

Investment Objective and Policy

The Fund aims to deliver a positive total return in any three year period from a flexibly managed portfolio of global assets whilst maintaining a monthly VaR with a 99% confidence interval at or below 5% at all times. The Investment Manager shall invest primarily in a diversified portfolio across a wide spectrum of industries and sectors primarily via bonds, equities and eligible ETFs. Investment in these asset classes either directly or indirectly through UCITS Funds and/ or eligible non UCITS Funds. The Fund is actively managed, not managed by reference to any index.

Sustainability

The Fund is classified under Article 6 of the SFDR meaning that the investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Key Facts

Asset Class	Balanced
Fund Launch Date	25-Oct-2011
Share Class Launch Date	29-Apr-2014
Fund Base Currency	EUR
Share Class Currency	EUR
Fund Size (AUM)	15.7 EUR
Fund Type	UCITS
ISIN	MT7000004917
Bloomberg Ticker	SFUDEFP MV
Distribution Type	Accumulating
Minimum Initial Investment	2,500 EUR
Month end NAV	145.59 EUR
VAR	4.67%

Charges

Total Ongoing Charges	3.60%
Entry Charge	Nil
Exit Charge	Y ₁ Nil
	Y ₂ Nil
	Y ₃ Nil
	After Nil

Currency fluctuations may increase/decrease costs.

Risk and Reward Profile

This section should be read in conjunction with the KIID



Asset Allocation *	%
Conventional Bonds	66.4
Equity	29.9
Cash	3.7

Currency Allocation *	%
EUR	66.8
USD	32.5
GBP	0.7

Top 10 Holdings	%
Amundi Euro Gov Bond 10-15Y	11.7
Amundi Euro Gov Bond 7-10Y	5.6
iShares Euro Corp Large Cap	4.3
iShares Euro HY Corp	3.7
iShares Fallen Angels HY Corp	3.4
3% Govt of France 2033	2.6
Uber Technologies Inc	2.3
Alphabet Inc	1.9
iShares USD HY Corp	1.9
Microsoft Corp	1.5

* Without adopting a look-through approach

% of Top 10 Holdings	38.9
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Geographical Focus **	%
Europe ex UK	50.2
North America	35.9
Emerging/Frontier Markets ex China	4.7
UK	4.0
China	3.2
Japan	1.3
Asia Pacific ex Japan	0.7

Sector Allocation ***	%
Government	22.4
Communications	20.6
Consumer Staples	11.3
Financials	11.2
Consumer Discretionary	10.0
Technology	6.7
Industrial	5.8
Energy	2.6
Basic Materials	2.6
Utilities	0.9
Other	5.9

** Including exposure to CIS, adopting a look-through approach

*** Adopting a look-through approach

Bond Credit Rating *	%
Investment Grade	AA 4.9
	A 24.3
	BBB 6.5
High Yield	BB 23.7
	B 3.5
Non-Rated	3.5

Bond Portfolio Duration

Modified Duration	5.07
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Historical Performance to Date
Past performance does not predict future returns



¹ Returns quoted net of TER. Entry and exit charges may reduce returns for investors.

² The Annualised rate is an indication of the average growth of the Fund over one year. The value of the investment and the income yield derived from the investment, if any, may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance, nor a reliable guide to future performance. Currency fluctuations may affect the value of investments and any derived income.

Performance History ^{1,2}	%
	Cum. Ann.
YTD	-0.97
1-month	0.98
3-month	1.51
6-month	0.68
9-month	-0.97
1-year	1.04 1.04
3-year	10.68 3.44
5-year	2.40 0.48
2024	6.21
2023	5.01
2022	-11.74
2021	4.06
2020	-5.60
2019	8.08
2018	-12.57
2017	0.25

Introduction

September kept the risk-on party going, extending the market’s remarkable ability to climb a wall of worry. Investors remained enchanted with the AI investment narrative, now less a “theme” and more the gravitational center of global equity flows. Technology and semiconductor names once again stole the spotlight, while bond markets quietly whispered a different story — one of sticky inflation and uncertain central bank choreography. A parallel plotline emerged in the currency and alternative asset space: a steadily weakening U.S. dollar coupled with a glittering rally in gold and cryptocurrencies. This curious trio of moves hinted at growing unease over the United States’ fiscal trajectory and the ever-expanding bill to finance it. Despite a macro backdrop that feels increasingly delicate, markets marched higher with unnerving composure — volatility was practically declared missing in action. The narrative baton passed smoothly from Sino-American trade talks to the U.S. corporate AI arena, while geopolitical risk gave markets another leg up as peace talks in Gaza inched closer to a long-awaited resolution. Across the Atlantic, France managed to stir some drama, with another bout of political turbulence knocking domestic equities and making its sovereign debt look less charming than the once-maligned periphery bonds. Yet none of this managed to dent the AI juggernaut, which continues to steamroll sentiment toward exuberance. For now.

From the monetary front, the FED delivered a 25-basis-point rate cut, marking the official start of what many analysts now view as a gradual easing cycle. Chair Jerome Powell emphasized that the decision reflected growing downside risks to employment, with unemployment edging higher and wage growth decelerating, raising concerns about a potential softening in household consumption. The Fed’s updated projections signalled a slower and more measured path of rate cuts than previously priced in, aiming to avoid reigniting inflationary pressures. Markets interpreted the FED’s communication as cautious but supportive. In Europe, the ECB opted to keep its key policy rates unchanged, maintaining a cautious and data-driven stance amid a fragile euro area recovery, while judging that further monetary easing at this stage could risk undermining progress on price stability. Forward guidance highlighted the need to carefully monitor incoming data, with a particular focus on wage dynamics, energy prices, and external demand. The ECB reiterated its readiness to act if financial conditions were to tighten excessively, including through targeted refinancing operations or balance sheet adjustments.

The defining narrative in September’s equity markets was once again Artificial Intelligence — albeit with a significant twist. This time, it was OpenAI, the original catalyst of the current AI investment cycle three years ago, that reignited market momentum through the announcement of highly ambitious, multi-year partnerships aimed at developing large-scale AI infrastructure. Commitments involving chip supply and computing power measured in gigawatts and multi-billion-dollar contracts painted an exceptionally compelling picture for the technology sector, sustaining and amplifying investor appetite for further exposure. The intensity of this momentum has reached new heights: announcements alone are now sufficient to trigger daily market capitalization gains measured in tens of billions of dollars for directly involved names, while other semiconductor-related stocks have recorded near-vertical price moves in sympathy. AI has effectively become “the only game in town,” dominating the post-April 2025 market recovery and powering the current bull market, now entering its third year. However, persistent valuation concerns — increasingly perceived as background noise after three years of relentless rally — have not entirely faded. A growing sense of unease is emerging from the realization that the prevailing positive sentiment rests heavily on the assumption that this unprecedented wave of AI-driven capital expenditures will translate into a rapid and broad-based boost in productivity. History shows that, as with any industrial revolution, such transformations inevitably create both winners and losers. The fact that investors are indiscriminately bidding up virtually all industry-related names, despite the lack of visibility on future leadership, carries its own set of risks. Ultimately, human financial behavior tends to follow a familiar pattern: during bull markets, greed — or fear of missing out — consistently overpowers caution. This dynamic often persists until the cycle turns.

Market Environment and Performance

In the Euro area, business activity strengthened steadily through September, with the HCOB Eurozone Composite PMI edging up to 51.2 from 51.0 in August, broadly in line with expectations and marking the fastest pace of private-sector growth in 16 months. The expansion was driven primarily by the services sector, which posted its highest reading of the year, offsetting an unexpected contraction in manufacturing. Consumer price inflation stood at 2.0% in August 2025, slightly below the preliminary estimate of 2.1%, as energy prices fell more than expected. Headline inflation has now matched the ECB’s 2% target for a third consecutive month, reinforcing expectations that monetary policy will remain steady in the near term.

In the U.S., forward-looking indicators point to continued economic growth momentum into Q3. While the Composite PMI eased in September, it remained firmly in expansionary territory at 53.6, signalling the strongest quarterly growth since late 2024 despite softer activity across manufacturing and services. New orders rose more slowly, job creation cooled, and backlogs of work increased for a sixth straight month. The headline inflation published in September reflecting August picked up slightly to 2.9%, while core inflation stood at 3.1% maintaining the same level as July

In September, global equity markets delivered a somewhat unexpected rally despite the usual seasonal headwinds, driven by renewed momentum around the accelerating AI investment theme. This surge was supported by a series of high-profile announcements from major industry players such as NVIDIA, OpenAI, Broadcom and Advanced Micro Devices, which reignited investors’ optimism regarding the sector’s long-term profit potential. Although many of these agreements lacked clarity on their financing structures, market sentiment was once again dominated by a “fear of missing out” dynamic, pushing traditional valuation considerations to the background. At the same time, a renewed bout of U.S. dollar weakness enhanced the relative appeal of emerging market equities, enabling them to outperform other regions. The S&P 500 index gained 3.05%, as even year-to-date underperforming sectors such as health care and energy had a good monthly performance. European markets painted different stories depending on their component structures: the EuroStoxx 50 advanced 3.33%, while the DAX declined 0.07%, as banks and defence contractors led the pack once again.

U.S. Treasuries experienced yield curve shifts as markets anticipated a 25bps rate cut at the Fed’s meeting. Yields broadly declined, with the 10-year benchmark closing the month at 4.15%, down from 4.23% in August, after hovering just above 4.0%. Corporate credit markets remained resilient, with U.S. credit outperforming Europe. US Investment-grade bonds led the way, returning 1.42% in September, supported by longer-duration issues, while high-yield credit gained 0.76%.

Fund Performance

In the month of September, the Solid Future Defensive Fund registered a 0.98 per cent gain. On the equity allocation, the Fund’s holdings remained unchanged during the month, as the Manager deemed the portfolio appropriately positioned to navigate the current market momentum. From the fixed income front, the Manager continued to sniff for value creation which reflects the current interest rate environment. Indeed, the Manager opted in switching the already held Vodafone Ziggo 3.5% into the newly issued Vodafone Ziggo 5.25% 2033, thus maintaining same credit risk, but locking-in higher income.

Market and Investment Outlook

Going forward, the Manager assesses that the macroeconomic environment is exhibiting a progressive deterioration in underlying fundamentals, with incipient signs of weakness likely to intensify as the pass-through effects of U.S. tariffs propagate through global trade flows and supply chains. Inflationary dynamics are proving increasingly entrenched, while recent labour market data point to a softening trend in employment conditions that could weigh further on aggregate demand. Although the prospect of a potential easing cycle by the Federal Reserve provides some theoretical policy support, the magnitude and timing of such measures remain ambiguous and may prove insufficient to counterbalance the prevailing disinflation-growth trade-off.

Credit markets are more of an income play going forward as the targeted ECB’s 2% inflation targeted in Europe was achieved, while in the U.S. the stubborn inflation above 3% clearly constrains the FED’s interest rate trajectory.

From the equity front, the Manager remains cautious, as current equity market momentum appears misaligned with looming risks. The portfolio strategy continues to emphasize strong convictions in high-quality companies which are fundamentally sound and generate strong cashflows. Despite such companies might experience volatility in the short-term indiscriminately, historical data proved that ultimately such companies are tomorrow’s winners on the back of their strong balance sheets and sound business models. Thus, capital will be deployed opportunistically across selected sectors, with cash reserves serving as dry powder to take advantage of market dislocations in the upcoming earnings season.

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