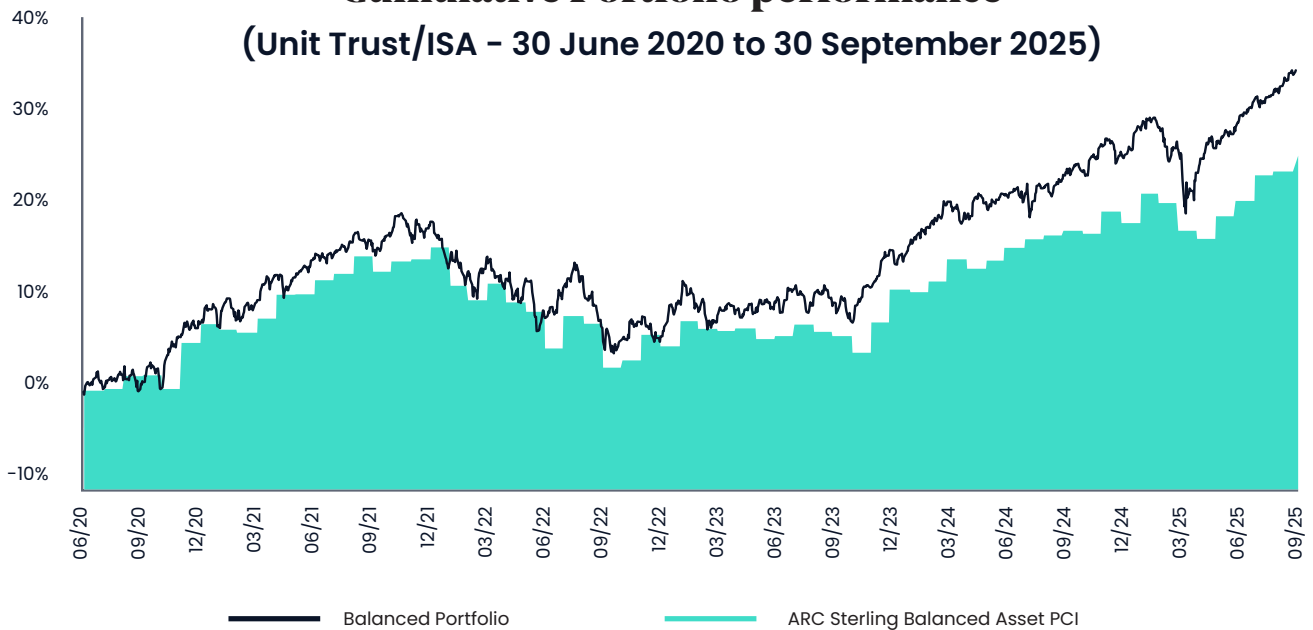


Portfolio objective

The Balanced Portfolio seeks to provide capital growth over periods of at least five years. Typically, half of the Portfolio is invested in domestic, developed and emerging market stocks and shares, with the remaining half invested in bonds, UK property and absolute return strategies. Investing across these different asset classes and managers helps to reduce the risk of frequent large falls, although significant fluctuations in value should be expected from time to time.

Cumulative Portfolio performance (Unit Trust/ISA – 30 June 2020 to 30 September 2025)



Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Source: FE fundinfo/St. James's Place. Data to 30 September 2025. Performance figures shown assume investment into the Portfolio was made on 30 June 2020.

Performance is shown on a bid to bid basis with income reinvested and net of ongoing charges taken through pricing. For the S class fee adjusted account the figures shown throughout this document are a composite of the new primary S class units, from 25 November 2024. Prior to this, L class units were used (R class is used for Global Government Bond), which included costs, such as advice and platform charges, which are not present in the S class. In this adjusted past performance calculation, we have adjusted for 0.775% per annum from actual L-class past performance, up to launch of S class to bring it closer in line with the net calculations of the S class.

The performance shown above is based on that of the underlying funds and reflect our recommended fund allocations over that period. Performance figures since launch have been used where funds are less than one year old. ARC PCI prices are reported monthly.

Investment returns are based on the performance of the underlying funds and reflect our recommended fund allocations over that period. ARC PCI prices are reported monthly.

The Balanced Portfolio was launched 31 January 2011.

Cumulative performance to 30 September 2025

	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Balanced Portfolio	4.33%	7.57%	9.13%	27.51%	33.36%
ARC Sterling Balanced Asset PCI	4.04%	6.85%	6.86%	22.12%	23.12%

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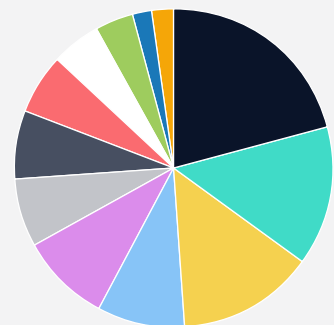
Commentary

The model portfolio delivered a positive return in the third quarter as both equities and fixed income advanced. Equity markets posted broad-based gains, with technology leading performance in the US and emerging markets. Sterling weakness against major currencies provided a tailwind to GBP-based returns. Within fixed income, investment-grade corporate bonds contributed positively as credit spreads tightened and yields moderated, while government bonds added modest support.

Current fund allocation

This shows the current fund allocation of the Portfolio. As we do not automatically rebalance our Growth Portfolios, your fund allocation may be different.

■ Global Government Bond - 21%	■ Global Government
■ Investment Grade Corporate Bond - 14%	■ Inflation Linked Bond - 7%
■ Global Value - 14%	■ Global Equity - 6%
■ Global Growth - 9%	■ Diversified Assets (FAIF) - 5%
■ Global Quality - 9%	■ Emerging Markets Equity - 4%
■ Balanced Managed - 7%	■ Diversified Bond - 2%
	■ Global High Yield Bond - 2%



Constituent fund performance breakdown

The table below shows the past performance of the underlying funds currently in the Portfolio.

Performance 12 months ending

Funds currently in Portfolio	30 September 2025	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022	30 September 2021
Global Government Bond	3.0%	7.4%	1.1%	-14.4%	-3.4%
Investment Grade Corporate Bond	4.5%	12.2%	2.6%	-17.5%	2.7%
Global Value	15.9%	15.2%	16.2%	-3.3%	41.3%
Global Growth	17.5%	23.0%	5.5%	-16.1%	18.5%
Global Quality	12.1%	13.4%	4.4%	-9.8%	18.1%
Balanced Managed	11.4%	13.7%	12.6%	-13.4%	13.5%
Global Government Inflation Linked Bond	4.6%	6.8%	2.6%	-7.3%	1.4%
Global Equity	18.7%	20.5%	8.8%	-9.3%	23.1%
Diversified Assets (FAIF)	2.6%	5.4%	5.9%	1.4%	11.8%
Emerging Markets Equity	8.1%	15.2%	5.4%	-26.1%	50.4%
Diversified Bond	7.0%	15.1%	5.7%	-15.9%	7.7%
Global High Yield Bond	8.0%	16.1%	9.7%	-15.4%	7.3%

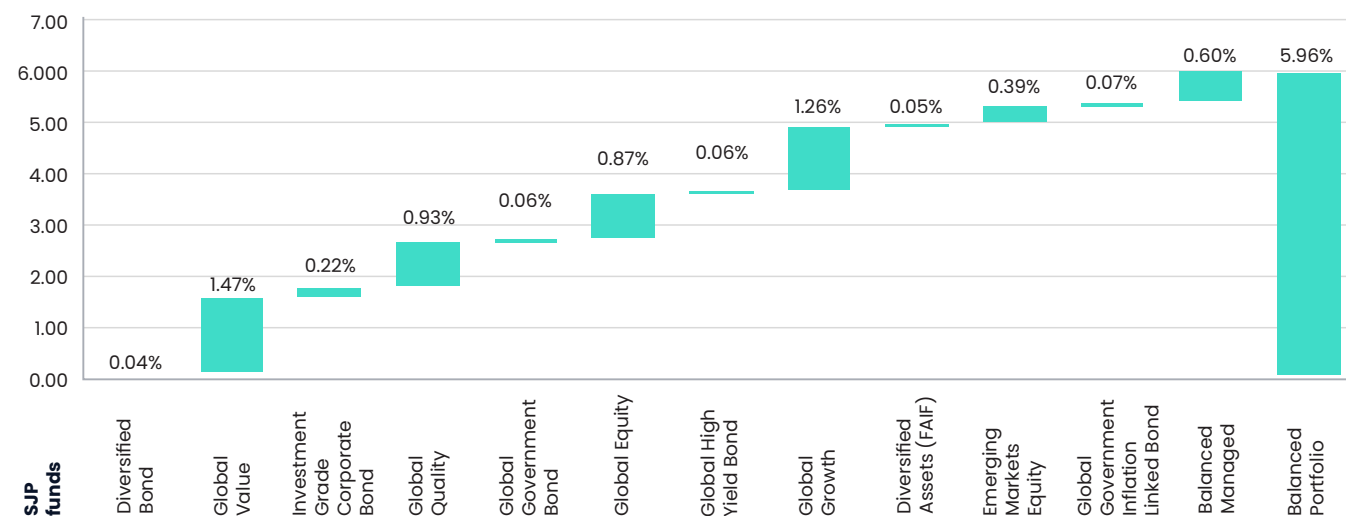
Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Source: FE fundinfo. Fund performance data to 30 September 2025. Given performance is based on a composite calculation following the introduction of a new unit class in November 2024. See the first page for details of how we calculated these figures. All figures are percentage growth on a bid-to-bid basis for accumulation units, income reinvested and in fund currency. Please be aware that past performance is not indicative of future performance. The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. You may not get back as much as you invested.

How each fund contributed to overall performance

All funds contributed positively to the Portfolio's performance as the sentiment improved across stocks and bonds. The Global Value fund and the Global Growth fund were top contributors this quarter, reflecting broad-based global equity strength and improving investor confidence.

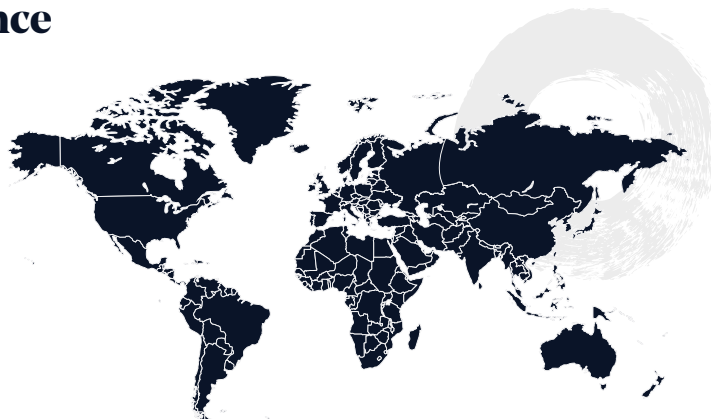
The chart below shows how each fund has contributed to the overall performance of the Portfolio in the quarter. Please note that these values represent their target weights on each day in the period and as a result, values may not equal the total return.



Source: FE fundinfo. Performance figures to 30 September 2025, expressed in sterling terms. Figures are based on a composite calculation following the introduction of a new unit class in November 2024. See the first page for details of how we calculated these figures.

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Market performance



- ◆ Global equities rallied throughout the quarter, helped by AI-related strength and strong earnings.
- ◆ The overall US market was pushed forward by the technology and energy sectors.
- ◆ The UK market made gains as a weak pound benefited companies with international earnings.
- ◆ Japanese and emerging markets also saw strength in the period.
- ◆ Bond markets were mixed as speculation over future inflation and interest rates continued.
- ◆ Gold and silver rose to all-time highs.

Historic fund performance data and history of the underlying fund allocation for each of the Portfolios is available from your St. James's Place Partner.

- ◆ The Portfolio fund split shown overleaf applies to investments made from 19 August 2024. Some funds within your Portfolio will perform better than others so, over time, those funds will make up a larger proportion of your investments. Consequently, the weighted average yield and average fund charges on your investments will also fluctuate. The Portfolio fund allocation will not be rebalanced automatically. You should review your investments regularly to ensure that the balance of risks remains appropriate to your circumstances. Your St. James's Place Partner will help you to do this.
- ◆ Equities do not provide the security of capital characteristic of a deposit with a bank or building society.
- ◆ The prices of funds and the income from them may go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount invested.
- ◆ All data is quoted as at 30 September 2025.
- ◆ This Portfolio has been rated as medium risk. The St. James's Place 'A guide to understanding the balance between risk and reward including the St. James's Place Portfolios and funds', explains investment risk in detail and is available from your St. James's Place Partner.

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