

**JUPITER  
Merlin Balanced Portfolio (UT)**

**OBSR Fund Rating  
AAA /  Gold**



**Key Information**

<b>Launch Date</b>	1 September 2005	
<b>Fund Size</b>	£1198.6m	
<b>Type of Units Available</b>	Income & Accumulation	
<b>Distribution Dates</b>	31 January, 31 July	
<b>Historic Yield</b>	2.00%	
<b>ISA</b>	Yes	
<b>ISA Transfer</b>	Yes	
<b>Standard Fund Management Charges</b>	<b>Initial</b>	5.25%
	<b>Annual</b>	1.50%

**Classification**

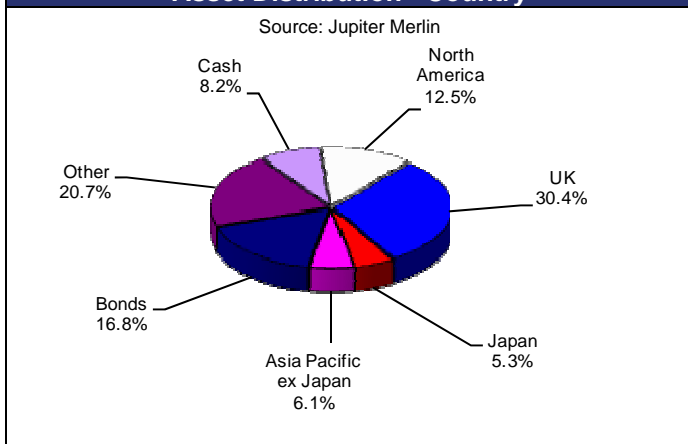
<b>Sector</b>	Balanced Managed
<b>Multi-Manager Category</b>	Active Asset Allocation, Absolute Return Bias
<b>Benchmark/Index</b>	FTSE/APCIMS Balanced TR

**Management/Investment Style**

<b>Fund Manager</b>	John Chatfeild-Roberts (September 2005)
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An unfettered fund of funds, this portfolio is managed with a view to delivering capital growth with income over the medium to long term. Geographical exposure will be diversified and investments will include UK and International equities and bonds. Asset allocation is actively managed versus the benchmark. The manager may take significant positions away from the benchmark in an attempt to add value and tends to invest with an absolute return objective.

**Asset Distribution - Country**



**Investment Objective & Methodology**

The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth with income. It will invest in unit trusts, OEICs and other regulated collective schemes across several management groups. The underlying funds invest in UK and international equities and fixed interest stocks. In addition, the level of cash held within the portfolio may be actively managed for strategic or tactical reasons. It falls within the IMA Balanced Managed sector.

The portfolio is managed collectively by the Jupiter Independent Funds Team. This is headed by John Chatfeild-Roberts. The other fund managers are Peter Lawery and Algy Smith-Maxwell. The team cooperates in running all the portfolios managed on the desk, holding this to be more efficient than allocating individual portfolio responsibility to a particular team member.

The team believes that, in order to add value for investors, its focus must be forward-looking in that it should seek to identify turning points in markets and then position the holdings within the portfolio with a view to optimising returns. This process comprises several work streams. Within Jupiter, the team enjoys a large degree of autonomy but its views on asset allocation are derived partly from the discussion and debate which takes place within the whole Jupiter investment team and partly from its own external contacts. The team meets regularly to discuss and agree economic and market views and to decide upon portfolio construction and appropriate holdings for inclusion in the portfolio. A collegiate approach is used with John Chatfeild-Roberts (as head of team) having the final say in terms of which views should prevail.

Although benchmarking is used for reference purposes, the composition of the portfolio is relatively unconstrained. The team believes it is important to remain open-minded and to respond proactively and decisively to changing economic and market conditions. The key focus is on identifying and anticipating important trends or turning points. This is accompanied by a willingness to change the shape of the portfolio and the selected underlying holdings when opportunities have been identified. However, the fund is likely to have a bias towards "value" type fund managers due to the nature of its objective and it is unlikely to have exposure to every region at any one time.

Underpinning portfolio construction is an ongoing programme of manager research, the list of followed funds being eclectic and varied in nature. The team uses a combination of quantitative research, founded on BARRA analysis of portfolios, and qualitative research based on interviews with selected fund managers in order to maintain an in-depth understanding of return potential, risk profile, and investment style.

**Top Ten Funds**

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AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities	<b>Not Disclosed</b>
ETFS Physical Gold	
Findlay Park American	
First State Asia Equity Plus	
Invesco Perpetual Income	
Jupiter Growth & Income	
Jupiter Japan Income	
Jupiter Strategic Bond	
M&G Global Dividend	
M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	

Source: Jupiter Merlin

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Data as at 31 December 2011  
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