

WS Verbatim Multi-Index Funds

Global diversification, performance excellence



The WS Verbatim Multi-Index Funds comprise of a range of diversified multi-index, risk-managed portfolios. The funds use a broadly defensive investment strategy with the aim of achieving modest capital growth over the medium term.

About the Funds

Our Multi-Index fund range consists of four industry rated risk-managed portfolios. Designed with a sophisticated factor-based investment strategy, our portfolios seek to isolate the key drivers of performance and incorporate them into the UK Equity and US Equity benchmarks.

Our multi-factor investment strategy sits at the heart of our multi-index portfolios and offers investors greater opportunities for broad based asset diversification and reduced volatility. Throughout the range of portfolios we aim to increase exposure to investment factors such as value, quality and low volatility and reduce exposure to market capitalisation.

Meet the Manager



Ronan Kearney

Ronan Kearney is the Investment Manager for the WS Verbatim Multi-Index Fund Range. He has been a member of multi-asset investment committees since 2004, providing expert asset allocation expertise for thousands of investors. Ronan founded Indxx Markets (an independent index design firm) in 2011 and sold it in 2015 to AJ Bell Ltd. Ronan is responsible for monitoring the index and its constituent elements. He is a co-founder of Altium Investment Management, a specialist in investment indices and factor investing.



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Research Process

The initial fund analysis takes each Investment Association (IA) sector and looks at a range of performance and risk measures that are appropriate to that sector. Funds that display attractive performance and risk characteristics may then be considered for further analysis.

Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis

Both quantitative and qualitative measures are applied to ensure that a fund's performance and risk statistics have been produced by a robust investment and risk management process and by a strong fund manager/management team. These factors combine to give us an indication of how a fund may perform in the future.

Our quantitative analysis incorporates various analytics tools combined with additional external data sources. Our qualitative research includes the completion of a detailed fund questionnaire, which may then be followed up with a face-to-face meeting with the fund manager/management team should a fund be deemed worthy of more in-depth analysis. The qualitative process enables us to look in detail at how a fund operates. Some of this information is obtained from the fund questionnaire, but most information is received from detailed meetings with the fund management team.

Review and Monitoring Process

We review the IA sectors and their rated funds formally on a rolling three-month basis. In the case of funds that are already rated, we monitor the performance and risk information to ensure that the funds are performing and behaving as we would expect given the prevailing market and economic conditions. Should this not be the case, we will conduct further in-depth research, revisiting our original motives for rating the fund, and if we are not satisfied with the overall outcome then a fund will no longer be rated. This is in addition to monitoring the fund information on a more frequent basis, including maintaining regular contact with fund management groups and updating our fund information.

Summary

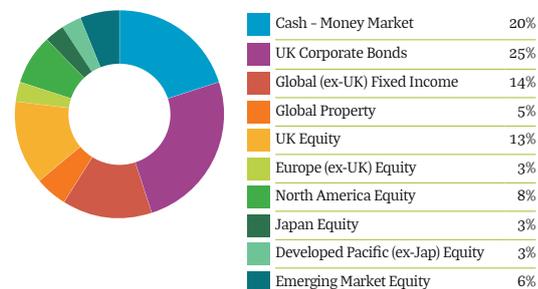
The WS Verbatim Multi-Index Funds deliver a range of risk-managed multi-index portfolios that are designed with a sophisticated factor-based investment strategy.

- Access to a range of funds managed to a proven strategic asset allocation.
- Portfolios aim to increase exposure to investment factors such as value, quality and low volatility and reduce exposure to market capitalisation.
- Awarded a Lipper Leader Rating over both three and five year periods, demonstrating consistency in performance and the management of the funds to the proven risk mandates.
- Available in ISA, GIA, SIPP, Personal Pension and Investment Bond contracts and platforms.

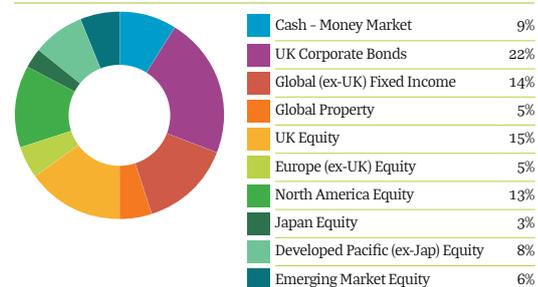


Strategic Asset Allocations applicable from 28 June 2021

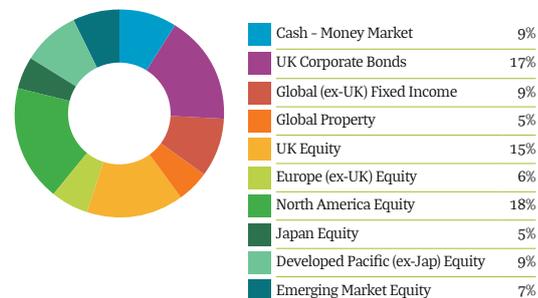
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