

# Discovery Balanced Fund

# Quarterly update—ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### Investment objective

The objective of the Fund is to provide returns through a combination of capital growth and income over a market cycle (5 years). The fund will primarily gain exposure indirectly via eligible collective investment schemes and other collective investment vehicles (for example, investment companies, exchange traded funds) and may also invest directly in eligible assets (excluding property and commodities). Derivatives will be used only for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management.

### **Fund manager**

## Indicative risk rating



### James Kempster

James has over 20 years experience building and managing multi-asset investment portfolios. Beginning his career at Canada Life, he has more recently worked with financial advice firms to create managed portfolio solutions for end clients.



## Fund managers' commentary

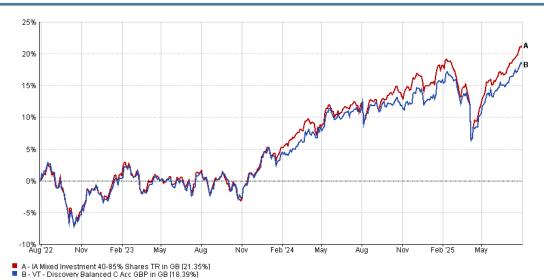
After the initial shock from US tariff announcements in April, markets regained ground during the quarter as Donald Trump enacted a pause and shifted focus to negotiating deals with key trading partners, including the UK, Japan and the EU. This helped reduce uncertainty and lifted share prices globally, though gains were again concentrated in a small number of large US tech firms. Meanwhile, concerns resurfaced around Trump's major tax and spending plans, which rely heavily on future tariff income and could significantly increase US government debt.

At this review we made one main change at an sector level and that was to reduce the cash weighting in favour of Gilts. Whilst we still value cash for its defensive characteristics, we believe there is better value to be found in Gilts which benefit from falling interest rates. We also refreshed our Global Equity weighting including the sale of our holding in Axa Health, reducing Fundsmith Equity and the introduction of two new funds.

#### Performance summary as at 31/07/2025

	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
Discovery Balanced Fund C Acc	7.03%	2.21%	6.31%	18.39%	27.32%	59.91%
IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	8.21%	2.33%	8.14%	21.35%	36.78%	84.78%

### Three year performance to 31/07/2025



29/07/2022 - 31/07/2025 Data from FE fundinfo2025



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### **Key facts**

Manager Start Date	27/03/2019		
Inception Date	05/02/2016		
Number of holdings	26		
Ongoing charge figure (C)	1.00%		
Estimated yield (C Acc)	2.80%		
Fund size	£83.36m		
ISIN (C Acc)	GB00BYN66598		

#### **Current asset allocation**

Alternatives	6.65%	
Cash	1.52%	
Fixed Interest	19.93%	
UK Equities	20.26%	
International Equities	40.98%	
Property & Infrastructure	6.79%	
Multi-Asset	3.87%	

### Top 10 holdings as at 31/07/2025

HSBC FTSE 100 Index	9.09%
HSBC American Index	7.41%
Legal & General All Stocks Gilt Index	5.60%
Fundsmith Equity	4.90%
iShares Overseas Corporate Bond	4.81%
Al Multi-Strategy Target Return	4.70%
IShares Pacific Ex Japan Equity Tracker	4.44%
Schroder US Smaller Companies	4.08%
M&G Global Dividend Fund	4.07%
HSBC European Index	4.03%

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