IOOF Balanced Investor Trust

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Refer to glossary for definition of the rating

Product Review

About this Product

Investment manager	IOOF Investment Services Ltd
Benchmark	Lonsec Strategic Multi-Asset (Traditional) 70% Growth Index
Product structure	Managed Fund - IM
Product size	\$4.48b
Inception date	Dec 2013
Asset class	Multi-Asset
Sector	61-80% Growth Assets
Growth/defensive split	79/21%
Peer group	Multi-Manager
Rated peers	16

Product Characteristics

Business Life Cycle	Mature
Product Wind-Up Risk	Low
Key Person Risk	Low
Tenure of Decision Makers	Medium
Complex (RG240)	No
Strategy Remaining Capacity	High
ESG Approach	Risk or Value
Peer Relative Fees and Costs	Below median

Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.)

Management fees & costs	0.53
Performance fee costs	0.02
Net Transaction Costs	0.07
Buy/Sell Spread	0.05/0.06
Annual fees and costs	0.62

Product Opinion The Trust has maintained its 'Recommended' rating. This reflects the high regard and conviction in the

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However, a more extensive liquidity stress testing framework would be viewed encouragingly given the higher complexity and liquidity risks of the target strategic asset allocation, which has a higher proportion towards unlisted assets. A further track record in private equity, particularly the selection of deals, will be viewed encouragingly as deployment occurs.

Lonsec Rating Model

Rating key: 🔵 🔵 Ab	ove	In-line Below
Factor	Peer Rating	YoY Score Change
Business		_
Team		_
Process		_
ESG		_
Product		1
Fees		
Performance	•••	

Allocation Profile

Core		
Satellite		
	Low Complexity	High Complexity

Return Profile

Income			
Capital			
	Defensive	Growth	

Source: FE fundinfo, IM Date: 19/Aug/2024

Strengths

- The Trust is managed by an experienced and well-led investment team.
- Breadth of resources and tools in particular manager research, asset allocation, performance analytics, governance and implementation.
- Robust and consistently applied investment process underpinning manager selection and portfolio construction functions.
- Integration of the broader investment team that has been progressing well to further enhance the Manager's investment capabilities.

Weaknesses

- A more extensive liquidity stress testing framework would be viewed encouragingly given the higher complexity and liquidity risks.
- Private equity allocation is a watchpoint, with a specific focus on its deployment, deal selection and capital call management.
- The Growth/Defensive mix is heavily skewed in favour of growth assets which may be moderately different to investors'
 perceptions given the 'Balanced' name. Investors should ensure the asset class mix aligns with their risk tolerance.
- Although there are processes in place, using a related party creates the potential for conflicts of interest, which remains a watchpoint.

Key Facts

Key Objectives

Investment objective	To provide capital growth over the medium to long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of growth and defensive assets. To achieve total returns after fees in excess of the CPI + 4% p.a. over ten years.
Internal return objective	Outperform the composite benchmark by 1.0% p.a. after fees over rolling five-year periods.
Internal risk objective	Tracking error of between 1.0% to 2.0% p.a. over a rolling five-year time period.
Non-financial objective	N/A

Asset Allocation (%) (as at 30/06/2024)

	SAA Benchmark %	Min %	Max %	Current Allocation %
Australian Equities	26.00	15.00	40.00	26.50
International Equities	29.00	15.00	40.00	28.97
Listed Property	1.00	0.00	20.00	1.02
Unlisted Property	6.00	0.00	20.00	4.92
Listed Infrastructure	1.00	0.00	20.00	1.03
Unlisted Infrastructure	5.00	0.00	20.00	2.45
Australian Fixed Interest	9.00	5.00	30.00	14.42
Global Fixed Interest	9.00	5.00	30.00	13.37
Alternative Assets	9.00	0.00	20.00	4.74
Cash	5.00	0.00	15.00	2.58
Total				100.00

Product Distribution Profile

Frequency	Semi- Annually
Last Missed Distribution	None
Number of Missed Distributions in the last 5 years	None
AMIT Election	Yes
TOFA Election	No

Rating History

13-Sep-2024	Recommended
28-Aug-2024	Fund Watch
08-May-2024	Recommended

Target Market Determination

Produced by issuer	Yes
Provided to Lonsec	Yes

Performance Analysis - annualised after fees at 31/12/2024

	1 Year	Median	2 Year	Median	3 Year	Median	5 Year	Median
Performance (% p.a)	12.50	12.15	12.19	11.97	5.99	4.88	7.08	6.19
Standard deviation	4.88	5.00	5.79	6.34	7.35	7.97	8.12	9.48
Excess return (% p.a)	-2.11	-2.46	-1.12	-1.35	0.31	-0.79	0.03	-0.87
Outperformance ratio (% p.a)	41.67	37.50	45.83	41.67	52.78	44.44	48.33	45.00
Worst drawdown (%)	-2.14	-2.13	-3.66	-4.61	-6.78	-9.57	-11.99	-15.21
Time to recovery (mths)	2	-	1	-	4	8	8	8
Sharpe ratio	1.64	1.54	1.38	1.19	0.38	0.21	0.63	0.45
Information ratio	-1.79	-1.63	-0.81	-0.93	0.16	-0.37	0.01	-0.46
Tracking error (% p.a)	1.18	1.24	1.38	1.38	1.97	1.93	1.97	1.97

Lonsec Peer Group: Multi-Asset - 61-80% Growth Assets - Multi-Manager

Product Benchmark: Lonsec Strategic Multi-Asset (Traditional) 70% Growth Index

Cash Benchmark: Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD

Time to recovery: NR - Not recovered, dash - No drawdown during period

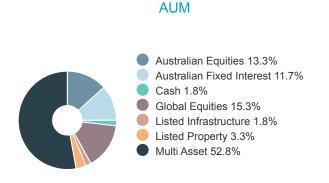
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IOOF Balanced Investor Trust

Business

Facts

Investment Manager	IOOF Investment Services Ltd
Ultimate Parent Company	Insignia Financial Ltd
Headquarters	Australia
Inception Date	Jan 1846
% Staff Ownership	0-10%



Governance

% Independent board members	100
% Female board members	67
Independent chair	Yes
CEO as Chair	No
Separate Audit Committee	Yes

Metrics	
Total AUM	\$24.80b
Investment Management Headcount	200
Investment Professionals	49
Sales & Service	50
Distributor	Internal

Who is the Manager?

The Manager is part of the Insignia Financial Group of companies, comprising Insignia Financial Ltd and its related bodies corporate ('Insignia Financial'), which is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX code: IFL). Insignia Financial is a leading provider of wealth management services, including superannuation, platform administration, and investment management. The Manager has a long history in multi-asset investing, with a total funds under management and administration ('FUMA') of \$301.00b as at June 2024. Over recent years, the Manager has expanded their business through acquisitions and integration of the heritage IOOF, OnePath and MLC multi-manager businesses.

Lonsec Opinion

Profitability

The Manager is a large, profitable, and well-capitalised business. The Manager is a leading Australian wealth management service provider and one of the largest Australian multi-managers in the multi-asset universe. The Manager is in a strong financial position at these levels of AUM with consistent profitability in recent times. The Manager also has a diversified asset base with a broad range of client types, which enhances the profitability profile.

Business Track record

The Manager has a long and respected heritage in multi-asset investing. The Manager has a considerable track record in managing multi-asset, superannuation and passive strategies. The Manager has expanded their business through acquisitions and has demonstrated success in integrating the heritage IOOF, OnePath and MLC multi-manager businesses in recent years, which is viewed positively.

Business Ownership

The Manager is 100% owned by ASX-listed Insignia Financial Limited (ASX: IFL) with a market capitalisation of \$3.08b as at January 2024. The senior members of the organisation own equity in the business, which is viewed positively and promotes alignment endeavours. That said, the business ownership from employees is estimated at 0-10% which is relatively in line with other multi-asset peers.

Business Governance

The Manager has demonstrated multiple layers of compliance and risk monitoring, with oversight from multiple trustee boards, external board directors and separate audit committees. The Manager has not reported any regulatory findings in recent years.

Team

Key Decision Makers (KDM)

	Primary function	Dedicated to strategy	Appointed to strategy	Industry/Mgr exp. (yrs)	Exp. in PM roles (yrs)
Daniel Farmer	CIO	No	2013	28/14	28
Kerry Gill	Portfolio Management	No	2021	22/19	22
Ben McCaw	Portfolio Management	No	2021	20/16	20
Grant Mizens	Portfolio Management	No	2021	18/18	18
Stanley Yeo	Portfolio Management	No	2013	24/14	24

KDM Change*

No changes. * Last 3 years

Profile

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Size	49
Structure	Decentralised
Turnover	Medium
Alignment	
KDM equity held in manager	No
KDM co-investment in strategy	No
Performance-Based bonus	Yes
Long term incentive plan	No

Resources

	Number	Average Years Experience
Key decision makers	5	22
Portfolio Managers	21	25
Hybrid portfolio manager/ analysts	-	-
Dedicated analysts	11	14
Dedicated dealers	5	19
Quantitative	-	-
ESG/Sustainability	1	29
Macro	-	-
Investment Specialists	6	22

Who is the Team?

The broader MLC Asset Management Investment Team ('Investment Team') consists of 49 members in total with responsibilities broadly segmented by Portfolio Construction, Portfolio Enablement and Special Capabilities functions. The key decision makers responsible for asset allocation across all portfolios are supported by the Sector Portfolio Management ('SPM') team for sector-specific manager research, the Derivatives team and the Investment Portfolio Analytics team. The investment team is also able to leverage the asset consultant capabilities of JANA in their research function.

The Investment Management Committee ('IMC' or 'IC') is responsible for overseeing and approving all investment decisions in the Fund, including inclusions and exclusions of underlying managers. The IMC comprises Anthony Hodges (Chairman, External member), Denise Allen, Mary-Anne Nunan (external), Dan Farmer, Stanley Yeo and Osvaldo Acosta.

Team (continued)

Lonsec Opinion

Skill

The senior team members, including CIO, Dan Farmer, are highly experienced with the appropriate skillset to manage the multi-asset and single-sector portfolios. There are meaningful synergies realised from the breadth of resources and significant collective industry experience of the combined businesses. The integration of the broader investment team has provided further depth of expertise within investment management, asset allocation and risk management capabilities. The recent emphasis towards unlisted assets will require the leadership to draw upon the unlisted asset experience of the recently integrated team. Further track record in private equity, particularly the selection of deals from the underlying MLC Private Equity team, will be viewed encouragingly as deployment occurs.

Team Size

The investment team is well-resourced and is one of the largest teams in the multi-asset space. The team resourcing has benefited from the combination of the heritage IOOF, OnePath and MLC businesses in previous years. The investment team also leverages the research capabilities of its asset consultants, which enhances the team's resourcing and supports the broader research offering. The investment team continues to experience some residual turnover given the continued consolidation between the heritage businesses.

Track Record/Co-Tenure

The senior members have long co-tenures at their respective heritage businesses. Although the co-tenure of the combined investment team is still developing following the acquisition, the team's integration is progressing well with continued stability. Moreover, the combined heritage businesses can leverage the large scale and resources available to the investment team. The IC members have remained largely the same through the consolidation process and have a long cumulative co-tenure.

Alignment

The alignment of interest to investors is considered to be stronger than peers. The majority of the remuneration is directly linked to the three to five-year performance of the multimanager range of funds, with a deferral component that promotes further alignment across the team. The broader Insignia organisation represents a fully aligned remuneration structure across the different businesses after the FY23 review.

Key Person Risk

The Key Person Risk ('KPR') is considered to be lower and centred primarily on the key decision makers due to their extensive experience and leadership of investment strategies. Positively, the risk is partially mitigated by the team-based decision-making approach, extensive resources and the utilisation of the deeply resourced asset consultant capabilities.

Process

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What is the Investment Process?

The asset allocation process combines strategic asset allocation ('SAA') with shorter-term active asset allocation ('DAA' or 'Strategic Tilting') using cyclical and fundamental insights to optimise portfolio positioning against the risk/return objectives. Each portfolio begins with the SAA, which is based on long-term capital market assumptions and scenario-based modelling set by the internal team, with input from an external asset consultant. The SAA is typically reviewed every two-to-three years. The shorter-term target asset allocations are adjusted using cyclical influences such as economic, valuation, and policy insights to add value relative to the SAA.

The Manager applies two core frameworks for the shorter-term target asset allocation process: the Valuation, Fundamental, Policy, Dynamics ('VFPD') model and the Investment Futures Framework. VFPD provides short to medium-term asset class views based mainly on fundamentals, while the Investment Futures Framework uses forward-looking, scenario-based modelling to assess asymmetric risks and returns. These approaches guide decisions through market cycles, endeavouring to keep portfolio positioning responsive to market changes.

The Sector Portfolio Management ('SPM') team constructs the asset classes predominantly using external managers. External managers are sourced using external databases, market contacts and advice from the asset consultant. The internal team undertakes its manager's research but has the asset consultant's input.

Investment governance is enacted through the Investment Committee (IC), which oversees all major aspects of the investment process and requires IC approval at key points, such as SAA or external manager changes.

Lonsec Opinion & Supporting Facts

Philosophy and Universe

Investment Style	Multi-Manager
Asset Allocation Approach	Strategic Asset Allocation and Dynamic Asset Allocation
Sector Exposure	Active
Available Universe	Cash and Short-Term Securities, Diversified Fixed Interest, Property, Australian and International Shares, Defensive and Growth Alternatives

The investment approach is based on a well-defined SAA with a discretionary DAA overlay within clear growth/defensive boundaries, targeting highly active managers across diversified asset classes. The strategy represents the Manager's best ideas in manager selection and asset allocation across a broad spectrum of asset classes. Their philosophy is consistent with the Trust's risk and return objectives. Exposures include traditional liquid asset classes in conjunction with alternatives and unlisted assets to maximise risk-adjusted returns. The emphasis towards unlisted assets in recent years underscores a belief in the persistence of an illiquidity premium.

Research Process

Investment Team, Asset Consultants, Economic Research, Third-Party Resourcing
Quarterly
Macroeconomic Outlook, Economic Data, Valuations, Behavioural Factors (Sentiment, Technical)
None
JANA

The Manager implements a robust and consistently applied investment process underpinning manager selection and portfolio construction functions. The SAA process is reasonably intuitive and employs an active 'Strategic Tilting' framework, which is expected to improve the risk/return outcome for investors. The DAA process enhancements via the VFPD framework are viewed positively as they provide a disciplined and dynamic framework for asset class assessment.

The manager research process, which considers both quantitative and qualitative factors, is considered to be detailed and transparent. The Manager makes use of their deep resourcing and asset allocation breadth, which allows access to a wide range of investment opportunities to deliver wider sources of alpha.

There is an ongoing flow of ideas from the individual sector specialists who are responsible for constructing the individual sleeves of the portfolio, portfolio managers and their consultant, JANA. The underlying funds have undergone a review and multiple layers of oversight from the investment team, asset consultants, with the IMC ultimately approving the manager inclusions. The depth and breadth of JANA's manager coverage and asset allocation capabilities are viewed positively, although not as strong in niche areas such as private equity. The Manager has access to sophisticated tools and systems to manage these multi-manager portfolios.

Process (continued)

Portfolio Construction

Portfolio decision making	Team based
Approach to benchmark	Benchmark aware
Targeted tracking error	0.5%-1.0%
Typical number of managers	45
Use of mandates	Yes
Use of alternatives	Yes
Use of unlisted assets	Yes
Allocation to related/affiliated exposure	Yes

The portfolio is constructed with a higher active exposure across various esoteric asset classes, ranging from unlisted property, unlisted infrastructure, private equity, private debt, insurance-related investments and other alternatives. This is expected to provide additional breadth of investment opportunities and result in a higher fee budget. The strategy is considered to be adequately diversified given the breadth of asset classes and sources of alpha, including unlisted assets and alternatives. The Manager also utilises derivatives to supplement the strategic overlay process as an exposure and risk management tool, with encouraging results.

In recent reviews, the Trust's growth/defensive mix was altered to increase the proportion of growth assets, to tailor the allocation mix to the demographics of the underlying investor base. Investors should ensure the refreshed asset class mix aligns with their risk profile, as the underlying exposures may be different to the 'Balanced' naming convention. The deployment of the private equity allocation is expected to occur over the coming years, and remains a key watch point given the challenges that these allocations may face. The unlisted assets SAA target is relatively high compared to multi-manager peers, and is more in line with the superannuation peer group.

The underlying managers are typically accessed via separately managed accounts, enabling the Manager to tailor mandates to its requirements. In addition, this structure can facilitate tighter portfolio construction, efficient implementation, better product design control, better pricing opportunity and improved tax efficiency for investors.

The Manager has displayed buy/sell discipline in manager selection, where funds have undergone a rigorous review process by the MLC and JANA investment teams and have received approval from the IMC. That said, the underlying manager mix currently employs related-party managers. The utilisation of related-party capabilities may potentially compromise objectivity in the decision-making process, although the Manager has demonstrated the willingness to terminate related-party capabilities where warranted.

Capacity Management

Although the AUM is considered large, the Trust is a highly diversified multi-manager structure, which reduces the risk of capacity constraints.

Investment Risk Management

Monitoring external to investment team	Yes
Frequency of monitoring	Daily
Primary risk management system	FactSet and Barra
Security Limits (Min./Max.)	Not Specified
Rebalancing bands	+/-3%
Max illiquid	30% (Typical), 35% (In Adverse Market Conditions)
Gross exposure range	Not Applicable

The structure of the risk management functions is embedded within the investment process. The risk management process is a staple of the portfolio construction process via the scenario-based framework. This directly feeds into the asset allocation framework and ensures that risk analysis and stress testing are at the forefront of portfolio construction.

Although the process is continually evolving given the broader organisational consolidation, the Manager has integrated compliance systems that enable ongoing monitoring of underlying mandates to be implemented to ensure compliance with their predefined guidelines. The Manager closely monitors manager portfolios and weightings on a daily basis and investigates daily any excess return outliers exceeding the 99% confidence level, which adds rigour.

The recent increase in unlisted assets is notable. The inclusion of these assets is generally viewed favourably, improving potential breadth in opportunity set, bringing diversification benefits and potential for an illiquidity premium to be captured. Importantly, however, the higher allocation to illiquid assets increases complexity and illiquidity risks. These risks can often manifest quickly and introduce added complexity, particularly in times of stress and therefore require appropriate support and management. A tighter and more extensive liquidity stress testing framework is recommended to assist in managing the complexity that may come in maintaining the desired asset mix and ability to maintain appropriate liquidity in periods of market stress.

ESG •••

Manager Positioning - Product

Responsible investment style	ESG Integration
ESG approach	Risk or Value
Sustainability thematic	Low Carbon or Climate
Non-financial objective	None

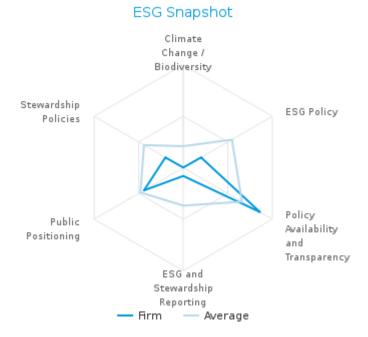
What is the Manager's ESG approach for this product?

The Manager has indicated that their Responsible Investment style is "ESG Integration" and as such that they take Environmental, Social, and Governance factors into consideration when assessing investment opportunities. With a primary ESG style of "Risk or Value", Managers will determine inclusion based on the balance of overall risk (including ESG risk) and potential return. As a result, this approach may mean that lower quality ESG companies may be included if the return potential is sufficient, and this may conflict with some clients' perceptions of what a strong ESG process would deliver.

Lonsec Opinion & Supporting Facts

Overview

ESG Process Score	ModLow
Responsible Investment strategy risk: Clarity, measurability & reporting	N/A



Manager Level Approach

The Manager's overall ESG policy framework and disclosure lag behind their peers. The Manager is committed to integrating ESG within their investment process with evidence of public positioning and policy framework. The responsible investing, proxy voting, and engagement policies are available on the firm's website. However, the level of disclosure concerning proxy voting policy and engagement policy is considered behind that of peers, with both policies lacking depth, which is reflected in their Stewardship Policies score. While reporting on voting outcomes is broadly in line with peers, no reporting on engagement outcomes is publicly available.

Product Level Approach

While there may be elements of ESG integration undertaken in underlying asset classes, there is no clear ESG structure at the overall portfolio level, with no ESG committee, minimum ESG requirements for underlying assets or required styles of ESG integration. The Manager does, however, incorporate climate risk into their capital market assumptions for this product. While this fund does apply screens at the overall portfolio level, systems for monitoring, on a look-through basis, are not evident. While the Manager has some minimum documentation requirements for Manager selection, there are limited requirements as to incorporating ESG elements into its manager selection process. There are no minimum standards or policy requirements.

Strategy: Clarity, Measurability & Reporting

This product does not make any specific claim to being a sustainable, ethical or impact offering. As such, an alignment review for the product is not required, thus, the product's risk of misalignment has been assessed as N/A.

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Service Providers

Responsible entity	IOOF Investment Services Ltd
Investment manager	IOOF Investment Services Ltd
Sub-investment manager	N/A
Custodian	J.P. Morgan
Administrator	IOOF Investment Services Limited
Fund Auditor	KPMG
Change in Key Providers? (Over last 12 months)	No

Product Details

Product size	\$4.48b
Fund 12-month net flows	Positive
Distribution model	Internal
Buy/sell spreads	0.05%/0.06%
Net transaction costs	0.07
Product type	Unregistered Managed Investment Scheme (Unitised)
Unlisted asset valuation frequency	Quarterly
Valuation externally audited	Yes

What is the Product Structure?

The Trust is a unitised managed investment scheme that is not registered with ASIC and offered to investors under an Information Memorandum. The Trust may hold a reasonable allocation towards assets that are illiquid and not marked to market. IOOF Investment Management Limited's MySuper offering invests in this Trust as its underlying investment. The MySuper offering is subject to the Federal Government's Your Future, Your Super ('YFYS') reforms, which came into effect on 1 July 2021. Under these reforms, a key requirement is for APRA to conduct an annual Performance Test ('The Test'), which has the purpose of increasing transparency and accountability of superannuation funds. The failure of the test can result in a decline in future contributions and member outflows.

Lonsec Opinion

Service Providers

The Trust is an unregistered managed investment scheme ('MIS') and has adopted an internal Trustee model. External Trustee models are generally preferred, all else equal. That said, appropriate governance frameworks are in place to act as mitigants against any perceived conflicts of interest. The Manager employs high quality 'tier 1' service providers for its custodian and auditor.

Operational 'Red Flags'

The Trust is a fairly vanilla multi-manager product, albeit the increase in unlisted assets is at the higher end of what is seen in non-super, managed investment products, and raises the level of operational complexity moderately, including the need to manage capital calls and maintain appropriate funding.

Valuation processes for illiquid assets are considered in line with peers, noting that the Manager is heavily reliant on the underlying managers for the provision of valuations. The valuation practices differ between asset classes but are in line with expectations. Governance is considered to be appropriate, with a separate, arms-length Valuation Committee in place.

Wind-up Risks

At the current levels of AUM, the Trust's wind-up risk is considered to be low given it is amongst the largest in the multi-manager, multi-asset universe. Further, there is strong support from Insignia's extensive distribution network, which mitigates the wind-up risk.

Fees

Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.)	
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Performance Fees

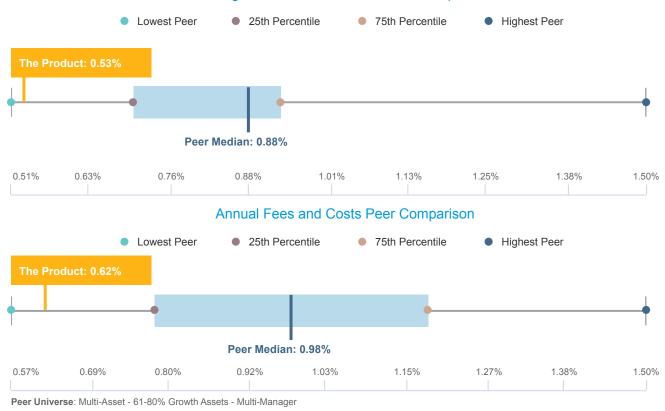
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No

Fees Explained

The IM dated 19 August 2024 shows total fees are comprised of management fees, indirect costs, performance fees and net transaction costs. The Trust does not charge performance fees directly rather underlying managers may charge such fees periodically.

Management Fees and Costs Peer Comparison



Lonsec Opinion

Annual Fees and Costs

The annual fees and costs are considered to be low compared to peers. While fees are expected to rise as deployment into traditionally higher fee areas, the expected increase is considered relatively immaterial. This will be a watchpoint as deployment occurs and updated fees are published.

Fairness

The fees are considered fair given the Trust is invested with active managers including in asset classes such as unlisted property, unlisted infrastructure, insurance-related investments and alternatives, as well as a number of passive strategies to lower the costs. Performance data is as at 31 December 2024

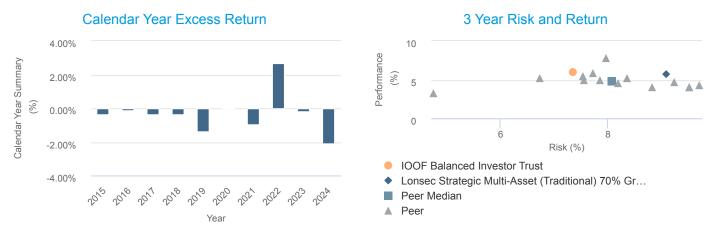
Performance •••

Performance Summary	
PDS return objective	To provide capital growth over the medium to long term by investing in a diversified portfolio of growth and defensive assets through a range of investment managers. To achieve total returns after fees in excess of the CPI + 4% p.a. over ten years.
Internal return objective	Outperform the composite benchmark by 1.0% p.a. after fees over rolling five-year periods.
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Product benchmark	Lonsec Strategic Multi-Asset (Traditional) 70% Growth Index
Lonsec peer group	Multi-Manager

Alpha Generation

Prior to September 2024, the performance history of this Trust was under a managed investment scheme product structure with different risk limits, growth/defensive splits compared to an IM product structure.

The Trust's alpha generation has been higher as it has outperformed the peer median across all periods assessed, whilst outperforming the Lonsec Strategic Benchmark over the medium and long term. The Trust has underperformed against the CPIplus return objective across several rolling periods, whilst achieving the PDS return objective. The Trust has outperformed the internal benchmark across most rolling periods, albeit whilst failing to achieve the internal outperformance objective at present.

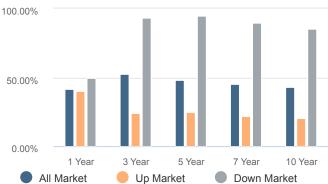


Alpha Consistency

The Trust has exhibited a moderate alpha consistency. The Trust has delivered outperformance relative to peers over most rolling periods, whilst outperforming the Lonsec Strategic Benchmark over the medium and long term. The Trust has underperformed the CPI-benchmark over the medium and long term, whilst achieving its PDS objective. The Trust has failed to regularly meet its internal benchmark return target, which weighs on the alpha consistency.



Returns Consistency





Performance data is as at 31 December 2024

Performance (continued)

Benchmark Relativity

The Trust's rolling tracking error has been largely in line with the peer median over the short term and lower over the long term. The Trust's information ratio has been higher than the peer median over the medium and long term, whilst being mixed over the short term. As such, the Trust has exhibited a higher reward for its level of active risk compared to its peers.





Return Volatility

The Trust has recorded volatility (as measured by standard deviation) that has been lower than the peer median over both the short and long term. The Trust has exhibited a higher Sharpe Ratio compared to peers over the short and long term, which underscores its higher risk-adjusted returns.



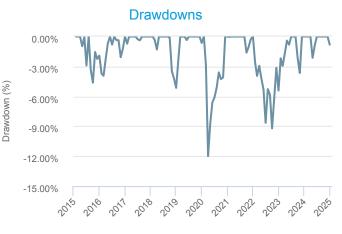
3 Year Rolling Sharpe Over 7 Years



Product Defensiveness

The Trust has exhibited smaller drawdowns than its peers across most time periods assessed. The Trust has also exhibited a down market capture of less than one, which reflects the Trust's defensive characteristics.





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Ratings

'Highly Recommended' rating indicates that Lonsec has very strong conviction the product can meet its investment objectives.

'Recommended' rating indicates that Lonsec has strong conviction the product can meet its investment objectives. **'Investment Grade'** rating indicates that Lonsec has conviction the product can meet its investment objectives.

'Approved' rating indicates that Lonsec believes the product can meet its investment objectives.

'Not -Approved' rating indicates that Lonsec does not believe the product can meet its investment objectives.

'Closed / Wind Up' status is applied when the product has been closed.

'Fund Watch' status is applied when a rating is under review due to the occurrence of a significant event relating to the product.

The '**Redeem**' rating indicates Lonsec no longer has sufficient conviction that the product can meet its investment objectives. The '**Screened Out**' rating indicates Lonsec was unable to attain sufficient conviction that the product can meet its investment objectives.

'Discontinued Review' status is applied where a product issuer withdraws the product from the review process prior to completion, for any reason other than the product being closed or unavailable to investors.

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General

Climate Change / Biodiversity: the extent to which a manager has a leading climate and biodiversity policies. ESG and Stewardship Reporting: the transparency, accessibility and usefulness of a manager's reporting. ESG Policy: the strength of commitment to ESG as ascertained by a review of a manager's ESG policies. Excess return: Return in excess of the benchmark return. Information ratio: Relative reward for relative risk taken (Excess Returns / Tracking Error).

Key decision maker (KDM): A nominated investment professional who has portfolio decision making discretion for a Fund, e.g. 'buy' or 'sell' decisions.

Market capture ratio: A product's performance during either 'up' or 'down' market trends relative to an index.

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Returns consistency: The proportion of a product's monthly outperformance during a period relative to the benchmark when it was rising, falling and in aggregate.

Sharpe ratio: Excess return earned for additional volatility experienced when holding riskier assets versus risk-free asset. Standard deviation: Volatility of monthly Absolute Returns. Stewardship Policies: the strength of a manager's proxy voting and engagement policies with respect to ESG. Time to recovery: The number of months taken to recover the Worst Drawdown.

Total return: 'Top line' actual return, after fees.

Tracking error: Volatility of monthly Excess Returns against the benchmark (the Standard Deviation of monthly Excess Returns).

Worst drawdown: The worst cumulative loss ('peak to trough') experienced over the period assessed.

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- who we are and our contact details;
- the financial services we provide;
- the remuneration that may be paid to us and other persons in relation to the financial services we provide;
- how we deal with conflicts of interest; and
- how we deal with complaints

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