# King & Shaxson Asset Management Cautious Green Model Portfolio

Monthly Factsheet as at 31st August 2023





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## Fees

0.24% to 0.48% inc VAT (based on AUM)			
Portfolio OCF	0.64%		
Transactional Cost	0.12%		
Historic Yield	2.45%		
5 yr Volatility	8.25%		

### Risk Profile

A "Cautious" risk portfolio seeks to provide a high level of capital protection whilst still allowing investors the ability to achieve long-term growth (10 years). The portfolio is suitable for risk-averse investors whose financial temperament cannot tolerate much variation in performance. Whilst the emphasis is on lower volatility and capital preservation, a small amount of risk will be taken to seek a higher return.



# **Investment Objective**

To invest in a range of direct holdings and funds which have an ethical focus.

# **Investment Approach**

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# **Fund Manager's Report**

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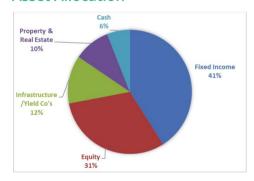
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### **Asset Allocation**



# Cumulative Performance (Net of DFM fee & OCFs)\*

3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	8 Years
-2.54%	-4.25	-11.76%	-6.24%	-0.09%	17.65%

# Discrete Performance (Net of DFM fee and OCFs)\*

Sept 22 to Aug 23	Sept 21 to Aug 22	Sept 20 to Aug 21	Sept 19 to Aug 20	Sept 18 to Aug 19
-11.76%	-7.99%	15.48%	0.00%	6.56%

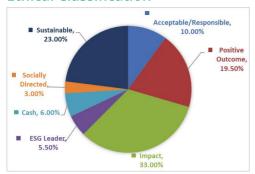
# **Geographical Allocation**



# Top 5 Funds\*

Threadneedle Social Bond Fund	10.00%
UBS Sust Dev Bank Bond ETF	10.00%
M&G Positive Impact Fund	8.00%
Edentree Resp & Sust Bond Fund	7.00%
Wellington Global Impact Bond Fund	7.00%

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# King & Shaxson Asset Management Light Green Model Portfolio

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### **Fees**

0.24% to 0.48% inc VAT (based on AUM)			
Portfolio OCF	0.69%		
Transactional Cost	0.13%		
Historic Yield	2.32%		
5 yr Volatility	9.08%		

# Risk Profile

A "Light Green" portfolio is suitable for investors who wish to invest in a low to moderate risk portfolio of investments from a range of asset classes. The portfolio is suitable for those whose financial situation can tolerate a moderate level of volatility in performance.









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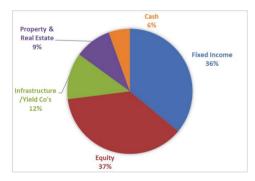
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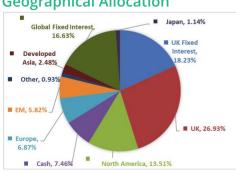
# Cumulative Performance (Net of DFM fee & OCFs)\*

3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 Years
-2.37%	-4.16%	-11.95%	-4.10%	3.24%	37.97%

# Discrete Performance (Net of DFM fee and OCFs)\*

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-11.95%	-8.04%	18.43%	0.68%	6.93%

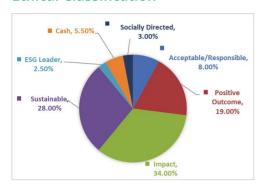
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Portfolio OCF	0.79%		
Transactional Cost	0.15%		
Historic Yield	1.90%		
5 yr Volatility	11.02%		

# Risk Profile

A "Mid Green" portfolio is suitable for investors who wish to invest in a moderate to high risk portfolio of investments from a range of asset classes. The portfolio is suitable for those whose financial situation can tolerate a moderate to higher level of volatility in performance.



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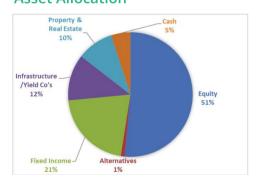
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# **Asset Allocation**



# Cumulative Performance (Net of DFM fee & OCFs)\*

3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 Years
-2.87%	-5.43	-12.60%	-2.02%	4.04%	49.13%

# Discrete Performance (Net of DFM fee and OCFs)\*

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-12.60%	-8.74%	22.84%	1.46%	4.66%

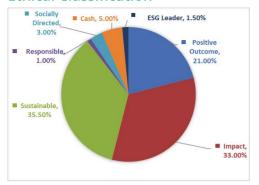
# Top 5 Funds\*

10.00%
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Transactional Cost	0.15%	
Historic Yield	1.80%	
5 yr Volatility	12.57%	

# **Risk Profile**

A "Dark Green" portfolio seeks to achieve high returns. Investors must be prepared to accept a higher level of risk and volatility in the expectations of higher than average returns over the longer term (10 years). The portfolio will have a higher degree of exposure to equity and equity funds so investors will take a higher degree of risk with their capital.



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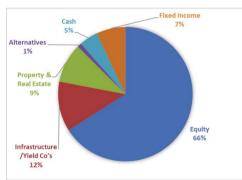
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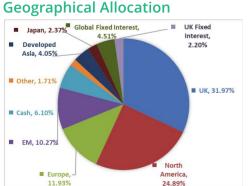
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-2.75%	-5.62	-12.09%	3.80%	12.65%	71.03%

# Discrete Performance (Net of DFM fee and OCFs)\*

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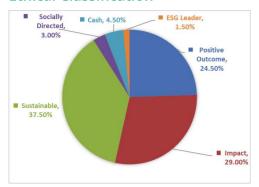
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Pacific Assets Trust	10.00%
WHEB Sustainability Fund	10.00%
Impax Environmental Markets	6.00%
Montanaro Better World Fund	6.00%

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