8S02	OMUSAU1 LN	0.00%	0.94%	0.96%	GBP 25,000,000	GBP 500,000
U1 GBP INC	Annual paid out	GB00BHBX8T19	OMUKSU1 LN	0.00%	0.94%	0.96%	GBP 25,000,000	GBP 500,000
U2 GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00BHBX8V31	OMUKSU2 LN	0.00%	0.85%	0.87%	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 1,000,000
U2 GBP INC	Annual paid out	GB00BHBX8W48	OMUSU2A LN	0.00%	0.85%	0.87%	GBP 50,000,000	GBP 1,000,000

The ongoing charges figure is based on the fixed annual charge as detailed in the prospectus. Where the Fund invests in other underlying funds, which may include closed-ended funds such as investment trusts, the ongoing charges figure will include the ongoing charges for those funds, and will therefore vary from year to year. The ongoing charges figure excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/ exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling shares in another collective investment undertaking.

**Fund Information as at 31.12.2023****Product Information**

Launch Date Fund:	09.02.2001
Launch Date Share Class:	01.07.2011
Morningstar Category:	EAA Fund UK Small-Cap Equity
Target Benchmark:	Numis Smaller Companies Index ex Investment Companies
Comparator Benchmark:	IA UK Smaller Companies

**Yield**

Historic Yield	2.08%
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Please refer to the Glossary section of the Factsheet for the Historic Yield methodology.

**Price Information**

Valuation Day:	Every Business Day in the United Kingdom
Base Currency Fund:	GBP
Currency Share Class:	GBP
Available on:	www.jupiteram.com

**Fund Size**

Fund Value:	GBP 453m
Holdings:	55

Please note that the fund performance statistics as of end of December 2023 were not available at the time of going to print. As soon as the performance statistics are available they will be shown on our website, [nfumutual.co.uk](http://nfumutual.co.uk)



**CT HIGH YIELD BOND FUND**  
**CLASS Z GROSS INC GBP (ISIN:GB00B99MVQ21)**  
**RETAIL FUND FACTSHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

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**Key Facts**

Fund Manager:



David Backhouse Since Apr-12  
 Roman Gaiser Since Dec-19  
 Threadneedle Inv. Services Ltd.  
 Columbia Threadneedle Investment Funds (UK) ICVC

Management Co: Threadneedle Inv. Services Ltd.  
 Umbrella Fund: Columbia Threadneedle Investment Funds (UK) ICVC  
 Fund Inception Date: 04/10/99  
 Target Benchmark: Index\*\*  
 Comparator: IA £ High Yield  
 Fund Currency: GBP  
 Fund Domicile: United Kingdom  
 EX-Dividend Date: Monthly  
 Pay Date: Monthly  
 Portfolio Size: £527.5m  
 No. of Securities: 346  
 Share Class Price: 0.9061  
 Distribution Yield: 4.9%  
 Underlying Yield: 4.3%  
 All information expressed in GBP

On 4 July 2022 the Fund name changed from Threadneedle High Yield Bond Fund to CT High Yield Bond Fund.

**Ratings/Awards**



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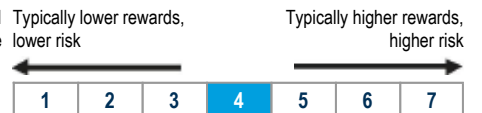
**Fund Objective & Policy**

The Fund aims to provide income. It looks to outperform the ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Excluding Subordinated Financials Constrained (Hedged to Sterling) Index over rolling 3-year periods, after the deduction of charges. The Fund is actively managed, and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in bonds issued by companies worldwide that are denominated in euros (EUR) or sterling (GBP) and rated below investment grade. The Fund may invest to a lesser extent in bonds denominated in currencies other than euro and sterling, bonds of other credit quality (as well as unrated bonds) and bonds issued by governments and quasi-government entities. Non-sterling bonds are typically hedged into sterling. The Fund may also invest in other assets such as cash and deposits, and hold other funds (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies) when deemed appropriate. The Fund is not permitted to invest in derivatives for investment purposes, but derivatives may be used with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Derivatives are sophisticated investment instruments linked to the rise and fall of the price of other assets. The ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Excluding Subordinated Financials Constrained (Hedged to Sterling) Index is regarded as an appropriate performance measure of euro and sterling-denominated below investment grade bonds, issued by a broad range of companies. It provides a suitable target benchmark against which Fund performance will be measured and evaluated over time.

**Risk & Reward Profile**

**UCITS SRR1**

The Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. Please see the Key Investor Information Document for more information.



**Key Risks**

- The value of investments can fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the sum originally invested.
- Where investments are in assets that are denominated in multiple currencies, or currencies other than your own, changes in exchange rates may affect the value of the investments.
- The Fund invests in securities whose value would be significantly affected if the issuer refused, was unable to or was perceived to be unable to pay.
- The Fund holds assets which could prove difficult to sell. The Fund may have to lower the selling price, sell other investments or forego more appealing investment opportunities.
- Changes in interest rates are likely to affect the Fund's value. In general, as interest rates rise, the price of a fixed rate bond will fall, and vice versa.
- The Fund's assets may sometimes be difficult to value objectively and the actual value may not be recognised until assets are sold.
- The Fund may invest in derivatives (complex instruments linked to the rise and fall of the value of other assets) with the aim of reducing risk or minimising the cost of transactions. Such derivative transactions may benefit or negatively affect the performance of the Fund. The Manager does not intend that such use of derivatives will affect the overall risk profile of the Fund.
- The fund may exhibit significant price volatility.
- The risks currently identified as applying to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

**Typical Investor Profile**

The Fund may be suitable for investors with an investment horizon of more than five years seeking an income who are prepared to tolerate moderate to large price fluctuations. If investors are uncertain if the Fund is suitable for them, they are advised to contact a financial adviser.

## Holdings & Asset Allocation

### Top 10 Holdings (%)

Issuer Name	Weight
Electricite De France Sa	3.0
Telefonica Europe B V	2.5
Telecom Italia S.P.A.	2.1
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands li B.V	1.9
Deutsche Lufthansa Ag	1.8
Forvia Se.	1.7
Cellnex Finance Company S.A.U.	1.6
Vodafone Group Plc	1.6
Bayer Ag	1.4
Rolls-Royce Plc	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.1</b>

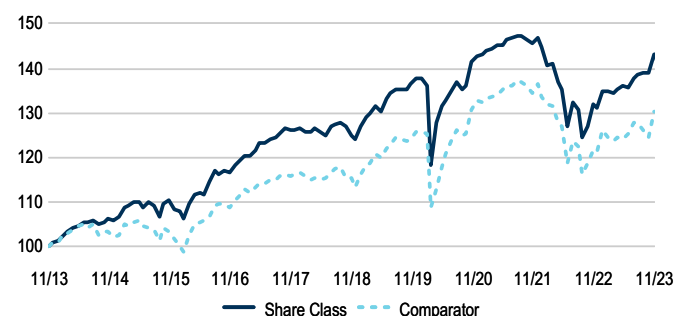
### Weightings (%)

Sector	Fund	Index	Diff
Telecommunications	17.7	14.6	3.1
Healthcare	9.9	7.6	2.4
Services	8.6	6.9	1.7
Automotive	8.5	8.5	0.1
Banking	6.8	6.9	-0.1
Utility	6.1	6.8	-0.7
Leisure	5.4	4.0	1.5
Basic Industry	5.0	6.5	-1.5
Capital Goods	4.3	5.3	-1.0
Financial Services	4.0	4.7	-0.7
Retail	3.5	6.2	-2.7
Other	16.7	22.2	-5.5
Derivatives	-0.6	--	-0.6
Cash Derivatives Offset	0.6	--	0.6
Cash Equivalents	2.8	--	2.8
Cash	0.6	--	0.6

### Performance

Past Performance does not predict future returns. The return of your investment may change as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation.

### 10 Years NAV (GBP)



### Performance Extension

This share class has performance data calculated prior to the inception date, 24 September 2013. This is based upon a simulated/extended track record, using the track record of CT High Yield Bond Class 1 Gross Income Shares (GBP) (ISIN:GB0033884809), and is in accordance with Morningstar's Extended Performance Methodology paper. To find out more about this, Please visit [www.morningstar.com](http://www.morningstar.com).

### Calendar Year Performance (GBP)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Share Class (Net)	-10.8	3.0	3.6	11.0	-1.5	6.5	9.3	2.3	5.1	8.5
Comparator (Net)	-10.8	4.2	3.6	11.1	-3.3	5.8	9.1	-1.4	1.3	7.4
Comparator Ranking	17/33	22/33	16/31	16/28	5/27	9/26	12/24	3/24	1/21	3/18
Target Benchmark (Gross)	-10.7	3.9	3.1	12.2	-2.2	7.1	11.2	1.2	5.0	9.4

### Annualised Performance (GBP)

### 12M Rolling Period (GBP)

	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	12/22 - 11/23	12/21 - 11/22	12/20 - 11/21	12/19 - 11/20	12/18 - 11/19	12/17 - 11/18	12/16 - 11/17	12/15 - 11/16	12/14 - 11/15	12/13 - 11/14
Share Class (Net)	8.4	0.4	2.8	3.7	8.4	-9.2	2.9	3.7	9.3	-0.8	8.2	5.4	4.1	6.1
Comparator (Net)	7.3	1.3	2.8	2.7	7.3	-9.1	4.1	3.5	8.1	-1.7	7.5	5.9	-0.1	3.3
Comparator Ranking	11/33	20/33	15/28	3/21	11/33	18/33	23/33	15/31	11/28	8/27	11/26	16/24	2/24	1/21
Target Benchmark (Gross)	9.8	1.1	3.3	4.0	9.8	-9.4	3.9	3.4	10.3	-1.7	9.1	6.5	3.3	6.1

Source Morningstar UK Limited © 2023 as at 30/11/23. Based on the bid-to-bid and assuming income is reinvested including ongoing charges excluding entry and exit charges.

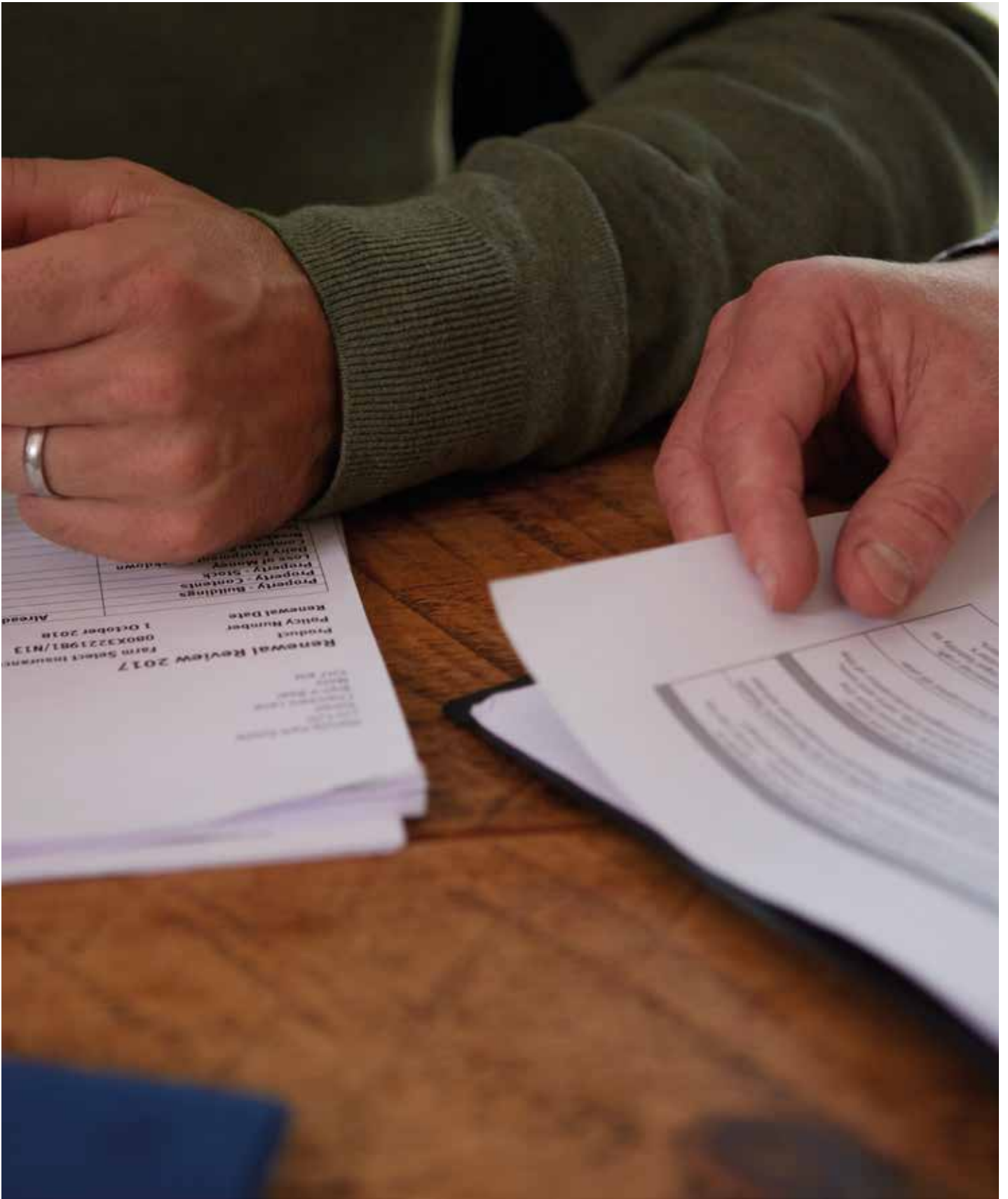
Index returns include capital gains and assume reinvestment of any income. The index does not include fees or charges and you cannot invest directly in it.

The Investment Association (IA) is the trade body representing the UK investment management industry.

\*\*Target Benchmark:ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Excluding Subordinated Financials Constrained (Hedged to Sterling)

Annualised performance measures how much an investment has grown on average each year. 12 month Rolling Period shows annualised average returns for the periods stated.





# FUND FACTS AND PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

## – 31 DECEMBER 2023

Wherever possible the data presented in the following pages has been taken from an independent source. The sources used are Morningstar Inc. and Financial Express.

As well as the performance information relating to the NFU Mutual funds, we have included comparisons, and rating information. Explanations of these are set out below.

### Overall Morningstar® rating



Broadly speaking, the aim of the Overall Morningstar Rating is to provide investors with an objective means of comparison by identifying funds that have provided consistent, superior, risk adjusted returns relative to their peer group.

The rating rewards consistent performance and reduces the possibility of strong short-term performance masking the inherent risk of a fund.

Funds are rated between 1 and 5 stars. Funds with the highest rating get the most stars.

### Association of British Insurers (ABI)

Provides sector classification for performance comparison purposes for all life and pension funds shown in this publication.

### Investment Association (IA)

Provides sector classification for performance comparison purposes for all open-ended (OE) mutual funds shown in this publication.

### Benchmarks

For our OEIC funds we have selected benchmarks for each fund. The chosen benchmarks are representative of the types of investments that the fund is likely to hold, and can be used to measure the performance of the fund.

### Market performance

On the following page we have shown the performance of a selection of popular market indices. The indices cover equities and fixed interest, and offer a useful comparison by which to evaluate the performance of individual funds relative to the overall market.

### FTSE

The FTSE Group is an independent company that originated as a joint venture between the Financial Times and the London Stock Exchange. They provide a series of indices covering different markets around the world.

The FTSE 100 Index is probably the most widely used of the FTSE Group's indices. It's an index of the 100 most highly capitalised UK companies listed on the Stock Exchange and is frequently reported (e.g. on UK news bulletins) as a measure of business prosperity.

### Basis of statistics

The statistics show percentage change in the underlying funds over the relevant time periods and are shown on a total return basis which take account of the annual management charge.

Basis: Bid – Bid

Gross Income reinvested: Indices, OEIC and Pension

Net Income reinvested: Life

N/A indicates that fund(s) do not yet have a performance history for this time period. Sources: Indices (total returns) funds and sector average – © 2020 Morningstar Inc. All rights reserved.

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To find out more, speak to your local Agent to arrange an appointment with an NFU Mutual Financial Adviser or call 0800 622 323 for more information. We'll explain the advice services we offer and our charges. NFU Mutual Financial Advisers advise on NFU Mutual products and selected products from specialist providers. Financial advice is provided by NFU Mutual Select Investments Ltd.

For security and training purposes, telephone calls may be recorded and monitored.

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## Markets

### Indices

FTSE 100 (GBP)	68.0	38.9	33.8	17.3	-11.5	18.4	4.7	7.9	6.8	
FTSE All Share (GBP)	68.2	37.7	28.1	19.2	-9.8	18.3	0.3	7.9	6.6	
FTSE World Europe Ex UK (GBP)	122.1	65.3	26.3	20.4	8.6	17.4	-7.0	15.7	10.6	
FTSE All World Ex UK (GBP)	203.4	75.4	26.6	21.9	13.7	19.5	-8.3	15.4	11.9	
FTSE UK Gilts All Stocks (GBP)	11.9	-13.3	-25.1	6.9	8.3	-5.2	-23.8	3.7	-2.8	
ICE LIBOR 3 Month GBP	11.6	8.6	7.4	0.8	0.3	0.1	2.0	5.2	1.7	
UK RPI	48.9	32.1	27.7	2.2	1.2	7.5	13.4	4.7	5.8	
UK Savings 25000+ Invt GR	6.8	4.2	3.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	2.3	0.8	
Nationwide House Price	46.4	21.3	11.5	1.4	7.3	10.3	2.9	-1.8	3.9	
G&CB Composite benchmark	-	-4.4	-19.1	9.0	8.5	-4.2	-21.0	6.9	-0.9	

## Life Funds

NFU Mutual Flexibond (S1) Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Fund	71.0	35.0	11.8	18.8	1.6	13.8	-8.5	7.4	6.2	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S2) Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Fund	69.3	34.4	11.5	18.7	1.4	13.8	-8.6	7.3	6.1	★★★
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S3) Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Fund	70.9	35.0	11.9	18.8	1.6	13.9	-8.5	7.4	6.2	
<b>ABI Flexible Investments Sector Average</b>	65.5	30.7	10.7	14.7	3.0	11.2	-7.3	7.4	5.5	
NFU Mutual CIB Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	64.7	30.1	9.5	17.7	0.9	12.1	-8.9	7.3	5.4	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S1) Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	60.7	28.5	8.7	17.4	0.6	11.8	-9.1	7.0	5.1	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S2) Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	59.0	27.8	8.4	17.2	0.5	11.7	-9.2	6.9	5.0	★★★
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S3) Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	60.6	28.4	8.7	17.4	0.6	11.8	-9.1	7.0	5.1	
<b>ABI Mixed 40% – 85% Shares Sector Average</b>	51.2	24.1	7.2	13.0	2.5	9.1	-8.0	6.8	4.4	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S1) Mixed Portfolio 20% – 60% Shares Fund	39.2	15.7	5.9	9.9	-0.6	7.7	-7.9	6.7	3.0	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S2) Mixed Portfolio 20% – 60% Shares Fund	37.8	15.1	5.6	9.8	-0.8	7.6	-8.0	6.7	2.9	★★★★
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S3) Mixed Portfolio 20% – 60% Shares Fund	39.2	15.7	5.9	9.9	-0.6	7.7	-7.9	6.7	3.0	
<b>ABI Mixed 20% – 60% Shares Sector Average</b>	28.3	12.3	1.2	9.9	1.0	5.8	-9.6	5.8	2.4	
NFU Mutual CIB UK Equity Fund	50.8	24.6	9.9	21.4	-6.6	16.2	-9.3	4.2	4.5	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S1) UK Equity Fund	47.0	23.1	9.1	21.1	-6.8	15.9	-9.5	4.0	4.2	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S2) UK Equity Fund	45.5	22.4	8.7	21.0	-6.9	15.8	-9.6	3.8	4.1	★★★★
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S3) UK Equity Fund	47.0	23.1	9.1	21.1	-6.8	15.9	-9.5	4.0	4.2	
<b>ABI UK All Companies Sector Average</b>	36.7	22.2	11.3	18.2	-7.1	13.2	-7.7	6.5	4.1	

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### Life Funds (continued)

NFU Mutual Flexibond (S1) UK Equity Income Fund	53.7	27.7	25.5	14.7	-11.3	16.9	1.8	5.5	5.0	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S2) UK Equity Income Fund	52.1	27.0	25.1	14.6	-11.4	16.8	1.6	5.4	4.9	★★★★
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S3) UK Equity Income Fund	53.7	27.7	25.5	14.7	-11.3	16.9	1.8	5.5	5.0	
<b>ABI UK Equity Income sector Average</b>	49.4	25.7	23.0	15.5	-11.5	15.9	-0.2	6.4	4.7	
NFU Mutual Flexibond Intl 1 Life	-	-	15.7	-	9.3	13.1	-7.0	10.0	-	
NFU Mutual Flexibond Intl 2 Life	-	-	15.4	-	9.2	12.9	-7.1	9.9	-	★★★
NFU Mutual Flexibond Intl 3 Life	-	-	15.7	-	9.3	13.1	-7.0	10.0	-	
NFU Mutual CIB International Life	-	-	16.6	-	9.6	13.4	-6.8	10.3	-	
<b>ABI Global Equities (Life)</b>	105.0	51.5	18.1	18.0	8.7	15.7	-7.9	10.9	8.7	
NFU Mutual CIB Fixed Interest Fund	13.7	-5.7	-13.9	5.4	4.0	-1.8	-17.4	6.0	-1.2	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S1) Fixed Interest Fund	11.3	-6.5	-14.3	5.1	3.8	-1.9	-17.5	5.9	-1.3	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S2) Fixed Interest Fund	10.2	-7.0	-14.5	5.0	3.6	-2.1	-17.5	5.8	-1.4	★★★★
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S3) Fixed Interest Fund	11.3	-6.5	-14.3	5.1	3.8	-1.9	-17.5	5.9	-1.3	
<b>ABI UK Sterling Fixed Interest Sector Average</b>	7.9	-7.4	-17.4	5.7	6.1	-3.9	-18.1	4.8	-1.5	
NFU Mutual CIB Deposit Fund	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.3	2.9	0.5	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S1) Deposit Fund	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.3	2.9	0.5	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S2) Deposit Fund	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	-0.6	0.3	2.8	0.5	
NFU Mutual Flexibond (S3) Deposit Fund	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.3	2.9	0.5	
<b>ABI Deposits &amp; Treasury Sector Average</b>	0.2	2.0	2.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	0.5	3.1	0.4	

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% Change										

### Pension Funds

NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S1) Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Fund	76.9	39.7	13.2	20.3	2.6	15.6	-10.0	8.7	6.9	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S2) Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Fund	75.8	39.7	13.2	20.3	2.6	15.6	-10.0	8.7	6.9	★★★
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account Mixed Portfolio Max 100% Shares Fund	76.7	39.6	13.1	20.3	2.6	15.6	-10.0	8.7	6.9	★★★
<b>ABI Flexible Investments Sector Average</b>	77.6	37.5	11.6	16.8	5.5	13.3	-8.9	8.2	6.6	
NFU Mutual Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	71.3	34.1	10.6	18.8	2.1	13.3	-10.2	8.6	6.0	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S1) Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	65.6	31.9	9.6	18.3	1.8	12.9	-10.4	8.3	5.7	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S2) Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	64.5	31.9	9.6	18.3	1.8	12.9	-10.4	8.3	5.7	★★★
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account Mixed Portfolio 40% – 85% Shares Fund	65.4	31.8	9.5	18.3	1.8	12.9	-10.5	8.2	5.7	★★★
<b>ABI Mixed 40% – 85% Shares Sector Average</b>	61.7	29.4	7.1	15.3	4.8	10.3	-10.0	7.9	5.3	
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account Mixed Portfolio 20% – 60% Shares Fund	42.3	17.8	5.8	12.1	-0.6	8.8	-9.9	7.9	3.3	★★★
<b>ABI Mixed 20% – 60% Shares Sector Average</b>	37.0	15.8	1.4	11.5	2.4	6.7	-10.8	6.6	3.0	
NFU Mutual UK Equity Fund	53.5	27.1	10.7	23.0	-6.7	17.7	-10.4	4.9	4.9	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S1) UK Equity Fund	47.9	24.7	9.5	22.6	-7.1	17.3	-10.7	4.6	4.5	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S2) UK Equity Fund	47.0	24.7	9.5	22.6	-7.1	17.3	-10.7	4.6	4.5	★★★
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account UK Equity Fund	47.9	24.7	9.5	22.6	-7.1	17.3	-10.7	4.6	4.5	★★★
<b>ABI UK All Companies Sector Average</b>	44.1	26.5	13.6	20.6	-7.7	15.2	-8.1	7.2	4.8	
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account UK Equity Income Fund	53.4	29.3	26.6	17.8	-13.3	18.9	0.6	5.8	5.3	★★★
<b>ABI UK Equity Income Sector Average</b>	56.8	29.5	25.6	16.6	-11.5	17.0	0.1	7.2	5.3	
NFU Mutual International Pen	-	-	19.9	-	12.0	15.4	-7.5	12.3	-	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder 1 Intl Pen	-	-	19.0	-	11.7	15.1	-7.7	12.0	-	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder 2 Intl Pen	-	-	19.0	-	11.7	15.1	-7.7	12.0	-	★★★
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account International 3 Pen	-	-	18.8	-	11.7	15.1	-7.8	11.9	-	★★★
<b>ABI Global Equities (Pen)</b>	134.0	60.6	21.0	21.1	9.6	18.0	-9.1	12.8	9.9	

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### Pension Funds (continued)

NFU Mutual Index Linked Fund	20.6	-14.3	-26.4	5.5	10.4	4.5	-29.9	0.4	-3.0	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S1) Index Linked Fund	16.7	-15.6	-27.0	5.1	10.0	4.2	-30.0	0.1	-3.3	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S2) Index Linked Fund	15.9	-15.6	-27.0	5.1	10.0	4.2	-30.0	0.1	-3.3	★★★★
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account Index Linked Fund	16.7	-15.6	-27.0	5.1	10.0	4.2	-30.0	0.1	-3.3	★★★★★
<b>ABI UK Index-Linked Gilt Sector Average</b>	11.9	-22.6	-33.4	4.8	10.8	3.8	-36.1	0.4	-5.0	
NFU Mutual Property Fund	46.9	13.7	-0.1	37.1	-16.9	28.7	-27.8	7.5	2.6	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S1) Property Fund	41.5	11.6	-1.2	36.6	-17.2	28.2	-28.1	7.1	2.2	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S2) Property Fund	40.6	11.6	-1.2	36.6	-17.2	28.2	-28.1	7.1	2.2	
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account Property Fund	41.5	11.6	-1.2	36.6	-17.2	28.2	-28.1	7.1	2.2	
<b>ABI Property Other Sector Average</b>	-	13.4	4.0	17.8	-7.4	23.5	-20.8	6.3	2.5	
NFU Mutual Deposit Fund	4.9	4.8	4.4	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.7	4.0	0.9	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S1) Deposit Fund	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.6	3.9	0.8	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S2) Deposit Fund	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.6	3.9	0.8	
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account Deposit Fund	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.6	3.9	0.8	
<b>ABI Deposits &amp; Treasury Sector Average</b>	2.9	4.0	4.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.6	4.0	0.8	
NFU Mutual Fixed Interest Fund	18.3	-5.9	-16.7	6.9	5.6	-2.3	-21.2	8.2	-1.2	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S1) Fixed Interest Fund	14.4	-7.3	-17.3	6.5	5.2	-2.6	-21.4	8.0	-1.5	
NFU Mutual Stakeholder (S2) Fixed Interest Fund	13.6	-7.3	-17.3	6.5	5.2	-2.6	-21.4	8.0	-1.5	★★★★
NFU Mutual Personal Pension Account Fixed Interest Fund	14.4	-7.3	-17.3	6.5	5.2	-2.6	-21.4	8.0	-1.5	★★★★
<b>ABI UK Sterling Fixed Interest Sector Average</b>	10.7	-8.8	-20.5	7.0	7.2	-4.3	-21.6	5.9	-1.8	

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Series 3 Flexibond Funds launched from 31 March 2012  
Personal Pension Account Funds launched from 31 March 2012

## PAST PERFORMANCE STATISTICS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

Please remember that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Cumulative Returns (Years)			Annual Returns						AGR %	Overall Morningstar Rating
10	5	3	31/12/18 31/12/19	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/18 31/12/23		
% Change										

### NFU Mutual OEIC Funds

NFU Mutual Mixed Portfolio Max 100% C	-	35.6	17.8	18.0	-2.5	15.3	-6.4	9.2	6.3	★★★
<b>IA Flexible Investment</b>	70.3	33.9	8.5	15.7	6.7	11.3	-9.0	7.1	6.0	
NFU Mutual Mixed Portfolio 40-85% C	-	28.3	13.6	15.9	-2.6	12.9	-7.4	8.7	5.1	★★★
<b>IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares</b>	67.0	31.5	7.9	15.8	5.3	10.9	-10.0	8.1	5.6	
NFU Mutual Mixed Portfolio 20-60% C	-	19.6	6.8	12.6	-0.5	9.1	-9.6	8.3	3.6	★★★
<b>IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares</b>	42.7	20.0	3.7	11.8	3.5	7.2	-9.5	6.8	3.7	
NFU Mutual UK Equity Income C	62.7	33.2	29.2	18.4	-12.9	19.5	1.6	6.4	5.9	★★★
<b>IA OE UK Equity Income</b>	59.4	33.5	24.6	20.1	-10.7	18.4	-1.7	7.0	6.0	
FTSE All Share Index	68.2	37.7	28.1	19.2	-9.8	18.3	0.3	7.9	6.6	
NFU Mutual Global Growth C	-	-	20.8	-	-	16.7	-8.0	12.6	-	★
<b>IA OE Global</b>	141.0	65.7	17.9	21.9	15.3	17.7	-11.1	12.7	10.6	
FTSE All World ex UK	203.4	75.4	26.6	21.9	13.7	19.5	-8.3	15.4	11.9	
NFU Mutual UK Growth C	52.1	27.8	10.0	24.1	-6.4	18.6	-10.9	4.1	5.0	★★★
FTSE All Share Index	68.2	37.7	28.1	19.2	-9.8	18.3	0.3	7.9	6.6	
<b>IA OE UK All Companies</b>	56.2	31.6	14.5	22.2	-6.0	17.3	-9.1	7.4	5.6	
NFU Mutual Gilt & Corp Bond C	30.4	0.6	-11.6	7.6	5.8	-0.9	-17.8	8.5	0.1	★★★★
Composite benchmark*	-	-4.4	-19.1	9.0	8.5	-4.2	-21.0	6.9	-0.9	
<b>IA OE Sterling Strategic Bond</b>	32.5	12.6	-3.3	9.3	6.6	0.8	-11.0	7.8	2.4	

\*This composite benchmark is made up of the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index and Markit iBoxx £(GBP) Corporate Index in a 50:50 split.

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Previously the International funds within our OEIC products were managed wholly by our own in-house Investment team. From 6th October 2020 the Global Growth OEIC began utilising the expertise of selected external fund managers to complement our own Investment team. For this reason we only show limited past performance below from the dates of these changes.

## PAST PERFORMANCE STATISTICS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Cumulative Returns (Years)			Annual Returns					AGR %	Overall Morningstar Rating
10	5	3	31/12/18 31/12/19	31/12/19 31/12/20	31/12/20 31/12/21	31/12/21 31/12/22	31/12/22 31/12/23	31/12/18 31/12/23	
% Change									

### Select Funds (Available on Select ISA and Select Investment Plan)

abrnd Global Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund	108.5	54.2	12.0	20.1	14.6	21.6	-17.2	11.2	9.0	★★
<b>IA OE Global Sector Average</b>	141.0	65.7	17.9	21.9	15.3	17.7	-11.1	12.7	10.6	
Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Fund 'I' Class	61.4	4.4	-25.1	29.7	7.5	14.7	-33.8	-1.4	0.9	★★
<b>IA OE UK Smaller Companies Sector Average</b>	66.4	20.9	-9.9	25.4	7.0	20.6	-25.6	0.4	3.9	
Columbia Threadneedle High Yield Bond Fund 'Z' Class	46.7	19.0	3.5	11.0	3.6	3.0	-10.8	12.6	3.5	★★★★
<b>IA OE £ High Yield Sector Average</b>	39.8	20.2	4.3	11.4	3.5	4.2	-9.8	10.9	3.7	
abrnd UK Real Estate Feeder Fund	-	-6.9	-1.8	-1.5	-3.7	10.8	-10.4	-1.0	-1.2	
<b>IA OE UK Direct Property Sector Average</b>	35.5	-0.3	3.2	0.2	-3.6	8.8	-5.7	0.5	-	

For benchmark returns for these funds please see the relevant fund factsheet in pages 40 - 47.

The value of investments can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount of your original investments.

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# MEET THE INVESTMENT TEAM

NFU Mutual has been operating for more than a century and has built up years of experience managing money. Two core values make up our objectives today: to continue to put our customers' needs first and to always invest on a long-term basis, not chase short-term profits. The investment team currently manages funds worth around £20bn.

A key feature of our investment function is our dedicated, collaborative, long-serving teams of highly qualified and experienced Fund Managers, alongside a team of experts managing commercial property investments and our Investment Office which oversees asset allocation strategies and externally managed assets.

Quality is something that we constantly focus on. For our Fund Managers investing in the stock market, it is about identifying fundamentals of a company that will stand the test of time, with the potential to deliver over the long term. For our commercial property experts, that means investing in quality sites with quality tenants. Where we utilise selected external management expertise it is about choosing leading managers with proven track records in specific areas with

the potential to deliver additional value over the long term. When we say long term we focus on investment returns over 5 years or more. The stability and longevity of our investment team helps give continuity and consistency to our investment philosophy.

Our approach to investing is rooted in a recognition that we are managing money on behalf of real people with aspirations and expectations. Our nationwide team of Financial Advisers have access to the Investment team to raise customers' questions and obtain the latest information. Our Fund Managers regularly meet customers at the NFU Mutual head office in Stratford-upon-Avon and at seminars across the country.



**Paul Glover**  
BSocSc (Hons) FCSI  
Chief Investment  
Manager

## **Work history with NFU Mutual**

Joined NFU Mutual after graduating from Birmingham University in 1986 with a degree in Money, Banking & Finance. Paul soon began to specialise in overseas equity markets and headed up the International Equity desk from 1992 until 2010. Now with over 35 years of investment management experience and is in charge of the Investment Management Team as Chief Investment Manager.

## **Role and responsibilities**

Directs the investment management strategies of the internally managed assets, joint lead manager of the multi-asset portfolios and oversees the smooth running of the investment department.



**Matthew Bennett**  
BA (Hons) CFA ASIP  
Investment Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 1999 after graduating from Lancaster University with a first-class honours degree in Accounting, Finance and Economics. Two decades of experience of investing in global financial markets.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Head of Fixed Income. Oversees and co-ordinates strategy, research and trading for internally managed Fixed Income and Cash. Also involved in the overall investment strategy and management of the multi-asset portfolios.



**Adam Carroll**  
Mmath (Hons) CFA  
Investment Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2004 after graduating from Warwick University with a first-class honours degree in Mathematics. Started in Fixed Interest before moving to the UK Equity desk in 2005. Became Head of UK Equities in 2010 and Head of Equities in 2017.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Head of Equities. Oversees all aspects of research, strategy and trading for UK, North American and European Equities. Also involved in the overall investment strategy and management of the multi-asset portfolios.



**Keith Douglas**  
BSc (Hons) CFA  
Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2009 after graduating from Queen's University Belfast with a degree in Finance. After eight years in the International Equity team moved to the Fixed Income team in 2017.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Fixed Income Fund Manager with direct operational responsibility for a number of portfolios.



**Jonathan Finning**  
BA (Hons), CFA  
External Fund  
Selection Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2017. Jonathan has worked in financial markets for two decades, previously responsible for fund manager research and private client portfolio management at a global private bank. Prior to that, Jonathan worked as an equity and private equity analyst for a boutique hedge fund, and as a fund product specialist for Bloomberg. He holds a B.A. (Hons.) from Manchester University, and is a CFA Charterholder.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Responsible for the analysis and selection of externally managed funds across multiple asset classes.



**Matthew Grimson**  
MSc (Hons) CFA  
Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2011 after graduating with an MSc in Finance and Economics from the University of East Anglia.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Equities Fund Manager with responsibility for running a number of portfolios.



**Simon Kemp**  
BSc (Hons) CFA  
Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined the investment department in 2006 after graduating from Cass Business School with a degree in Investment and Financial Risk Management. Worked on the International Equity desk before moving to the Fixed Income desk in 2007.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Fixed Income Fund Manager with direct operational responsibility for a number of portfolios.



**Rowan Philpot**  
MSc (Hons) CFA  
Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2005 after completing an MSc at Manchester University. Following a period of rotations across all asset classes, Rowan has spent ten years working with the equity team.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Equities Fund Manager with responsibility for running a number of portfolios.



**Robert Platts**  
BA (Hons) MSc CFA  
Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2009 after graduating from Durham University with a degree in Finance. Initially part of the Fixed Income team, before moving to the UK Equity team in 2010.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Fund Manager on the UK Equity desk with responsibility for running a number of the UK portfolios.



**Amber Taylor**  
BA (Hons) Assistant  
Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
After graduating from Winchester University with a first class honours degree in Business, Amber spent several years working in financial markets trading bond futures. Following a career break to raise her family Amber returned to investments, joining NFU Mutual in 2019.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Operational responsibility for the NFU Mutual Deposit funds and liquidity management within the broader portfolios.



**Neil Wicks**  
BA (Hons) MA  
CFA ASIP  
Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Graduated from Peterhouse, Cambridge University with a degree in Economics and joined NFU Mutual as a graduate trainee on the UK Equity desk in 1998. After a period on international equities became a Fixed Interest Fund Manager in 2004.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Fund Manager for fixed income funds, including gilts and corporate bonds. Also coordinates fund management activities for a number of multi-asset portfolios.



**Patrick Jolly**  
ESG & Stewardship  
Manager BA (Hons)

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2014 after graduating with a degree in Economics from the University of the West of England. Spent several years in the Life Sales team before joining the Investment Department in 2016.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Responsible for the development of ESG policies and stewardship activities such as voting.



**Timothy Sambrook**  
BSC (Hons) CFA  
Assistant Fund  
Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual's Actuarial department in 1990 after graduating in Mathematics at Bristol University. Moved to the Investment department in 1994 working on the international equity desk until 1999. Returned to NFU Mutual in 2022 following other roles in investments and academia to oversee European equities.

**Role and responsibilities**  
Responsible for overseeing Developed European portfolios (excluding UK).



**Charles Simkiss**  
BSc (Hons)  
ESG Fund  
Management  
Assistant

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2023 having previously worked in Financial Services. He graduated from the University of Nottingham with a degree in Finance, Accounting and Management.

**Role and Responsibilities**  
Assists the Investment & ESG Stewardship manager with stewardship activities such as voting and ESG policies.



**Connor Clark**  
BSc (Hons)  
Trainee Fund Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2021 after graduating from City, University of London with a degree in Economics. Started as a Fund Management Assistant before moving to Trainee Fund Manager in 2022.

**Role and Responsibilities**  
Trainee Fund Manager with responsibility for assisting the Equity fund managers with portfolio management and investment research.



**Rachel Brooks**  
BA (Hons)  
Trainee Fund  
Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2023 after graduating with a first-class degree in Economics and French from Cardiff University.

**Role and Responsibilities**  
Trainee Fund Manager with responsibility for assisting the Equity fund managers with portfolio management and investment research.



**Michael Simpson**  
Chartered FCSI  
Investment Dealer

**Work History with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2023. Michael has worked in the Investment industry for over a decade, previously as an Investment Dealer at a global private bank. He has gained numerous industry qualifications, most recently completing the CISI's Level 6 Certificate in Private Client Investment Advice & Management.

**Role and Responsibilities**  
Responsible for the facilitation of trades on behalf of the Equity Fund Managers, Michael ensures that orders are dealt appropriately, and best execution is achieved. Michael manages and maintains relationships with the appropriate external brokers with a focus on integrity.



**Keith Jones**  
BSc (Hons) MSc  
Investment Strategy  
Manager

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 2000 with degrees in Theoretical Physics and Computer Science. Spent 19 years in the Actuarial Department before moving to the Investment Office in 2019.

**Role and Responsibilities**  
Responsible for asset allocation strategy across the multi-asset portfolios.



**Jonathan Priestley**  
BSc (Hons) F.I.A.  
Head of Finance  
Actuarial &  
Investment Office

**Work history with NFU Mutual**  
Joined NFU Mutual in 1993 having graduated from the University of Warwick with a degree in Economics. Has undertaken a number of actuarial roles within NFU Mutual, including Chief Actuary, before taking over as Head of the Investment Office in 2020.

**Role and Responsibilities**  
Direct and oversee all Investment Office activities including asset allocation strategy and selection & oversight of our external managers.

# MEET THE PROPERTY TEAM



**Richard Topps**  
BSc (Hons) MRICS  
Group Head of Property

## **Work history with NFU Mutual**

Joined NFU Mutual in 1989 as a graduate surveyor after leaving university with a degree in Urban Land Economics. Has worked in various roles within the department before becoming Group Head of Property in 2010.

## **Role and responsibilities**

Manages a team of over 60 people who look after facilities, premises, property finance and property investment. NFU Mutual has over 300 group occupied properties and a £2bn nationwide property investment portfolio.



**Anne Hurrell**  
BA (Hons)  
PGDipSurv MRICS  
Asset Manager

## **Work history with NFU Mutual**

Joined NFU Mutual premises team in 2006 acquiring and managing the agent's office network, moved to the property investment team in 2009.

## **Role and responsibilities**

Delivers strategic asset management to maximise fund value and performance, this involves safeguarding the portfolio through the implementation of effective property management strategies.



**Tom Bostock**  
BSc (Hons) MRICS  
Property Investment  
Manager

## **Work history with NFU Mutual**

Joined NFU Mutual in 2000 as a graduate surveyor managing the NFU Mutual occupational portfolio. Moved to the property investment team in 2002 and is now Fund Manager for our £1.8bn property investment portfolio.

## **Role and responsibilities**

Manages the property investment team. Develops and implements fund and asset management strategies designed to maximise risk adjusted returns in line with regulatory and compliance requirements.



**Bryony Plain-Jones**  
Asset Manager

## **Work history with NFU Mutual**

Joined NFU Mutual property investment team in 2017 as asset manager, responsible for delivering asset performance within the property portfolio.

## **Role and responsibilities**

Delivers strategic asset management to maximise fund and asset performance, this involves safeguarding the portfolio through the implementation of effective property management strategies.

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