# Atlantic House Balanced Return Fund

# Monthly Factsheet - August 2024



#### **Fund Overview**

The fund offers multi-asset investors the potential to achieve more predictable returns from equity, more reliable diversification from bonds, and exposure to crash protection to guard the portfolio during stressed markets.

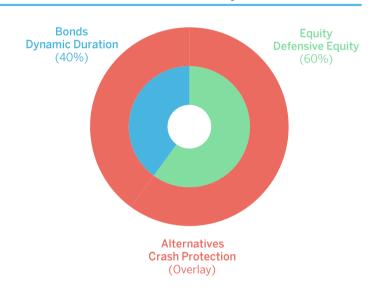
#### **Monthly Performance**

The Atlantic House Balanced Return Fund fell 1.53% over the month, against the IA Mixed Investment 20% - 60% sector, which returned 0.64%, and the IA Targeted Absolute Return Sector, which returned 0.44%. The equity and bonds allocations posted positive returns, whilst the alternatives allocation offset this - a more detailed performance breakdown is provided below, along with commentary.

## **Key Facts**

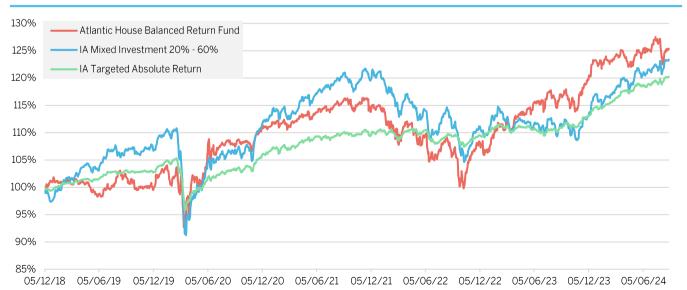
| Launch Date                                   | 5 December 2018   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Fund Size                                     | GBP 46.7m   |  |  |  |  |
| NAV   | 1.2524  |  |  |  |  |
| OCF   | 0.75% (Capped)  |  |  |  |  |
| Managers                                      | Jack Roberts, CFA;<br>Mark Greenwood, FIA; Tom May;<br>Fahad Hassan, CFA  |  |  |  |  |
| Domicile                                      | Dublin, Ireland   |  |  |  |  |
| Fund Type                                     | UCITS   |  |  |  |  |
| Dealing                                       | Daily   |  |  |  |  |
| Currency                                      | GBP   |  |  |  |  |
| Internal<br>Benchmark                         | IA Mixed Investment 20% - 60%   |  |  |  |  |
| IA Sector                                     | IA Targeted Absolute Return   |  |  |  |  |
| Available Share<br>Classes                    | A Acc GBP<br>ISIN:IE00BDZQTC81<br>BDZQTC8<br>AHFMTAA ID   |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution<br>and Target<br>Market Strategy | The fund is aimed at advised & discretionary market investors over the long term who have the capacity to tolerate a loss of the entire capital invested or the initial amount. |  |  |  |  |

## **Asset Allocation and Estimated Monthly Attribution**



| Allocation             | Defensive<br>Equity | Dynamic Duration | Crash<br>Protection | Total  |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Monthly<br>Attribution | 0.59%               | 0.39%            | -2.51%              | -1.53% |

## **Cumulative Performance and Performance Since Launch**



Past performance does not predict future returns. Source: Atlantic House. FE Analytics. NAV performance. Total Return basis in GBP as at 30/08/24.





# **Monthly Factsheet, August 2024**



#### Performance

| Name                          | 1 month | 3 months | 6 months | YTD   | 1 year | 3 years | Since<br>launch | Annualised |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|------------|
| AH Balanced Return Fund       | -1.53%  | 0.72%    | 1.48%    | 1.66% | 7.13%  | 8.33%   | 25.24%          | 4.00%      |
| IA Mixed Investment 20% - 60% | 0.64%   | 2.68%    | 5.24%    | 5.36% | 10.65% | 2.43%   | 23.39%          | 3.73%      |
| IA Targeted Absolute Return   | 0.44%   | 1.45%    | 3.79%    | 4.83% | 8.42%  | 9.38%   | 20.26%          | 3.27%      |

#### Calendar Year Performance

|                               | 2024  | 2023   | 2022   | 2021  | 2020  | 2019   |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| AH Balanced Return Fund       | 1.66% | 15.87% | -7.47% | 3.42% | 7.97% | 1.99%  |
| IA Mixed Investment 20% - 60% | 5.36% | 6.81%  | -9.47% | 7.20% | 3.51% | 11.84% |
| IA Targeted Absolute Return   | 4.83% | 4.31%  | -0.37% | 3.53% | 2.59% | 4.38%  |

## **Discrete Yearly Performance**

|                               | 31/08/2023 -<br>30/08/2024 | 31/08/2022-<br>31/08/2023 | 31/08/2021-<br>31/08/2022 | 28/08/2020 -<br>31/08/2021 | 30/08/2019 -<br>28/08/2020 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| AH Balanced Return Fund       | 7.13%                      | 9.83%                     | -7.93%                    | 7.19%                      | 5.35%                      |
| IA Mixed Investment 20% - 60% | 10.65%                     | -0.34%                    | -7.11%                    | 13.13%                     | -0.07%                     |
| IA Targeted Absolute Return   | 8.42%                      | 1.33%                     | -0.44%                    | 6.53%                      | 0.20%                      |

Past performance does not predict future returns. Source: Atlantic House. FE Analytics. NAV performance. Total Return basis in GBP as at 30/08/24.

## **Fund Manager Monthly Commentary**

- Early August was marked by significant volatility in the equity markets. Concerns about a potential U.S. recession emerged following a
  weaker-than-expected Non-Farm Payroll (NFP) report on August 2nd, coupled with a rate hike by the Bank of Japan at the end of July.
  These developments likely served as catalysts for the extreme market movements observed on August 5th. However, the magnitude of
  the volatility cannot be attributed solely to these macroeconomic events. It appears that technical factors, such as forced unwinds and
  margin calls, played a substantial role, potentially exacerbated by the deleveraging associated with the unwinding of the Yen carry
  trade
- Throughout the month, the equity allocation experienced fluctuations, initially declining due to recession fears but later recovering as these concerns diminished. The bonds allocation performed well initially, offsetting some of the losses in equities, though it retraced some of the gain later in the month. The alternatives allocation, designed for crash protection, underperformed during the first two weeks of August. This underperformance was largely due to the significant whipsaw in volatility levels.
- While the performance of the crash protection allocation during this brief period of market stress is not satisfactory, it is important to note that the allocation is not intended for the type of market conditions observed this month. Typically, a market decline of approximately 10% or more within a short timeframe is necessary for these protection strategies to become effective. Such conditions have not been present since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, which explains why the diversifying and protective benefit of the crash protection allocation has not yet been seen.

#### A Note on Benchmarks

The fund uses derivatives to implement its risk exposures. Given the fund has a 60% exposure to equity through defined return investments, we see the appropriate benchmark (internally) as the IA Mixed Investment 20% - 60% sector. However, IA rules dictate that to officially be in this sector, a fund must hold between 20% and 60% in direct equity. Since the fund's exposures to equity are not through direct investments, but instead are through derivatives, the fund is officially grouped into the IA Targeted Absolute Return Sector instead. A comparison of the fund against both sectors since launch is shown on the first page and given the fund has behaved more similarly to the 20-60 sector, alongside its defensive equity weight of 60%, we see the 20-60 sector as a more comparable and relevant benchmark for the fund.



## **Key Risks**

This is a marketing communication. The fund is aimed at advised & discretionary market investors over the long term who have the capacity to tolerate a loss of the entire capital invested or the initial amount.

A final investment decision should not be contemplated until the risks are fully considered. A comprehensive list of risk factors is detailed in the Risk Warnings Section of the Prospectus and the Supplement of the fund and in the relevant key investor information document (KIID) A copy of the English version of the Supplement, the Prospectus, and any other offering document and the KIID can be viewed at <a href="https://www.atlantichousegroup.com/">www.atlantichousegroup.com/</a> and <a href="https://www.atlantichousegroup.com/">www.geminicapital.ie</a>. A summary of investor rights associated with an investment in the fund is available in English at <a href="https://www.gemincapital.ie">www.gemincapital.ie</a>.

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