

HSBC Investment Funds - Balanced Fund

Share Class Accumulation C

31 Oct 2019

Fund Objective and Strategy

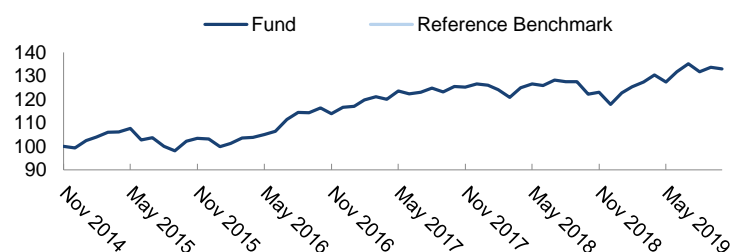
Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide growth in the long term, which is a period of five years or more, together with income. To achieve its objective the Fund will invest in a range of asset types such as shares of companies (equities), bonds, property, hedge funds and cash. The portfolio will be invested across global markets. The Fund will invest at least 70% and up to 100% of its value in other funds that in turn invest in a range of asset types, including funds which aim to track an index.

Investment Strategy

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will have the following asset allocation: equities: 50% - 80%, bonds: 15% - 50%, Other asset types, including cash: 0% - 30%. These percentages will fluctuate based upon market movement and adjustments to the asset allocation to enable the Fund to meet its aim. The Fund is actively managed and is not managed with reference to a specific benchmark. The performance of the Fund is shown against the performance of the Investment Association Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector for comparison purposes.

Performance (%)



Performance (%)	YTD	1M	3M	1Y	3Y ¹	5Y ¹	Vol ²	S.R. ³
Accumulation C	12.86	-0.52	-1.61	8.83	4.56	6.58	7.41	0.75
Reference Benchmark	12.06	-1.02	-2.01	8.17	5.39	6.83	-	-

Rolling Performance (%)	31 Oct 2018-31 Oct 2019	31 Oct 2017-31 Oct 2018	31 Oct 2016-31 Oct 2017	31 Oct 2015-31 Oct 2016	31 Oct 2014-31 Oct 2015
Accumulation C	8.83	-2.56	7.82	13.86	5.67
Reference Benchmark	8.17	-1.70	10.21	12.99	5.36

Share Class Details

UCITS V Compliant	Yes
ISA Eligible	Yes
Distribution Type	Accumulating
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Valuation Time	12:00 United Kingdom
Min. Initial Investment	GBP 1,000,000
Ongoing Charge Figure ⁴	0.770%
Share Class Base Currency	GBP
Domicile	United Kingdom
ISIN	GB00BG0R5293
Share Class Inception Date	10 Dec 2013
NAV per Share	GBP 2.38
Fund Size	GBP 358,427,020
Bloomberg Ticker	HSBBACA LN
SEDOL	BG0R529
Reference Benchmark	Investment Association Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector
Manager	Justin Turner

Past performance is not an indicator of future returns. The figures are calculated in the share class base currency, dividend reinvested, net of fees.

Source: HSBC Global Asset Management, data as at 31 October 2019

Risk Disclosure

- The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- Where overseas investments are held the rate of currency exchange may cause the value of such investments to go down as well as up.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless.
- Investing in other funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Governance of underlying assets can be the responsibility of third-party managers.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.
- Derivatives may be used by the Fund, and these can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
- Liquidity is a measure of how easily the Fund's holdings can be quickly converted to cash. The value of the Fund's holdings may be significantly impacted by liquidity risk during adverse market conditions.
- Further information on the Fund's potential risks can be found in the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus.

¹Result is annualised when calculation period is over one year.

²Volatility since inception: a measure of how much a fund's price goes up or down as a percentage of its average performance.

³Sharpe ratio since inception: a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return, and this ratio has become the industry standard for such calculations.

⁴Ongoing Charges Figure, is based on expenses over a year. The figure includes annual management charge but not the transaction costs. Such figures may vary from time to time.

Monthly Performance Commentary

Market Review

In GBP terms, the MSCI All Countries World Index fell by 2.1% over the month. However, this was primarily as a result of sterling's appreciate during the month following positive developments around Brexit. In dollar terms Global equities actually rose in October as the US and China agreed a truce in their trade conflict with a 'mini deal'.

In the US, a reasonably solid labour market continues to support consumer spending. Nevertheless, employment and wage growth has slowed in recent months. Meanwhile, activity in the manufacturing, business investment and export sectors remains weak amid slower global growth and elevated political uncertainty.

The US Federal Reserve cut rates at its October meeting amid subdued inflation expectations, soft global growth and persistent geopolitical uncertainty. However, it has signalled that this marks the end to its rate cutting cycle.

Manufacturing sector activity remains very weak in the Eurozone with some evidence that this is adversely affecting the relatively resilient service sector. The European Central Bank has signalled that a significant degree of monetary accommodation is still required to meet their inflation objective.

In the UK, Brexit related uncertainty remains a key drag on growth, but household spending is reasonably strong, while fiscal policy is being loosened. The Bank of England remains non-committal on the policy outlook, with future decisions ultimately affected by upcoming political developments.

In Asia, mixed data releases in China are likely to result in further policy easing. But a stronger rate of credit creation could be supportive in the near-term. Ongoing policy loosening still has the potential to stabilise China's economy alongside global trade growth. In India, high frequency indicators suggest that private sector activity may have weakened further in Q3, although policy easing efforts have been stepped up.

Growth remains sluggish in Japan and the recently implemented consumption tax hike is a headwind amid disappointing wage developments. The Bank of Japan has signalled it could ease policy to achieve its inflation target, although has provided little detail on potential easing options.

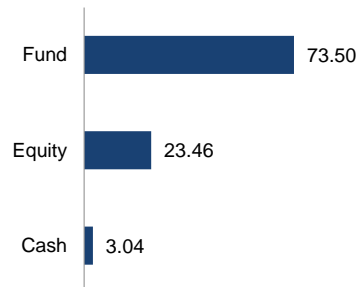
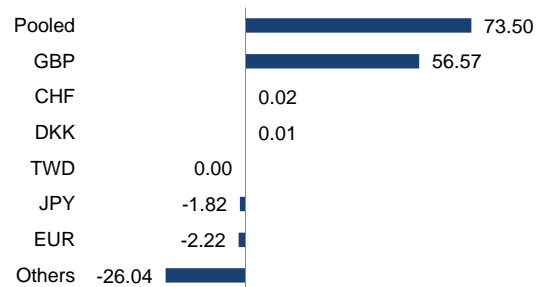
Fund Review

In October, both bond and equity markets pulled back, the Balanced OEIC protected investors from the worst of the drawdown, with the NAV of the fund only falling slightly during the month.

The portfolio's tactical positioning added value over the period, primarily as a result of the portfolio manager's decision to hedge a portion of the fund's global equity exposure. This added value as sterling appreciated during October.

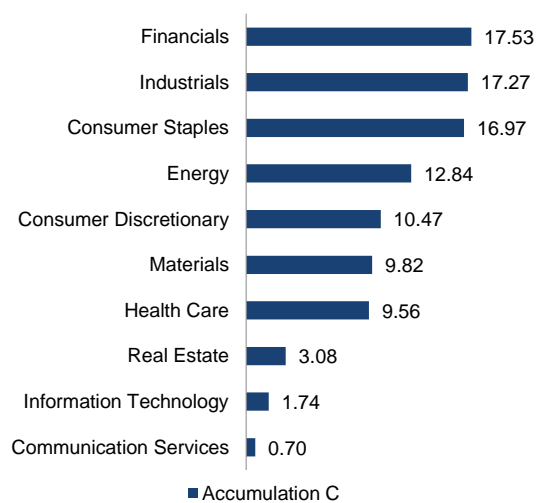
No significant changes to the fund's allocation were made over the month.

The portfolio continues to be positioned to reflect a small preference for equity over fixed income. Within fixed income our preferences is for EMD in local currency.

Portfolio Asset Allocation (%)**Currency Exposure at Portfolio Level (%)****Top 10 Holdings (%)**

HSBC American Index Institutional Inc	9.05
HSBC GIF Global Em Mkts Local Dbt ZQ1	6.67
HSBC European Index Institutional Income	6.59
HSBC FTSE All-World Index Inst Inc	5.45
HSBC Multi-Factor Worldwide Eq ZQ Inc	5.34
HSBC GIF Global Real Estate Eq ZD	5.02
HSBC GIF Global Emerg Mkts Bd ZQ1	4.79
HSBC Gilt & Fixed Interest C Acc	3.45
HSBC Pacific Index Instl Inc	3.17
HSBC FTSE All Share Index Inst Inc	3.01

Source: HSBC Global Asset Management, data as at 31 October 2019

Equity Sector Allocation (%)

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Terms of Glossary

Accumulation Share: a type of share where the income earned by the Fund is retained in the Fund

ACD: HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director of the Company

Actively Managed: where the fund manager uses their expertise to pick investments to achieve the fund's objectives

Bond(s): a loan, usually to a company or government, that pays interest

Bond Index Futures: a contract stating that the holder agrees to purchase a bond index at a particular price on a specified future date

Collective Investment Scheme: a fund that more than one person contributes to with the aim of increasing the value of their investments or receiving income from a pooled investment. A fund manager will invest the pooled money into one or more types of asset, such as stocks, bonds or property

Credit Rating: an assessment of the credit risk of a company, government or other organisation. It seeks to measure how likely it is that the issuer of a bond will be able to continue to make interest payments and repay the money loaned to it

Developed Markets: countries with relatively high levels of personal income and established economies

Duration: a measure of how long it takes in years for an investor in a bond to recoup the price they paid for the bond from its interest payments. It provides an indication of how much bond prices are likely to change if and when interest rates change

Emerging Markets (EM): countries that are progressing toward becoming advanced, usually shown by some development in financial markets, the existence of some form of stock exchange and a regulatory body

Equities: shares issued by a company

Futures: a financial contract obligating the buyer to purchase an asset (or the seller to sell an asset), such as a physical commodity or a financial instrument, at a predetermined future date and price

Growth: the increase in the value of investments

Government Bond or Gilt: a loan to a national government in return for regular payments (known as the coupon) and a promise that the original investment (principal) is paid back at a specified date. Gilts are loans to the UK government

Hedge Funds: an investment fund that pools money from investors and invests in a variety of assets, often with complex investment strategies and risk management techniques

Hedge or Hedging: using derivative type investments as a way to reduce risk

High yield bond: a bond paying a higher level of interest but which has a lower credit rating than investment grade

Income: money generated by a fund, such as interest from a bond or a dividend from a share, which can be paid out to its investors or paid back into the fund and reinvested

Income Share: the type of Share where the income earned by the Fund is paid out to you

Investment Grade: a credit rating that indicates the issuer of a bond has a relatively low risk of being unable to make interest payments and repay the money to it

Market Capitalisation: the total dollar market value of a company's outstanding shares. Commonly referred to as "market cap", it is calculated by multiplying a company's shares outstanding by the current market price of one share

Maturity: the period of time left for a bond or gilt to remain outstanding before the original loan and any final interest is repaid to the lender

Net Asset Value (NAV): the value of the scheme property of a fund less the liabilities of the fund

Ongoing Charges Figure: a measure of what it costs to invest in a fund. It includes the fee paid to the ACD and other operating costs

Option adjusted duration (OAD): a duration value based on the probability of early redemption call by the bond issuer

Option adjusted spread duration (OASD): estimates the price sensitivity of a bond to a 100 basis-point movement (either widening or narrowing) in its spread relative to treasuries, taking into account the likelihood of early redemption

Price Earnings (P/E) Ratio: the price paid for a share divided by the annual profit earned by the firm per share

Preference Shares: shares of a company which entitle the holder to a fixed dividend, whose payment takes priority over that of ordinary share dividends. Preference shares may be convertible to the ordinary shares of a company

Property-related securities: shares of property companies that own, manage or develop property and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), which are investment companies that own buildings and land

Return(s): the money made or lost on an investment

Share(s): an equally valued holding in a fund of a company, representing part ownership of that fund, (including larger denomination shares and smaller denomination shares)

Sharpe ratio: a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return, and this ratio has become the industry standard for such calculations

Volatility: a measure of the size and frequency of changes in the value of an investment over a short space of time

Yield: the income from an investment, usually stated as a percentage of the value of the investment

Yield to Maturity: the total return anticipated on a bond if the bond is held until the end of its lifetime, excluding strategic currency hedges for Portfolio/Benchmark calculations. Number is shown in percentage

Yield to Worst: the lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting, excluding strategic currency hedges for Portfolio/Benchmark calculations. Number is shown in percentage