

# **Monthly Fund Report**

## MyFolio Enhanced ESG III (30/06/2025)

Institutional B Fixed Accumulation

## **Key Facts**

#### Katie Trowsdale

Fund Manager

Katie Trowsdale is a fund manager, having joined from Gartmore in 2011. She was previously at Kleinwort Benson Private Bank and Heartwood Wealth.

Fund Launch Date	30/11/2020
Shareclass Launch Date	30/11/2020
Fund Size	£21.19m
Initial Charge	0.00%
Annual Management Charge	0.60%
Ongoing Charge Figuret	0.60%
Fund Structure	OEIC
Valuation Point	12:00 (UK time)
Base Currency	GBP
SEDOL	BN4R621
ISIN	GB00BN4R6210
Domicile	United Kingdom
Distribution Type	Accumulation
Asset Class	Mixed Asset
Fund Yield††	1.80%
Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)	abrdn Fund Managers Ltd
Risk Target	45%-75% of the MSCI World Index

## Ratings





#### Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price. See the relevant PRIIPs Key Information Document (KID) for details.

## Investment Objective

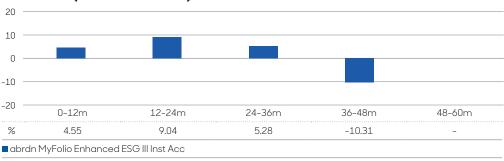
To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) while being managed to a defined level of risk. The fund is part of the abrdn MyFolio Enhanced ESG range, which offers five funds with different expected combinations of investment risk and return that adhere to the abrdn MyFolio Enhanced ESG assessment criteria. The fund is risk level III, which aims to be the middle risk fund in this range. Risk Target: The defined level of risk referred to above that the management team is targeting is within the range of 45–75% of world stock markets (represented by the MSCI AC World Index), over 10 years. There is no certainty or promise that this target will be achieved. The Risk Target has been chosen as it represents a risk range which is appropriate for the fund.

Please note that the number contained in the fund name is not related to the synthetic risk and reward indicator contained in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

#### Cumulative performance %



## Year on Year (as at 30/06/2025)



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 ${\it Calculation basis: Sterling, total \, return, net \, income \, reinvested, net \, of \, fees.}$ 

Source: Aberdeen 2025

This document is intended for use by individuals who are familiar with investment terminology. To help you understand a fund and for a full explanation of specific risks and the overall risk profile of the fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document or Prospectus.

#### Market review

Global equity markets performed strongly over the 12-month period, led by gains in the US and emerging markets. By contrast, Japan was a laggard.

Global equities performed well in July of 2024, given optimism over potential rate cuts, easing inflation and solid corporate earnings. August saw early volatility due to weak US economic data and a rate hike by the Bank of Japan (BoJ).

In September, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut the target range for the federal funds rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.75%–5.00%. The European Central Bank (ECB) reduced its deposit facility rate by 25 bps to 3.50%. These policy actions supported global equities. However, in October, equities fell due to renewed interest-rate concerns and Middle Eastern tensions. The ECB cut rates by a further 25 bps.

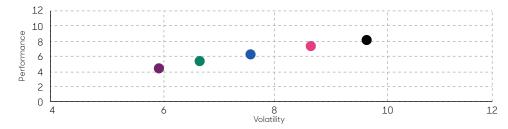
In November, global equities rebounded after Donald Trump's US presidential election victory. The Fed cut interest rates by 25 bps to 4.50%–4.75%, and the Bank of England (BoE) lowered them by 25 bps to 4.75%. Global equities fell in December, as the Fed lowered rates by 25 bps to 4.25%–4.50% but forecast fewer cuts in 2025 than before. Despite this, The ECB also reduced rates by 25 bps to 3.00%.

In January 2025, global equities rose on optimism about Trump's pro-business agenda. The ECB cut rates by 25 bps to 2.75%, while the BoJ hiked them by 25 bps to 0.50%. In February, global equities fell ahead of looming US trade tariffs. The BoE cut the Bank Rate by 25 bps to 4.50%. Global equities fell notably in March on concerns that US tariff policies could trigger a global trade war. The ECB cut rates by 25 bps to 2.50%. Global equities finished April higher, rebounding from a tariff-driven sell-off as optimism over trade talks grew. The ECB cut rates by a further 25 bps to 2.25%. Global equities did well in May, helped by easing US-China trade tensions. The BoE cut rates by 25 bps to 4.25%. Global equities rose again in June against a backdrop of continued trade optimism and escalating Middle East tensions, before a USbrokered ceasefire between Israel and Iran eased concerns somewhat. The ECB cut rates by another 25 bps to 2.00%.

Global government bond markets rose marginally in sterling terms over the period. Corporate bonds, especially high yield, outperformed government bonds.

In UK commercial real estate, total returns for the 12 months ending May 2025 were 8.7%. The retail sector performed best, returning 11.0%, while the office sector was the weakest, with a return of 3.1%.

#### Annualised risk and return



Key	Name	Performance %	Volatility %
	MyFolio Enhanced ESG I Inst Acc	4.34	5.96
	MyFolio Enhanced ESG II Inst Acc	5.34	6.70
	MyFolio Enhanced ESG III Inst Acc	6.27	7.62
	MyFolio Enhanced ESG IV Inst Acc	7.33	8.71
	MyFolio Enhanced ESG V Inst Acc	8.12	9.73

Income reinvested, net of fund charges. The chart shows the annualised volatility (risk) and annualised performance based on fund returns over the past three years to the date shown.

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## Strategic asset allocation

## MyFolio Enhanced ESG III Inst Acc GBP



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	Defensive assets	%
	Diversifying Defensive Assets	2.50
	Global Corporate Bonds	10.90
	Global Developed Government Bonds	3.30
	Global Index Linked Bonds	7.30
	Short Dated Global Corporate Bonds	0.00
	Money Market including Cash	1.00
	Total Defensive Asset Class	25.00
	Growth assets	
	Asia Pacific Equities	5.70
	Emerging Market Equities	3.90
	Emerging Market Local Currency Bonds	7.50
	European Equities	8.90
	Global AC Equities	13.90
	Global High Yield Bonds	7.90
	Global Infrastructure	3.70
	Japanese Equities	4.40
	UK Equities	2.80
	US Equities	16.30
	Total Growth Asset Class	75.00

Source: Aberdeen 2025

## **Fund commentary**

Allocations to US equities, global equities and global corporate bonds were the largest positive contributors to returns over the past 12 months.

Over the 12 months to the end of June 2025, there were no changes to the asset allocation

#### Market outlook

Global equities rose in June, supported by confirmation at the US-China trade talks in London that both sides remain committed to substantial tariff reductions for 90 days, first agreed after the Geneva talks in May. The US cut tariffs on Chinese goods from 145% to 30%, while China reduced duties on US imports from 125% to 10%. However, uncertainty persists as the agreement is temporary, with further negotiations expected. Meanwhile, tensions in the Middle East escalated after Israel struck Iran, which responded with missile attacks, prompting US airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities. A US-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Iran then helped ease regional concerns.

In Europe, Germany's recent announcement of sizeable planned fiscal stimulus should support growth both domestically and across the wider eurozone. Meanwhile, the ECB lowered its deposit facility rate by 25 bps to 2.0% at its June meeting given continued disinflation but is now approaching the end of its easing cycle.

In the UK, the BoE expects inflation to pick up temporarily in 2025 before returning to its 2% target. The Bank cut its Bank Rate by 25 bps to 4.25% in May but signalled that future decisions will remain data dependent.

Investment activity in UK real estate has remained subdued in the opening months of the year. However, there are signs that momentum and confidence are gradually building across the market, even if this has yet to be reflected in higher transaction volumes. Direct real estate performance continues to evolve, with the retail and industrial sectors, which have been standout performers since the pandemic, maintaining their lead.

## Holdings

Defensive assets	Asset class	%
TM Fulcrum Diversified Core Absolute Return Fund-Class C GBP Acc	Diversifying Defensive Assets	2.41
iShares ESG Screened Global Corporate Bond Index Fund D Dist GBP Hedged	Global Corporate Bonds	5.43
Robeco Global SDG Credits IH GBP	Global Corporate Bonds	5.41
abrdn Global Government Bond Tracker Fund X Acc	Global Government Bonds	1.24
Candriam Sustainable Bond Impact PI GBP Hedged Acc	Global Government Bonds	1.91
abrdn Global Inflation-Linked Bond Tracker Fund X Acc	Global Index Linked Bonds	7.33
Cash and Other	Money Markets and Cash	1.94
Total Defensive assets		25.67
Growth assets		
abrdn Evolve Asia Pacific ex-Japan Equity Index X Acc	Asia Pacific Equities	5.64
L&G ESG Emerging Markets Government Bond (Local Currency) EIndex Fund	merging Market Local Currency Bonds	7.41
abrdn Evolve European Equity Index Fund X Acc GBP	European Equities	8.91
91 OEIC Global Environment K Acc GBP	Global AC Equities	3.40
Pictet Global Environmental Oportunities J GBP	Global AC Equities	3.41
Robeco Smart Materials Class I GBP Acc	Global AC Equities	3.44
Sparinvest SICAV - Ethical Global Value HM2IDX GBP	Global AC Equities	3.42
abrdn Responsible Global High Yield Bond Fund Z Acc Hedged GBP	Global High Yield Bonds	7.97
L&G Future World Infrastructure C GBP Acc	Global Infrastructure	3.55
iShares MSCI Japan ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	Japanese Equities	4.45
abrdn Evolve UK Equity Index Fund X1 GBP Acc	UK Equities	2.78
ISH MSCI EM ESG EHNCD USD-A	US Equities	3.81
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced CTB UCITS ETF	US Equities	16.15
Total Growth assets		74.33

Source: Aberdeen 2025

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#### How the fund invests

#### Portfolio Securities

The fund will invest its assets in actively managed (which invest using manager discretion) and passively managed funds (which aim to replicate performance of a market index), including those managed by abrdn, to obtain broad exposure to a range of diversified investments. Typically, at least 25% of the fund's assets will be those traditionally viewed as lower risk, such as cash, assets that can be turned into cash quickly, government bonds (which are like loans to governments that pay interest) and investment grade corporate bonds (which are like loans to companies that pay interest and are typically regarded as having a low default risk). The rest of the fund will be invested in a selection of other assets. These will include assets such as equities (company shares) including property shares, high yield corporate bonds (which are like loans to companies that pay a high rate of interest, but have a lower credit rating than investment grade bonds) and emerging market bonds (which are like loans to companies or governments that pay a rate of interest, invested in regions including Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East). At least 70% of the fund's portfolio will have sustainability characteristics, which means the fund will invest at least 70% in funds which have explicit sustainability targets, such as improved environmental, social and/or governance (ESG) outcomes or positive sustainability related contributions assessed in accordance with the abrdn MyFolio Enhanced ESG assessment criteria (the "Assessment Criteria") which can be found in the prospectus. The fund may also invest in funds that apply ESG or sustainability criteria but do not set any specific sustainability related targets, or funds which have no specific ESG or sustainability criteria within their investment objective or process. These investments are used to provide diversification and deliver growth, or for cash management purposes

## Management Process

The management team (the "Team") use their discretion (active management) to select funds within each asset class and ensure that the strategic asset allocation (long term proportions in each asset class) meets the fund's objectives and policy. The Team will review and analyse the underlying funds and their investments to assess alignment with the Assessment Criteria. The Team will also meet with the fund managers to discuss the underlying fund's philosophy. The Team will only invest in funds that have a firm level active engagement and voting policy. Additionally, the Team assess all underlying funds against a set of exclusions. For companies, these are related to the UN Global Compact,

Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Production and Thermal Coal, whilst for government bonds, these are related to UN sanctions. More details around the screens can be found in the Assessment Criteria in the prospectus. No more than 1% of the overall fund can be exposed to underlying fund holdings in breach of these exclusions at any one time. Please note that the number contained in the fund name is not related to the SRRI contained in the Key Investor Information document (NURS-KII).

#### **Derivatives and Techniques**

The fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund. Derivatives are linked to the value of other assets. In other words, they derive their price from one or more underlying asset. Derivatives include instruments used to express asset allocations reflecting expected changes in interest rates, companies share prices, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness (debt repayment ability) of corporations or governments. The fund may also invest in other funds which may use derivatives extensively although these investments shall be in line with fund's overall risk profile. Derivatives are exempt from the Assessment Criteria.

#### **Key Risks**

**Credit risk** - The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.

**Interest rate risk** - The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

**Equity risk** - The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

**ESG Investment Risk** - Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's benchmark or universe of potential investments. The interpretation of ESG and sustainability criteria is subjective meaning that the fund may invest in companies which similar funds do not (and thus perform differently) and which do not align with the personal views of any individual investor.

**Emerging Markets risk** - The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.

**Money Market Instruments risk** - The fund may hold money-market instruments, the value of which may be subject to adverse movements in extreme market conditions.

**Derivatives risk** - The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

**High Yield Credit risk** - The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.

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<sup>†</sup> The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) shows the annualised operating expenses of the share/unit class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and other expenses taken from the class over the last annual reporting period, such as depositary fees, audit fees, investment management fees, and administration fees. It excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling in another collective investment undertaking. The OCF can help you compare the costs and expenses of different Funds/classes.

<sup>††</sup> The FundYield as at 31/05/25 reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The fund charges 100% of the annual management charge to capital. This has the effect of increasing distributions for the year and constraining the fund's capital performance to an equivalent extent.