



LEVELS OF **DIVERSIFICATION**

At Architas we believe that diversification is central to any investment portfolio. Being too concentrated in any one investment can possibly lead to higher risk and greater ups and downs in investment returns.

Diversification means spreading the portfolio across different types of investment. Put simply, it's not 'putting all your eggs in one basket'.

We spread investments by:







Using different asset classes

Investing in different geographic regions

Using several different investment managers

Why is diversification important?

While there are no guarantees, this approach may reduce the combined risk of the overall portfolio and means that you are not relying on the performance of a narrow selection of investments. It may help to achieve more consistent investment returns than if you just invested in one asset class or with any one fund manager.



Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed, and you could get back less than you invest.

HOW DO WE DIVERSIFY?

Diversification across asset classes

There are five main asset classes – money markets, bonds, property, alternatives and shares. By spreading investments across different classes, you could possibly benefit from more consistent returns than a fund which invests in only one.

It may help to reduce the ups and downs of investment returns, as the potential losses in one asset class could possibly be softened by gains in another.

Diversification within asset classes

Within each asset class it is possible to diversify further. Each one offers a range of investment options – for example across countries, industries, types of properties and bonds.

Spreading investment across countries, industries, types of properties and types of bonds helps to balance the overall portfolio.

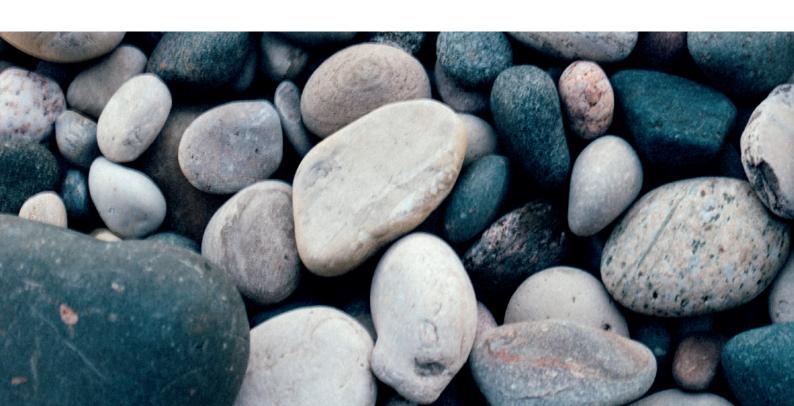
Spreading it out even further within asset classes means that the portfolio is not concentrated in any one area and may help to reduce the effect of a downturn in a specific asset class or geographic region.

Diversification across investment managers

Our funds invest in funds managed by other investment managers. This technique is commonly referred to as a 'fund of funds' structure.

Investment managers with different investment styles tend to perform better at different times under different economic and market conditions. We combine a range of investment managers with complementary styles using sophisticated techniques to make sure we achieve a spread of investments.

This means that the portfolio is not overly exposed to any one style and, as a result, when one investment style is out of favour, the overall portfolio is not affected in a significant way.



We use a selection of investment managers from a range of well-known firms including:

BLACKROCK°



STATE STREET______GLOBAL ADVISORS.





ARCHITAS INVESTMENT PROCESS

We have a dedicated and talented team of in-house professionals from across the financial industry. They constantly research, monitor and manage a combination of specialist investment managers across different asset classes to provide effective and diversified portfolios.



1. DESIGNING INVESTMENTS AND ASSET ALLOCATION

- Investment aims and policies
- Asset allocation



2. FINDING **FUNDS**

Finding skilful managers

 not lucky ones

EValue, an external financial modelling company, provide asset allocation recommendations for each risk profile.

This gives, what we believe to be, the most efficient diversification across asset classes to achieve a level of return for a given amount of risk taken.

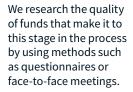
Here we need to choose underlying funds to fill the Architas funds across the asset allocation model.

We start by screening the investments available and come to a list of funds that could be suitable. We also aim to exclude managers that have been lucky with their performance rather than skilful.





- We carry out research focusing on the quality of investments
- We make a recommendation
- The fund approval forum approve the relevant funds



Funds that make it through the qualitative research are scored and sent to a fund approval forum for approval.



4. BUILDING A **PORTFOLIO**

• Funds are selected making sure they complement each other within the portfolio



5. MONITORING AND RISK MANAGEMENT

• We monitor funds and managers

The approved funds are available for our fund managers to use to make up the Architas portfolios.

These funds (also known as the underlying managers) are monitored to make sure they are performing in line with our expectations.

If they are not, we may remove the fund from the buy list and replace it with a more suitable fund.



What are the benefits of our investment process?

We constantly monitor and review our investments. We do this by carrying out thorough research, constantly reviewing the investments and regular rebalancing (buying and selling funds to maintain the correct levels of each asset class). We monitor our underlying funds with the aim of making sure they perform as expected and do not take on risk we cannot justify.

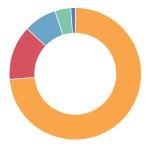
ARCHITAS MULTI-ASSET (MA) PASSIVE **RESERVE FUND**

The fund aims to achieve a return for investors over the medium to long term based on both capital growth and income, with low levels of ups and downs, by investing in a wide range of asset classes.

DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS ASSET CLASSES



DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS INVESTMENT MANAGERS





Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Bonds	56.61%
UK gilts	38.48 %
UK corporate	10.06%
Global government	8.07%

Equities	33.04%
UK	14.96 %
North America	13.12 %
Japan	3.97%
Asia Pacific but not Japan	0.99%

Other	10.35%
Property	9.99%
Cash – money markets	0.36 %

• UK	73.85 %
US	13.12 %
Global	8.07 %

Japan 3.97 %Asia Pacific but not Japan 0.99 %

BlackRock UK Gilts All Stocks Index	19.45 %
Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	19.03 %
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index	8.17%
 BlackRock Overseas Government Bond Index 	8.07%
Vanguard US Equity Index	7.86 %
BlackRock UK Equity Index	6.79 %
BlackRock Corporate Bond Index	5.59 %
Legal & General UK Property	5.57 %

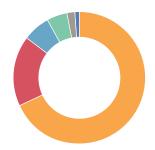
 BlackRock North American Equity Index 	5.26 %
 Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index 	4.47 %
 BlackRock Japan Equity Index 	3.97 %
Kames Property Income Fund	3.07 %
BlackRock Global Property Securities Equity Index	1.35 %
• iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan UCITS ETF USD	0.99%
Cash	0.36 %

ARCHITAS MULTI-ASSET (MA) PASSIVE **MODERATE FUND**

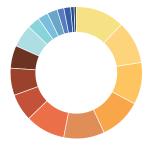
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DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS INVESTMENT MANAGERS





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Bonds	48.95%
UK gilts	21.87 %
UK corporate	20.36%
 Global government 	6.72 %

Equities	40.85%
North America	17.04 %
UK	15.90 %
Japan	5.07%
Emerging markets	1.83 %
Asia Pacific but not Japan	1.01%

Other	10.20%
Property	9.86%
Cash – money markets	0.34%

• UK	68.33 %
US	17.04%
Global	6.72 %
Japan	5.07%

Emerging markets	1.83 %
Asia Pacific but not Japan	1.01 %

BlackRock UK Gilts All Stocks Index	12.18%
BlackRock North American Equity Index	10.44 %
BlackRock UK Equity Index	10.31%
BlackRock Corporate Bond Index	10.31%
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	10.05 %
Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	9.69%
 BlackRock Overseas Government Bond Index 	6.72 %
Vanguard US Equity Index	6.60 %
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index	5.59 %

Legal & General UK Property	5.38 %
 Kames Property Income Fund 	3.01 %
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	2.62 %
 BlackRock Japan Equity Index 	2.45 %
BlackRock Emerging Markets Equity Index	1.83 %
BlackRock Global Property Securities Equity Index	1.46 %
Vanguard Pacific Ex-Japan Stock Index	1.01 %
Cash	0.34 %

ARCHITAS MULTI-ASSET (MA) PASSIVE INTERMEDIATE FUND

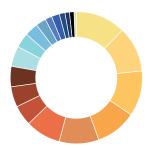
The fund aims to achieve a return for investors over the medium to long term based on both capital growth and income, with a medium level of ups and downs, by investing in a wide range of asset classes. DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS ASSET CLASSES



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DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS INVESTMENT MANAGERS





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Equities	52.61%
North America	23.04%
UK	20.75%
Japan	5.95%
Emerging markets	1.88%
 Asia Pacific but not Japan 	0.99%

Bonds	37.13%
UK corporate	22.29 %
UK gilts	10.01%
Global government	4.83 %

Emerging markets

Asia Pacific but not Japan

Other	10.26%
Property	9.93%
Cash – money markets	0.33 %

1.88 %

0.99 %

• UK	63.31 %
US	23.04 %
Japan	5.95 %
Global	4.83 %

Vanguard US Equity Index	12.41%
BlackRock Corporate Bond Index	11.24 %
 Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index 	11.05%
BlackRock UK Equity Index	10.07%
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index	9.54%
iShares US Equity Index	8.76%
Legal & General UK Property	5.06%
Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	5.01%
BlackRock UK Gilts All Stocks Index	5.00%
 BlackRock Overseas Government Bond Index 	4.83%

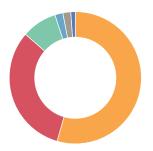
 BlackRock Japan Equity Index 	3.64 %
Kames Property Income Fund	3.48 %
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	2.31 %
FTSE Emerging Markets UCITS ETF	1.88 %
 BlackRock North American Equity Index 	1.87 %
 BlackRock Global Property Securities Equity Index 	1.40 %
 SSgA UK Equity Tracker 	1.14 %
• iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan UCITS ETF USD	0.99 %
Cash	0.33 %

ARCHITAS MULTI-ASSET (MA) PASSIVE **PROGRESSIVE FUND**

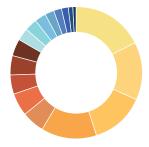
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DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS INVESTMENT MANAGERS





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Equities	70.39%
North America	31.71%
UK	27.04%
Japan	8.80 %
Emerging markets	1.86 %
 Asia Pacific but not Japan 	0.98%

Bonds	18.92%
UK corporate	11.16 %
UK gilts	5.82 %
Global	1.94 %

Emerging markets

Asia Pacific but not Japan

Other	10.69%
Property	9.99%
Cash – money markets	0.70 %

1.86 %

0.98%

UK	54.72 %
US	31.71%
Japan	8.80 %
Global	1.94 %

Vanguard US Equity Index	17.50 %
iShares US Equity Index	14.20 %
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index	13.54 %
BlackRock UK Equity Index	13.51%
 BlackRock Corporate Bond Index 	5.62 %
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	5.54%
Legal & General UK Property	4.77%
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	4.62 %
 BlackRock Japan Equity Index 	4.18 %
 Kames Property Income Fund 	3.11%

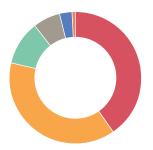
 BlackRock UK Gilts All Stocks Index 	2.94 %
Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	2.88 %
BlackRock Global Property Securities Equity Index	2.11 %
 BlackRock Overseas Government Bond Index 	1.94 %
 FTSE Emerging Markets UCITS ETF 	1.86 %
• iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan UCITS ETF USD	0.98%
Cash	0.70 %

ARCHITAS MULTI-ASSET (MA) PASSIVE **GROWTH FUND**

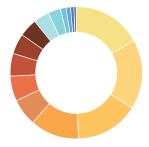
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DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS INVESTMENT MANAGERS





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Equities 8	39.60%
North America	40.50%
• UK	27.96%
Japan	10.63%
Emerging markets	6.75%
Asia Pacific but not Japan	2.97%
Europe but not UK	0.80%

Other	10.40%
Property	9.93%
Cash – money markets	0.48 %

• US	40.50 %
UK	38.36 %
Japan	10.63 %

Emerging markets	6.75 %
 Asia Pacific but not Japan 	2.97 %
Europe	0.80 %

iShares US Equity Index	17.35 %
Vanguard US Equity Index	17.00 %
BlackRock UK Equity Index	15.81%
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index	12.15%
 Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund 	6.75%
BlackRock North American Equity Index	6.14 %
BlackRock Japan Equity Index	5.55%
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	5.08%

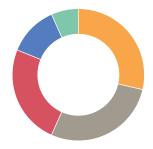
Legal & General UK Property	1.43 %
Kames Property Income Fund3	3.95 %
Vanguard Pacific Ex-Japan Stock Index	2.97%
BlackRock Global Property Securities Equity Index	L.55 %
 BlackRock Continental European Equity Index 0 	0.72 %
• Cash 0	0.50 %
• Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Equity Index	0.07%

ARCHITAS MULTI-ASSET (MA) PASSIVE **DYNAMIC FUND**

The fund aims to achieve a return for investors over the medium to long term based on both capital growth and income, with high levels of ups and downs, by investing in a wide range of asset classes. DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS ASSET CLASSES



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DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS INVESTMENT MANAGERS





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Equities	89.46%
Emerging markets	27.89 %
North America	24.58 %
UK	18.31%
 Asia Pacific but not Japan 	12.04 %
Japan	6.64 %

Other	10.54%
Property	9.75%
Cash – money markets	0.79%

● UK	28.85 %
Emerging markets	27.89 %
• US	24.58 %

Asia Pacific but not Japan	12.04 %
Japan	6.64 %

 BlackRock Emerging Markets Equity Index 	14.11 %
 Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fundament 	d 13.78 %
Vanguard US Equity Index	13.61%
Vanguard Pacific Ex-Japan Stock Index	12.04%
iShares US Equity Index	10.97%
BlackRock UK Equity Index	9.26 %
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index	9.05 %

Legal & General UK Property	4.79 %
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	3.71 %
Kames Property Income Fund	3.05 %
 BlackRock Japan Equity Index 	2.93 %
 BlackRock Global Property Securities Equity Index 	1.91 %
Cash	0.80 %



GLOSSARY

ALTERNATIVES

The 'alternatives' asset class covers a range of investments.

The main parts are commodities (such as oil), hedge funds, absolute return funds (an absolute return fund aims to make positive returns by using investment management techniques and asset classes that differ from traditional funds), and infrastructure (such as communication and transport).

BONDS

Bonds are contracts that allow a number of investors to pool together to loan money to a company, government or other institution over a fixed term.

The holders of the bonds then receive interest payments over the length of the term and get their initial investment (capital) back at the end. Bonds are usually issued by banks on behalf of the borrowing institution. If the borrowing institution fails, there is a risk that you will not receive back either the interest due or your original capital.

GEOGRAPHIC REGION

It is possible to invest in bonds, property and shares from different countries and regions across the world.

MONEY MARKET

Investors are usually very familiar with cash investments. These types of investments are not without risk as interest rates may be lower than inflation. However, they are usually lower risk than other asset classes and are normally very accessible (easy to cash in). Although, there is also a possible risk if the institutions go out of business.

PROPERTY

We can invest in companies which own and manage a range of properties. The value of property is a matter of the valuer's opinion and not fact. Property will not contribute to diversifying your portfolio if you already hold a substantial percentage of your investments in property. There could be delays involved with property (disinvestments and switches) due to the fact that property can take time to sell.

SHARES

Shares of companies are a popular choice for long-term investors. As a shareholder you share in the value of the company's assets through the share price and in the company's profits by possibly receiving dividends.

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The funds are allowed to invest over 35% of their assets in investments issued by a single local, national or supranational government. The funds can invest entirely in units of collective investment schemes.

The value of investments can fall as well as rise purely on account of exchange rate fluctuations.

You can invest in these funds through a number of financial products. These funds may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years.

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