



MPS Strategy Update, April 2024

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Agenda

- **1.** Review of Q1 2024 (Ben Gilbert)
- 2. What has driven performance year-to-date (Ed Lloyd)
- **3.** Rebalance update (Ed Lloyd)
- 4. Outlook and current positioning (Ben Gilbert)





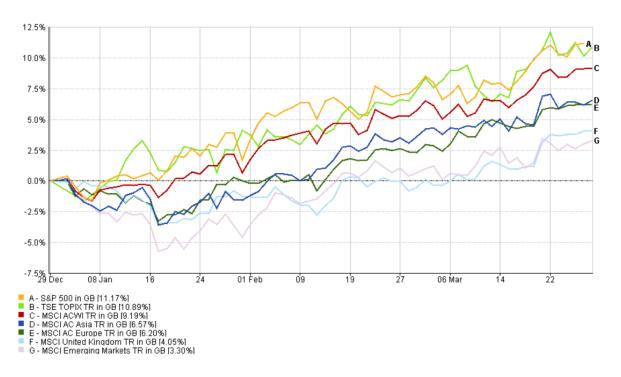
Markets Review

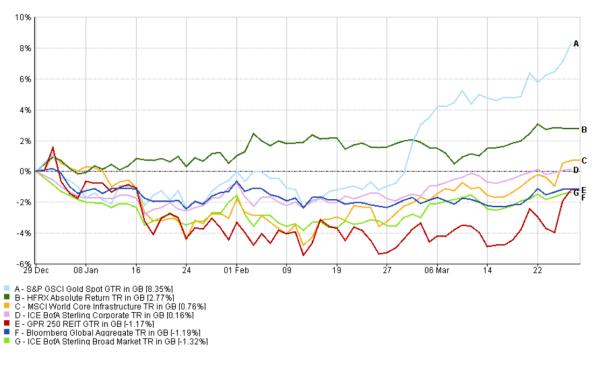


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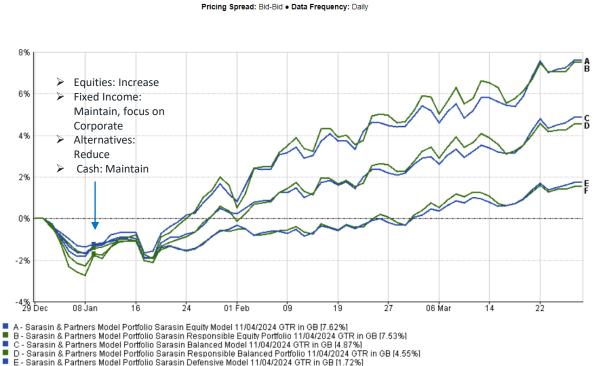
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2024 year-to-date performance

Sarasin MPS vs ARC Q1 2024 performance

Portfolios outperform ARC both short and long term



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3arasin & Partners Model Portfolio Sarasin Responsible Defensive Portfolio 11/04/2024 GTR in GB [1.53%]

Headlines

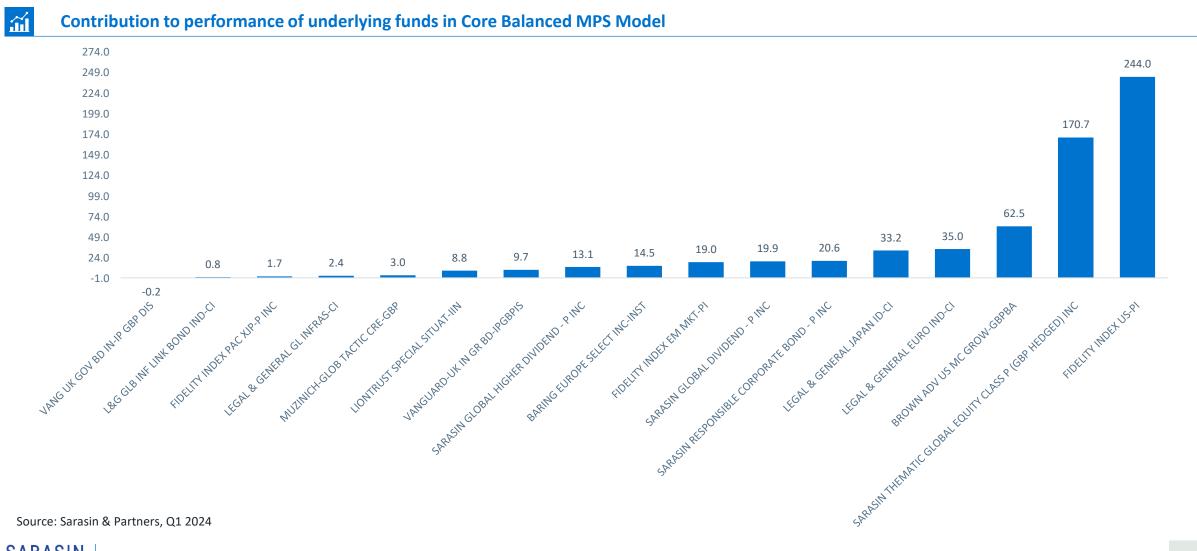
- Portfolios were up between c. 1.5% and 7.6%
- MSCI ACWI (+9.3%) vs. MSCI United Kingdom (+4.0%), favored our global approach to equity selection
- ICE Sterling Broad Market (-)2.0% vs. ICE Global Broad Market (-)1.2%, fixed income dragged on portfolio performance
- Core and Responsible performance was largely in line



What has driven performance year-to-date



2024 YTD Review – Contribution of underlying funds





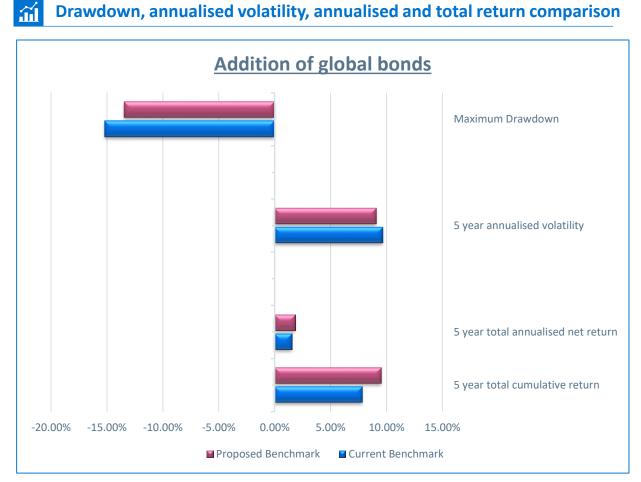
Update following April rebalance



The case for global bonds

Case for global bonds

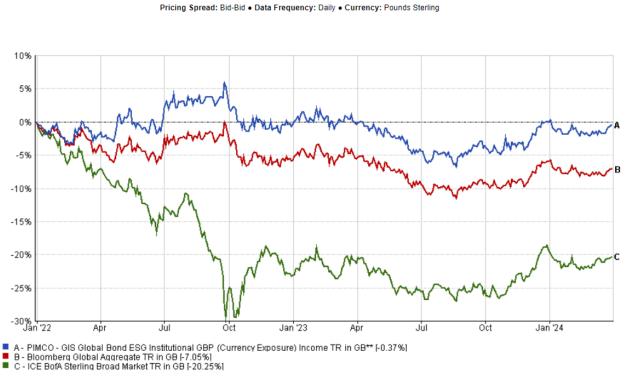
- Buy the best bonds in the world, not the best bonds that happen to be listed in the UK
- Maintaining returns + increasing diversification = more efficient portfolios
- Potential divergence from central banks responding to different inflation regimes creates need for more investment flexibility



Source: Sarasin & Partners: 31 March 2024

New addition: Pimco Global Bond Fund

Strong performance in challenging environment for bond investors

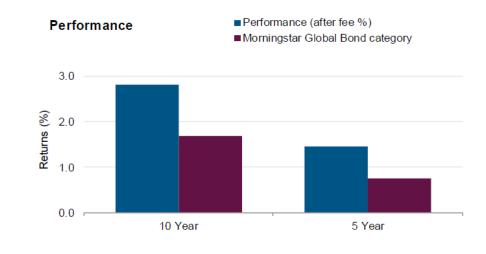


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Long-term outperformance over Peer Group

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	10 Year	5 Year
Performance (after fee %)	2.82	1.46
Peer Group Median	1.69	0.76
Percentile Rank in category	6	24
Morningstar Rating	****	****

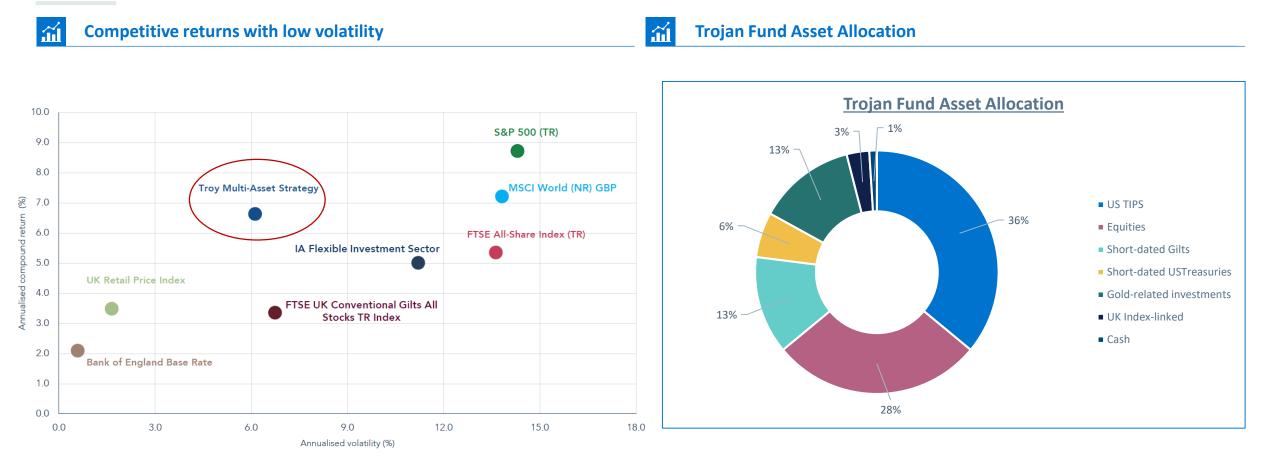
The Fund has been able to deliver **higher returns** relative to peers over the past 10 and 5 year periods.

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Trojan Fund: World's simplest hedge fund?



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Source: Troy Asset Management, 31 March 2024

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Policy summary

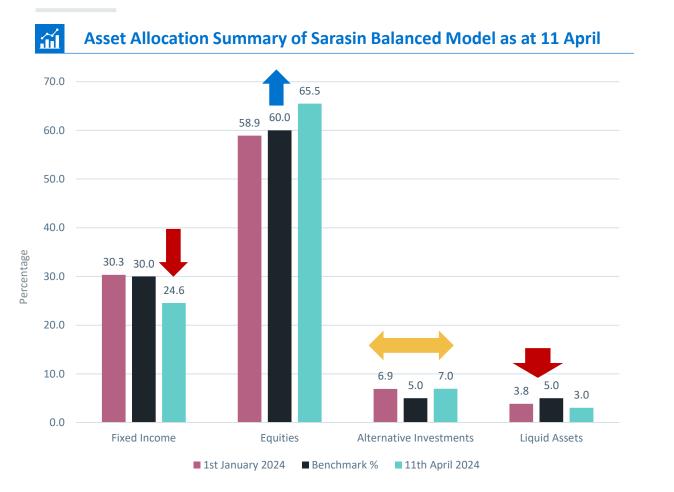
Global Strategy April 2024

Bonds	 Neutral Underweight Govt: Record levels of issuance by governments with little central bank support is challenging Overweight Inv. Grade Credit: Yields attractive, corporate balance sheets healthy, demand from pension funds high Duration: Neutral
Equities	 Overweight/Double Overweight Equity: Global earnings & dividend growth robust, market leadership widening, value opportunities in world ex-US Portfolio insurance: Attractive as equity valuations rise and volatility remains low
Alternatives	 Neutral Neutral Alternatives: Infrastructure/Alternative income outlook uncertain – hurdle rates are higher Overweight Defensive Alternatives: Gold and US TIPs provide a good hedge against higher inflation
Cash	Double Underweight
Risks	 Liquidity risks elevated as central bank balance sheets shrink & real rates turn positive Military conflict risk as Pax Americana ends. Trade barriers and tariffs to rise. Risk of natural disasters as global temperature climbs to record Geopolitical risk elevated as US election nears

Source: Sarasin & Partners, March 2024

Asset allocation changes following rebalance

Sarasin Balanced Model Asset Allocation on a look-through basis



Equities

• Overweight C. 5-7%, slight underweight Emerging Markets

Bonds

• * c. 5% Underweight to fund overweight to Equities, preference for Corporate Bonds over Government Bonds

Alternatives

Introduction of defensive alternatives, to mitigate against risk-off event

Cash

Underweight

Source: Sarasin & Partners, 11 April 2024

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