

Cornerstone USD Balanced Portfolio



As of 2025/09/30

Suitable Investor

Suitable for USD investors who have a moderate to high volatility investment profile.

Investment Strategy

This investment strategy includes a diversification of asset classes, managed by some of the most talented fund managers. The strategy aims to outperform USD Cash by 3% p.a. net of fund management fees over a rolling 5 year period. The strategy aims to provide investors with capital growth over the long term. The strategy only invests in asset allocation, target return and money market unit trust funds and aims to limit downside volatility.

Suitable Products

This foreign currency portfolio may get utilised in an International Endowment, Discretionary Investment Option or Portfolio Bond Structure.

Risk Profile



Model Portfolio Details

Lead Manager	Roeloff Horne, MitonOptimal
Co-Manager	Jacques de Kock, MitonOptimal
Inception Date	2020/08/01
Reg 28 Compliant	No
Benchmark	ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR USD
Return Objective	USD Cash +3%
Annual Mandate Fee (%)	0.25
Model TER (%)	0.76

Monthly Market & Portfolio Commentary

Global equity markets entered the final quarter of 2025 with measured optimism, buoyed by the Federal Reserve's long-anticipated rate cut in September — its first since 2024. The decision to trim rates by 25 basis points to 4.25% signaled a clear shift toward policy accommodation amid easing inflationary pressures and softening growth indicators. In USD terms, the MSCI World Index advanced 0.64% in September, bringing year-to-date gains to 17.43%, while the broader MSCI ACWI rose 1.04% for the month and 18.44% YTD. The S&P 500 added 1.03%, led by continued strength in the technology and communication sectors, whereas global real estate lagged, with the S&P Global REIT Index declining 1.63%.

Emerging markets continued their outperformance streak, with the MSCI EM Index climbing 4.48% in September and 27.53% year-to-date, fueled by a weaker US Dollar and resilient commodity prices. Europe and the UK remained more restrained, weighed by stubborn core inflation and fragile industrial output. Overall, global markets closed the third quarter with a tone of cautious optimism. The Fed's pivot, softer inflation data, and ongoing resilience in corporate earnings helped extend equity gains, but the balance between policy easing and slowing growth continues to define the global investment landscape.

Portfolio positioning remains consistent with our established barbell approach — balancing growth exposure with defensive stability. We retain an overweight to emerging market equities, which continue to deliver superior relative performance. Exposure to global developed market equities remains concentrated in high-quality growth and technology themes, though valuations have prompted selective trimming. Looking ahead, our strategy remains anchored on three principles: maintaining diversification across regions and asset classes; capitalising on structural trends such as Artificial Intelligence, energy transition, and commodity reflation; and preserving downside protection through prudent risk management.

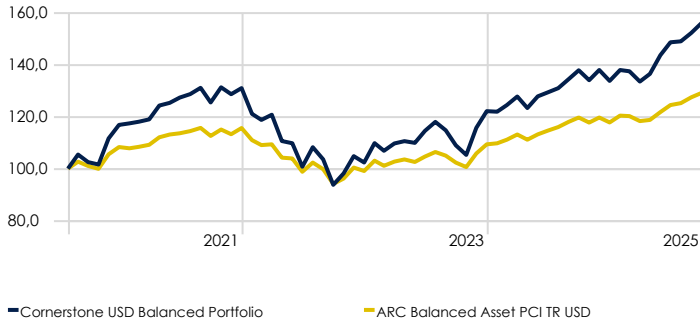
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Investment Growth (Since Inception)



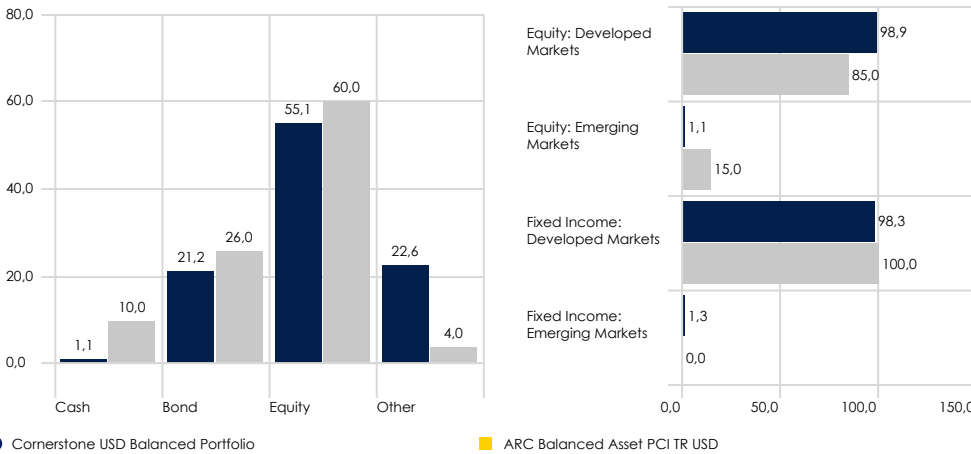
Discrete Calendar Performance (%)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Cornerstone USD Balanced Portfolio	12,18	-21,96	19,42	9,58	16,66
ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR USD	6,80	-14,38	10,42	7,74	9,67

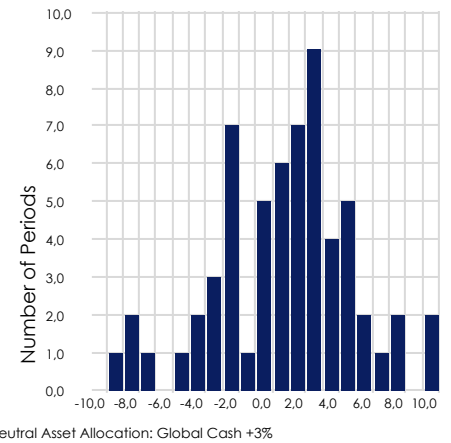
Annualised Performance (%)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Cornerstone USD Balanced Portfolio	13,18	18,58	8,80	8,05
ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR USD	7,91	11,18	5,05	4,63

Asset Allocation [Portfolio vs Neutral] (%)



Monthly Return Distribution



Model Portfolio Composition (%)

	Weight	Mgmt Fee	TER
iShares Core MSCI World ETF	25,00	0,20	0,20
M&G Optimal Income GBP I Acc	15,00	0,61	0,63
Baillie Gifford WW L/T Glb Gr B USD Acc	10,00	0,62	0,67
iShares Global Govt Bond ETF USD Acc	10,00	0,20	0,20
Janus Henderson Global Sustainable Equity	10,00	1,00	1,23
Jupiter Merian World Equity	10,00	0,75	0,94
Ninety One GSF Glb Frchs A Acc USD	10,00	1,50	1,90
Reitway Global Property Portfolio B2 USD	5,00	—	1,38
Schroder ISF Global Energy Transition	5,00	1,50	2,34

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