

# **Quarterly Range Report**

MyFolio Market Range - Q1 2025

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### Ratings

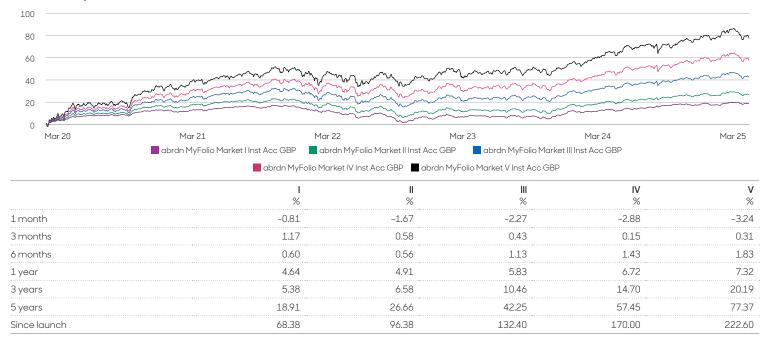
MyFolio Market

MyFolio is a flexible investment solution, offering ranges of multi-asset fund-of-funds that incorporate carefully chosen active and/or passive investment funds. For each range, there are five individual funds that target a different level of risk.

There are five MyFolio Market Funds, ranging from lower through to higher risk (I to V). Each fund invests mostly in tracker funds that aim to replicate the performance of an index such as the FTSE All-Share Index or the S&P 500 Index.

Please note that the number contained in a MyFolio 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

		 	<b>   </b>	IV °⁄	V	
	/0	/0	/0	/0	/0	
0-12 months	4.64	4.91	5.83	6.72	7.32	
12-24 months	5.98	7.38	9.58	11.75	13.78	
24-36 months	-4.97	-5.39	-4.75	-3.82	-1.57	
36-48 year	1.01	2.46	5.58	7.59	9.19	
48-60 years	11.71	16.00	21.97	27.60	35.14	

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For comparison purposes, investors can compare the fund's long term performance to a basket of assets (before charges) with a risk profile at the lower range of the Risk Target for the relevant fund, which the ACD considers appropriate given the investment policy and Risk Target of the relevant fund.

Source: Aberdeen, as at 31 March 2025. Calculation basis: Sterling, total return, net income reinvested, net of fees.

#### Market Review

Global equities posted negative returns in sterling terms in the first quarter of 2025, falling by more than they did in US dollar terms as the US currency weakened. Initial optimism after President Trump's inauguration gave way to concerns that some of his policies could be inflationary. Although continued disinflation had prompted the Fed, ECB and BoE to cut interest rates from mid-2024, persistent inflation raised fears that the Fed could slow its easing despite weakening data. Tariff-driven price pressures weighed on consumer confidence and threatened US growth. Elsewhere, eurozone sentiment strengthened after the German government's announcement of sizeable fiscal stimulus measures for defence and infrastructure spending. However, China's uncertain economic outlook and the lack of a permanent ceasefire in Ukraine remained key risks.

In fixed income markets, global government bond prices fell modestly in sterling terms over the quarter. As price pressures continued to ease in most major economies, investors looked ahead to further potential rate cuts later in 2025. However, against a backdrop of President Trump's tariff announcements, which increased the risk of stagflation, central banks maintained a cautious, data-dependent stance. The yields on 10-year government bonds in Germany, Japan, China and the UK all rose over the guarter. By contrast, those in the US eased due to mounting concerns about an economic slowdown, which led investors to seek safe-haven assets. During the guarter, the Fed maintained the target range for the federal funds rate at 4.25-4.50%, as it continued with its data-dependent stance, while signalling a further 50 bps of cuts in 2025. Meanwhile, the BoE reduced the Bank Rate by 25 bps to 4.5% in February, and the ECB lowered its deposit facility rate by 25 bps to 2.75% in January, followed by another 25-bp cut to 2.50% in March. In contrast, the BoJ hiked its key short-term interest rate by 25 bps to 0.50% in January and is expected to continue tightening policy.

Turning to the UK commercial real estate sector, the MSCI UK Monthly Index reported a return of 2.4% over the three months ending in February, with hotel properties experiencing the highest returns at 2.9%. The office sector was the worst-performing sector in the index. However, it still produced a positive return of 1.2%.

#### Range commentary

The fundamental focus of the Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) for MyFolio is to continually enhance diversification across asset classes and maximise the potential return for each level of risk. We do this in a way that is consistent with our long-term expected returns (LTERs).

Any enhancements made to the SAA must be compared with the alternative of making no change at all. Turnover must be considered carefully, and there must be a clear potential benefit from any changes we plan to make. Historically, we have made, on average, about one change every 12 months, but the frequency has increased more recently given the rapidly changing market dynamics.

The SAA already had relatively high duration in defensive assets. We have ensured that we have access to a variety of asset classes to give us the flexibility to adapt this rate sensitivity over time. We had benefited from having a relatively short-duration (or interest-rate-sensitive) position when inflation really took off, which offered some protection from the

resulting increase in rates. As rates rose, we were able to add to duration in anticipation of a decline in interest rates should inflation be brought back under control.

Although this has paid off to some degree, if inflation remains higher for longer, the rate sensitivity may not reward portfolios as soon as originally anticipated.

With all of the above in mind, we have made some important changes to the portfolios, but these have largely been a subtle reflection of the changes to the LTERs.

Given the increased volatility experienced by corporate bonds, short-term volatility rose in risk level 1 across all the MyFolio ranges. Although we were still safely within our targeted risk corridors, it felt prudent to reduce risk by lowering the equity content in these lowest-risk portfolios.

As there has been limited change in both the LTERs and our view on defensive assets, positioning within defensive assets is largely unchanged. Exposure to pure government bonds and index-linked bonds now gives us an attractive income yield while maintaining some protection should inflation surprise to the upside.

Within growth assets, changes have been small, and the allocations to regional equities, relative to each other, remain very similar, with only small changes dictated by the LTERs. Of course, equity allocation has changed in order to fund defensive assets or infrastructure in some portfolios.

In the Market range, we removed our allocation to daily-dealing physical property funds, in light of recent legislative changes. We now rely solely on a blend of global real estate investment trusts and infrastructure to provide property exposure.

In terms of the underlying funds, there were no significant trades over the last three months.

#### Market Outlook

US President Donald Trump intensified his campaign of tariffs against major trading partners in March. The automotive sector bore the brunt of the protectionist measures, with sentiment hit by a proposed 25% tariff on imported vehicles and car parts. Investors will be keeping a keen eye on any more trade tariffs he introduces, alongside any further policies regarding deregulation and tax cuts – as these are likely to affect global market dynamics. Investors will also be monitoring how Trump's policies affect US inflation and their impact on the Fed's rate-cutting cycle in 2025.

In Europe, Germany's recent announcement of sizeable planned fiscal stimulus should support growth both domestically and across the wider eurozone. Meanwhile, the ECB is widely expected to cut interest rates at its next meeting in April. Given a challenging macroeconomic backdrop, the central bank is expected to continue on its easing path after that.

In the UK, the BoE is estimating that inflation will follow a bumpy path in 2025. The Bank is expecting inflation to increase temporarily this year before falling back to the 2% target.

UK real estate appears well positioned in a global context, with income returns expected to drive performance in 2025. Favoured sectors should continue to perform well, and despite broader macroeconomic headwinds, underlying market strength remains evident.

#### Additional information

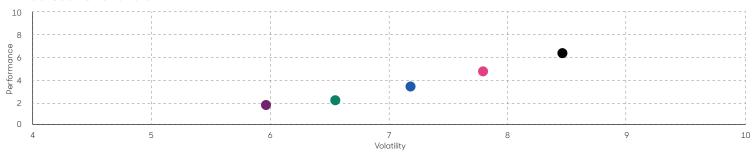
	1	II	III	IV	V	
Annual Management Charge %	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	
Ongoing Charge Figure* %	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.21	
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup> %	3.48	2.83	2.64	2.39	2.09	
Citicode	GB00B575W950	GB00B53C8811	GB00B57ZS197	GB00B51C0J80	GB00B4YRJT68	
Fund size in £m as at 31/03/2025	248.80m	986.25m	2,173.61m	1,043.46m	670.84m	

Source: Aberdeen 2025

<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>lt;sup>1</sup>The Historic Yield as at 31/03/2025 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.

### Annualised risk and return



Key	Name	Performance %	Volatility %
•	abrdn MyFolio Market I Inst Acc GBP	1.76	5.96
•	abrdn MyFolio Market II Inst Acc GBP	2.15	6.55
•	abrdn MyFolio Market III Inst Acc GBP	3.37	7.18
	abrdn MyFolio Market IV Inst Acc GBP	4.68	7.79
•	abrdn MyFolio Market V Inst Acc GBP	6.32	8.46

Income reinvested, net of fund charges.

The chart and table show the annualised volatility (risk) and annualised performance based on fund returns over the past three years to the date shown.

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#### Tactical asset allocation

	Key	Defensive assets	 %	<b>II</b> %	III %	IV %	<b>V</b> %
		Global Corporate Bonds	12.50	9.40	4.50	1.70	0.00
		Global Developed Government Bonds	20.30	12.60	6.30	2.00	0.80
		Global Index Linked Bonds	11.20	6.30	3.10	1.00	0.00
		Short Dated Global Corporate Bonds	5.70	3.10	1.30	0.60	0.00
		Short Dated Global Index Linked Bonds	7.70	2.10	1.00	0.00	0.00
II		Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bonds	5.50	3.90	1.90	0.90	0.00
		Sterling Corporate Bonds	10.30	7.70	5.90	2.80	1.20
		Money Market including Cash	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		Total Defensive Asset Class	74.20	46.10	25.00	10.00	3.00
	***************************************	Growth assets		•	•	•	
III		Asia Pacific Equities	2.40	5.00	7.00	9.50	11.10
		Emerging Market Equities	1.20	3.00	4.20	5.50	7.30
		Emerging Market Local Currency Bonds	2.60	5.40	7.50	5.50	0.00
		European Equities	1.00	3.10	5.00	6.40	10.40
		Global High Yield Bonds	2.60	5.40	6.60	5.10	0.00
IV		Global Infrastructure	1.40	2.70	3.80	4.50	3.10
		Global REITs	1.20	2.70	3.80	4.50	3.10
		Japanese Equities	1.00	2.00	2.80	4.00	5.30
		UK Equities	6.00	11.50	16.30	21.60	27.80
V		UK Real Estate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		US Equities	6.40	13.10	18.00	23.40	28.90
		Total Growth Asset Class	25.80	53.90	75.00	90.00	97.00

Source: Aberdeen 2025

## Holdings

Defensive assets	Asset class	I %	II %	III %	IV %	V %
Vanguard Global Corporate Bond Index Inst Plus GBP Hedged Acc	Global Corporate Bonds	12.68	9.45	4.78	1.71	0.00
abrdn Global Government Bond Tracker Fund X Acc	Global Government Bonds	20.64	12.76	6.66	2.01	0.78
abrdn Global Inflation-Linked Bond Tracker Fund X Acc	Global Index Linked Bonds	11.38	6.51	3.24	0.98	0.00
Vanguard Global Short-Term Corp Bond Index Inst Plus GBP Hedged Acc	Short Dated Global Corporate Bonds	5.77	3.20	1.39	0.60	0.00
abrdn Short Dated Global Inflation-Linked Bond Tracker Fund X Acc	Short Dated Global Index Linked Bonds	7.87	2.24	1.07	0.00	0.00
L&G Short Dated GBP Corporate Bond Index Fund C Acc	Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bonds	5.55	4.04	2.03	0.91	0.00
abrdn Sterling Corporate Bond Tracker Fund X Acc	Sterling Corporate Bonds	10.34	7.74	6.12	2.75	1.15
Cash and Other	Money Markets and Cash	0.87	0.30	0.72	1.41	1.54
Total Defensive assets	75.11	46.23	26.02	10.37	3.47	
Growth assets						
abrdn Asia Pacific ex-Japan Equity Tracker Fund X Acc	Asia Pacific Equities	2.28	4.97	6.95	9.42	10.91
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Inst Plus GBP Acc	Emerging Market Equities	1.14	2.92	4.13	5.57	7.30
abrdn Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Tracker Fund X Acc	Emerging Market Local Currency Bonds	2.57	5.44	7.57	5.50	0.00
iShares Continental European Equity Index	European Equities	1.02	3.09	4.84	6.18	10.18
PGIM Global High Yield GBP W Acc	Global High Yield Bonds	1.30	2.83	3.33	2.56	0.00
Pimco Global High Yield Bond Fund Institutional GBP Inc	Global High Yield Bonds	1.31	2.77	3.29	2.61	0.00
abrdn Global Infrastructure Equity Tracker Fund-Z Acc GBP	Global Infrastructure	1.43	2.77	3.91	4.71	3.23
abrdn Global REIT Tracker Fund X Acc	Global Reits	1.14	2.60	3.65	4.41	3.09
iShares Japan Equity Index UK L Acc	Japan Equities	0.98	2.05	2.83	4.02	5.18
L&G UK Index Trust C Acc	UK Equities	2.97	5.87	8.14	10.75	13.91
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index Unit Trust	UK Equities	2.97	5.89	8.21	10.83	13.90
abrdn American Equity Tracker Fund	US Equities	2.04	4.25	5.93	8.24	10.17
L&G US Index Trust C Acc	US Equities	2.59	5.84	7.97	10.15	13.01
Vanguard U.S. Equity Index Fund Institutional Plus GBP Acc	US Equities	1.14	2.46	3.22	4.67	5.66
Total Growth assets		24.89	53.77	73.98	89.63	96.53

Source: Aberdeen 2025

Numbers may have been adjusted to total 100%

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