# Morningstar Global Balanced Fund

As of 2025/02/28

### **Investment Objective & Strategy**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide moderate capital growth over the medium to long-term.

The Fund will invest in a variety of underlying funds (including ETFs) to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is expected to have a neutral position of 65% to equity to generate capital growth with the remainder, 35% to fixed income for diversification and capital preservation purposes. This allocation, however, may deviate and change according to prevailing market conditions. At any given point in time the fund may have a higher or lower exposure to equity, subject always to a maximum of 75% equity exposure.

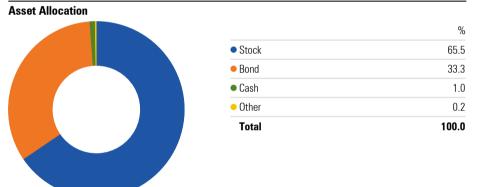
# **Risk Profile**

This fund is suitable for investors with a medium risk tolerance, and an investable time horizon between 5 and 7 years. There is a reasonable probability of capital loss over time periods shorter than 5 years.

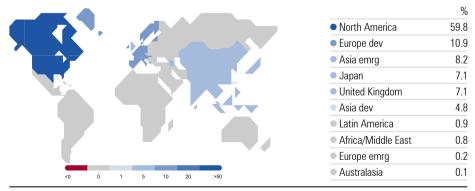
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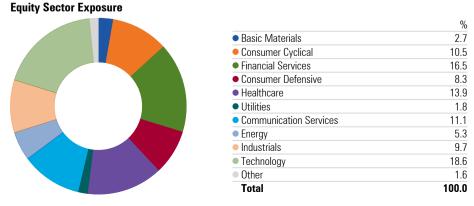
### **Investment Performance**

Performance figures will be included once the Morningstar Global Balanced Fund has a 12-month track record as per regulatory requirements.



### **Equity Regional Exposure**







Fund Information	
Investment Manager	Morningstar Investment Mgmt SA (Pty) Ltd
Fund Legal Structure	UCITS (Central Bank of Ireland)
Currency	US Dollar
Domicile	Ireland
Fund Classification	EAA Fund USD Moderate Allocation
Benchmark	EAA Fund USD Moderate Allocation average
Investment Timeframe	5-7 years
Inception Date	30 September 2024
ISIN	IE0009FQY766
Distribution Status	Accumulating
Fund Size (USD)	54,801,283.02
NAV (Month End)	100.88
Number of Units	543,210.27

Fee Breakdown (Class A Shares)	
Management Fee	0.20%
Performance Fee	0.00%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.76%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.00%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.76%

USD 10.000

The above TER, TC and TIC figures are estimates. Accurate figures will be available one year after the fund's launch.

# **Top 10 Underlying Fund Holdings**

Minimum Investment

	%
Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd ldx \$ Acc	12.06%
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF USD Acc	10.16%
Dodge & Cox Worldwide US Stock A USD	7.15%
iShares Edge MSCI USA Qual Fac ETF \$ Acc	6.81%
TM Natixis Loomis Sayles US Eq Ldrs I/A\$	6.72%
Stt Strt Glbl Trs Bd ldx I USD Acc Hdg	4.88%
Vanguard FTSE Japan ETF USD Acc	4.46%
PIMCO GIS GlInGd Crdt Instl USD Acc	4.01%
Robeco Global Credits IBH USD	3.97%
iShares EURO STOXX (DE)	3.83%

Top 10 Equity Holdings	
	%
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	1.52%
NVIDIA Corp	1.52%
Microsoft Corp	1.43%
Apple Inc	1.18%
Amazon.com Inc	0.99%
Visa Inc Class A	0.93%
Alphabet Inc Class A	0.92%
TRS S&P SmallCap 600 NR USD	0.89%
Shell PLC	0.83%
Eli Lilly and Co	0.81%

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### Quarterly Fund Commentary

2024 proved to be a strong year for most risk assets. US Equities continued to benefit from the Al-fueled run in Large-Cap Growth stocks, where a narrow grouping of companies led the market to a 25% return over the year. It marked the first successive 20%+ annual return since 1999. Most developed equity markets outside the US also delivered positive returns but underperformed the US. Emerging market equities, including China, were also up, but performance was especially volatile, with currencies coming under pressure from broad-based US Dollar strength. Despite some rotation into more undervalued parts of the market, the style premium largely persisted, with the MSCI ACWI Growth index posting a 27% return versus Value coming in at 14% over the year. Global Fixed Income as measured by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index ended up 1% over the year.

Both equity and bond markets experienced increased bouts of volatility during the last quarter of 2024. The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates by the expected 0.25% at the December meeting. However, the suggestion that inflation could be more persistent than expected contributed to a strong sell-off in both equities and bonds. The inflation outlook is also clouded by potential inflationary trade and immigration policies, following the inauguration of Donald Trump for his second term as US President. Global Equities, including Europe and the UK, were negative over the quarter, with only US Equities delivering positive returns. Global Fixed Income markets also experienced pronounced selling pressure, with US Treasuries and Emerging Market debt being especially affected by increased uncertainty around the path of future interest rates The asset class was down in two of the three months, following the Fed's initial interest rate cut in September and ended the quarter in negative territory.

Against this backdrop, we continue to favour a combination of global regional and sector allocations that provide both upside participation and downside protection in especially turbulent markets. We are generally underweight the more expensive parts of the US equity market and maintain more considered allocations to both opportunistic and defensive assets. These include US Consumer Staples and Healthcare. Other notable sectors of the market that are relatively more attractively priced include Financials, where performance from US banks have been a strong contributor to more aggressive equity-centric portfolios. US Small-Caps are another pocket of the market where investors were rewarded for holding positions above benchmark weights. Allocations outside the US include positions in the UK and Japan, as well as Emerging Market exposure in China and Korea. Notable Fixed Income allocations include holdings in US Treasuries and local currency Emerging Market debt, that are priced to provide attractive yields relative to their underlying fundamental risks.

The road ahead is likely to be fraught with risks, including valuations, tariffs, geopolitics, and uncertainty surrounding the new administration in Washington. Maintaining a diversified, valuation-driven strategy remains the most effective approach to navigate uncertainty. This is especially important when the range of potential outcomes is as wide as it is in the current market environment.

Please note that no changes were made to the fund composition during the quarter and the fund has adhered to its policy objectives.

### Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

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Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested.

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### Glossary

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

**Highest & Lowest return:** The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

**Alpha:** Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio:** The Sharpe ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

Standard Deviation: The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

Max Drawdown: The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

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