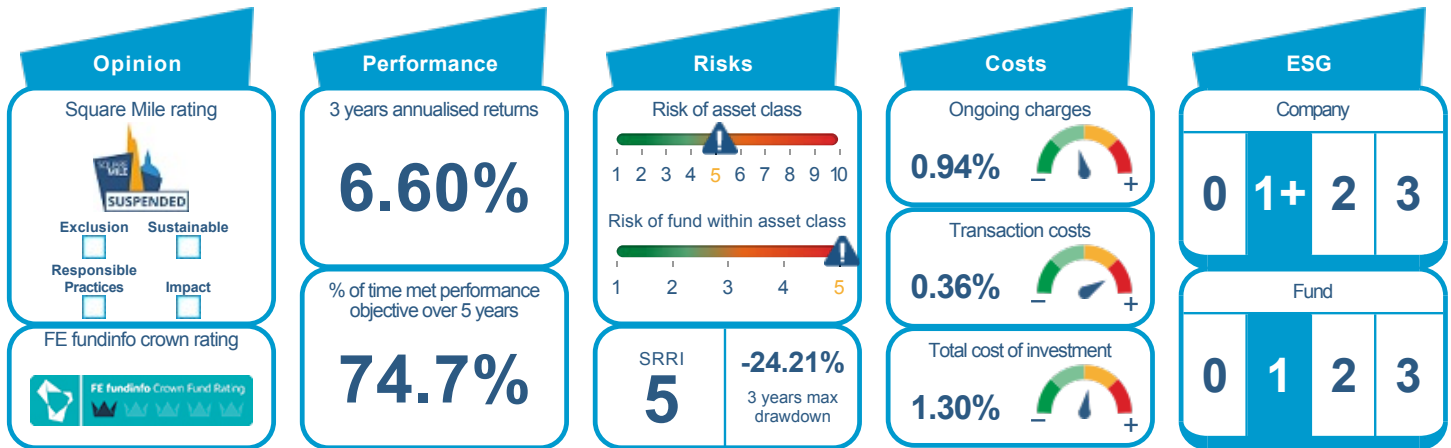


Premier Miton Multi-Asset Growth & Income C Acc GBP

November 2021
Investment Research



Overview

The manager aims to deliver long-term capital growth with a moderate level of income. The fund will predominantly be invested in equities but will also have some exposure to other asset classes which aim to diversify the risk and return profile of the fund and therefore provide a smoother investment journey than one which may be experienced by investing solely in equities.

Capital Accumulation	Capital Preservation	Income	Inflation Protection
●			

Square Mile Expected Outcome

We believe superior risk adjusted returns when compared to the IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% shares sector over rolling 5 year periods, as well as a modest level of income, is a reasonable expectation.

Active/Passive: Active	IA Sector: IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares
Launch Date: 11/12/2006	Fund Size (as at 12 Nov 2021): £582.3m
Yield: 2.45%	Distribution Pay Date: May 01, Nov 01 (Final)
Fund Manager: Anthony Rayner, David Jane	Ongoing Charge Figure: 0.94%
Domicile: United Kingdom	Transaction Cost ex Ante: 0.36%
Multi-Manager: Yes	



Fund Opinion

Following the announcement that the management of this fund will be moved to the Premier Miton macro thematic multi-asset team of David Jane and Anthony Rayner from 1st February 2021 we have suspended the rating pending a meeting with the new team to understand their plans for it going forward.

We have a high regard for this focused and stable team that is led by the experienced David Hambidge. They have an excellent appreciation of the outcomes that investors seek and this diversified portfolio has historically generated performance that has a good record meeting its objectives.

The team has a well established investment approach and this has been implemented consistently for a number of years. The valuation aware focus aims to ensure they are always seeking to invest at a discount to the current market value. This not only provides a potential to pick up on the discount to market value but also provides a downside hedge, based on the lower point of entry. The team believe in active investment management and the managers selected for the fund tend to build portfolios which bear little resemblance to their index. Over the years the team has demonstrated a good ability for selecting managers who can deliver superior risk-adjusted returns and this has been an important influence in the fund meeting its capital growth objective. The team's preference for holding managers that have complementary investment styles, along with a liking for faster-growing companies and those which generate income has also served them well.

The team benefit from managing a focused number of mandates which allows for a greater concentration of efforts within a small number of core areas. Their approach may also mean the fund can hold some less liquid investments, however, this is less likely to be a significant feature of this fund than it will be for some of their other funds.

Fund Description

Headquartered in London, Premier Miton Investors manage circa £10 billion of assets across a range of asset classes including multi-asset, global equities, fixed interest and absolute return. The business was created in 2019 when Premier Asset Management Group plc and Miton Group plc merged. The merger brought together two groups with a number of complementary investment offerings.

The fund is managed by an experienced and settled team. David Hambidge, Director of Multi-Asset funds, who has over 25 years of multi-manager and multi-asset investment experience at Premier, is responsible for overseeing all funds which the team has responsibility. Simon Evan-Cook takes primary responsibility for day to day management of the fund and other growth orientated funds managed by the team. He has been at Premier for over 10 years. The pair is supported by Ian Rees, David Thornton and Nick Kelsall. The team manages a range of investment solutions offering different outcomes to investors. The team has a contrarian approach to investing, and prefer to take exposure to out of favour assets that are trading on attractive valuations. This often follows a period of weak performance. Their experience in managing private client portfolios has developed a keen focus on absolute valuation levels.

The managers employ a multi-asset, fund of funds approach and will invest across a broad range of asset classes and investment vehicles, including open-ended funds, closed-ended specialist investment companies and structured products. They seek the most attractive and appropriate opportunities to deliver the objective whilst maintaining diversification in order to improve the risk and return profile. The investment approach encompasses asset allocation and investment selection and aims to add value from both disciplines. The process starts by identifying areas of the market which offer good value opportunities and the team then focus their time researching these areas. At the fund level, the team aim to identify quality fund managers who use a consistent and repeatable process.

Investments held are classified into five categories, equities, bonds, property alternatives and cash, with a bias to equities. Where they cannot find compelling value opportunities within traditional investments they will invest in non-traditional areas. These holdings may be less liquid compared to their more traditional counterparts. Individual holdings are sized with a maximum weighting of 5% in core holdings and 3% in satellite holdings. The approach seeks to blend long-term core positions with shorter-term satellite opportunities. This style and the emphasis on spreading risk and seeking uncorrelated assets generally leads to a highly diversified portfolio.

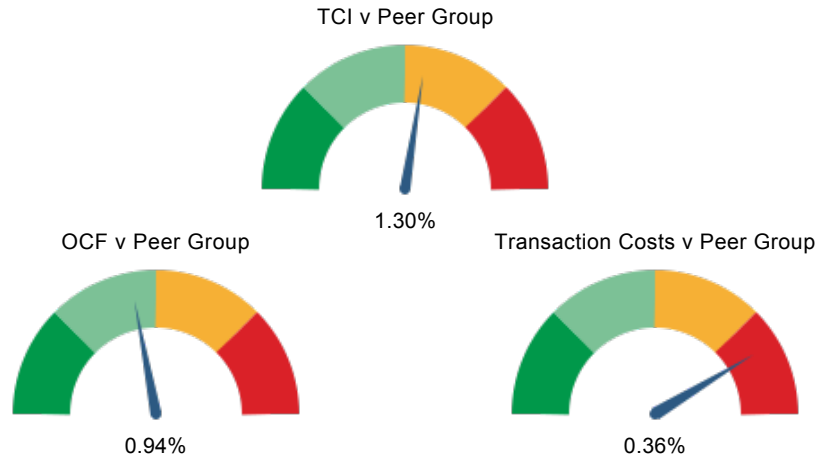
The fund will have a minimum exposure to sterling of 50%. The fund's equity exposure will range between 50% and 85%, both the bond and cash elements can range between 0% and 40%. The alternatives allocation can be between 0% and 45% and property between 0% and 20%.

Risk Summary

The fund will predominantly be invested in equities and therefore equity risk will dominate the portfolio. Equities are a volatile asset class and the proportion of the fund invested overseas is open to exchange rate risk. The fixed interest section of the fund has interest rate risk and credit risk. Investors should note that the fund may hold some unregulated or esoteric positions that enhance the diversification within the portfolio but these less liquid positions could present issues if the managers are ever required to sell these securities rapidly. This is a long only strategy and it may be vulnerable to periods of drawdown when asset classes correlate, usually at times of market stress when diversification offers little downside protection.

Value for Money

The fund's OCF is below the median for its peer group. However its total cost of investment is above the peer group median. However, given the experience of the team behind this fund and the good risk-adjusted returns generally delivered over its history, we think it offers acceptable value for money.



ESG Integration

Company Assessment	0	1+	2	3
The company has made ESG factors available to the investment teams as an input to their analysis, but they are not compelled to consider that as a factor when making investment decisions.				
UN PRI Strategy & Governance Rating	N/A			
Fund Assessment	0	1	2	3
ESG factors may be considered by the fund's manager as an input into their analysis but are not a formal part of the investment process.				

Responsible Investing Approach

Exclusion	Responsible Practices	Sustainability	Impact
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Additional Information

Annualised Return	6.60%
Annualised Volatility	12.88%
Max Drawdown	-24.21%
Max Gain	11.46%
Max Loss	-23.74%
Sharpe Ratio	0.45
Sortino Ratio	0.37

(3 years data to last month end unless otherwise stated)

Currency of Share Class

GBP

Fund Price (as at 12 Nov 2021)

218.0 pence

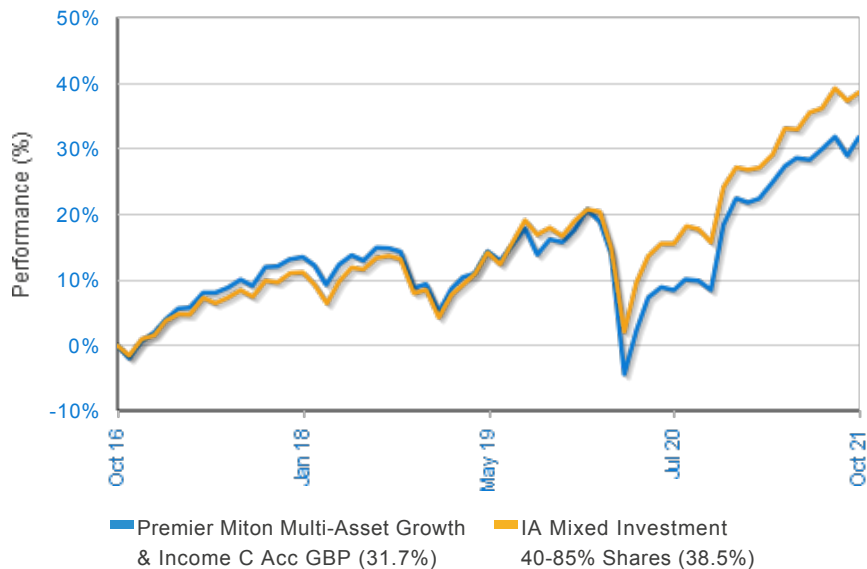
Benchmark

IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares

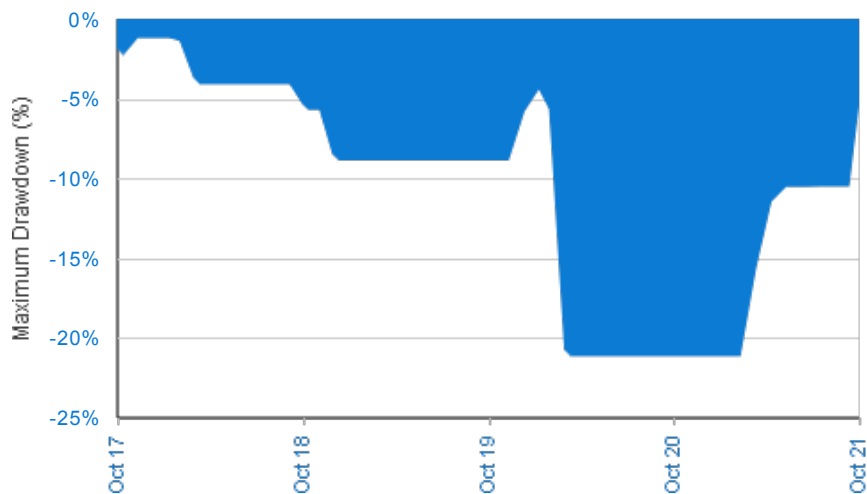
Discrete Annual Performance to Last Quarter End

Period	Fund (%)	Sector (%)	Quartile Ranking
0-12m	17.3	16.6	2
12-24m	-5.4	-0.2	4
24-36m	1.6	4.2	4
36-48m	4.8	5.3	3
48-60m	11.7	9.1	1

Capital Growth



Maximum Drawdown (Rolling 12 Months)



Asset Allocation Positioning

Name	%
North American Equities	32.4
Europe ex UK Equities	21.4
UK Equities	8.4
UK Gilts	7.9
Money Market	7.3
Global Government Fixed Interest	6.7
International Equities	6.4
Others	9.5

(Data as at 30 Sep 2021)

Top Ten Holdings

(Data as at 31 Oct 2021)

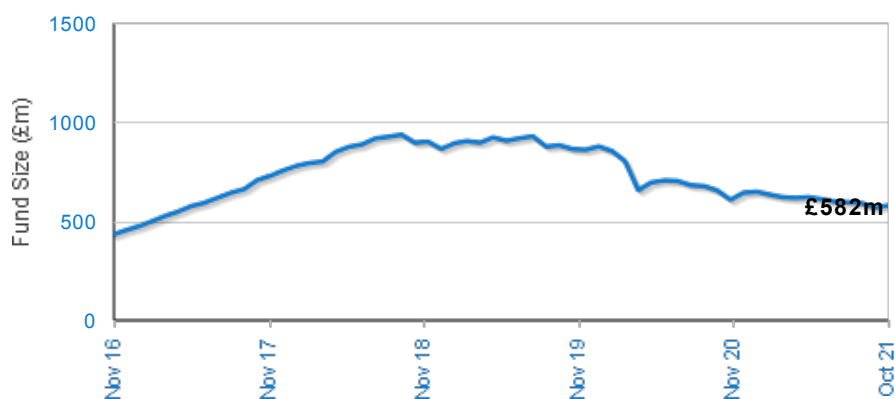
Company Name	%
ISHARES III PLC UK GILTS 0-5YR ETF GBP DIST	7.8
ISHARES IV PLC ISH \$ TREASURY BOND 20+YR UCITS ETF HEDGED GBP DIS	6.7
XTRACKERS X EURO STOXX 50 1D GBP	5.4
ISHARES STOXX EUROPE 600 BANKS UCITS ETF (DE)	4.3
INVESCO PHYSICAL GOLD ETC A USD	3.8
ISHARES V PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY ISHRS S&P 500 INF TECH SECT ETF GBP ACC	3.8
XTRACKERS X STOXX EUROPE 600 BASIC RESOURCES SWAP GBP	3.2
ISHARES V PLC S&P 500 ENERGY SECTOR UCITS ETF CHF	3.0
ISHARES IV PLC ISHARES AUTO & ROBOTICS UCITS ETF GBP	2.9
UBS ETF BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS US LIQUID CORPORATES 1-5 YEAR UCITS ETF (HEDGED TO GBP) A DIS	2.6

Geographic Breakdown

(Data as at 30 Sep 2021)



Assets Under Management



Qualitative Risk Assessment

	Significant	Potentially Significant	Not Significant
Equity Risk	●		
Interest Rate Risk		●	
Credit Risk		●	
Exchange Rate Risk		●	
Liquidity Risk		●	
Emerging Markets Risk		●	
Derivative Risk			●
Manager Risk	●		

Equity Risk

The fund will have a high exposure to shares. Shares are volatile investments but diversification across asset classes may moderate these risks. At times of economic stress, volatility may rise as might asset class correlations.

Interest Rate Risk

This is a multi-asset fund. Higher interest rates may adversely impact valuations of many financial assets.

Credit Risk

This is a multi-asset fund with exposure to credit. A widening in credit spreads may impact the fund. This often occurs at times of weaker stock markets and/or economies.

Exchange Rate Risk

The fund has some exposure to assets denominated in foreign currencies. Changes to exchange rates may impact the fund price.

Liquidity Risk

The fund invests in assets which could be difficult to sell at certain times. In extreme circumstances the fund may have to resort to selling assets at below fair value. The risks of this happening are most acute at times of financial distress.

Emerging Markets Risk

The fund has the ability to invest in securities issued by governments or companies in emerging markets, though the bulk of the portfolio will be focused on developed markets.

Derivative Risk

The fund is predominantly invested in physical assets but may employ derivative strategies as part of its risk management. These are complex instruments and investors should be aware that there is a chance that they may not behave as the manager intends.

Manager Risk

The managers are seen as an important element in Square Mile's rating of the fund. Square Mile is likely to downgrade the fund if the managers were to leave.

FE Risk Rating: 66.00

SRRI: 5

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