

# Principal Asset Allocation Fund July-21

### **Fund Overview**

The Principal Asset Allocation (PAA) Fund is a UCITS mutual fund authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland. It uses low Beta strategies to target low volatility and maximise risk-adjusted returns for investors. The Fund comprises strategic asset allocations to equity and fixed-income securities alongside deploying opportunistic market neutral strategies. It employs a Beta Hedging strategy on equity allocation by coupling long stocks exposure with a short Stoxx 600 future to minimise volatility. Fixed income allocation follows a short duration "carry" strategy focusing on liquid, high quality bonds. The fund adopts a cautious approach and aims to provide low volatility and uncorrelated returns in all market and economic conditions.

# **Key Information**

Fund Structure	UCITS
Share Type	Accumulation
Fund Inception Date	19/12/2014
Ticker	PAAAGBP
ISIN	IE00BMMV1N47
Pricing Frequency	Daily
AMC	0.65%
Base Currency	GBP
<b>Currency Availability</b>	GBP, EUR & USD(Hedged)
Asset Class	Mixed Asset
Risk Profile	Balanced

## **Asset Allocation**



UK Equities	18%
Euro Equities	21%
Swiss Equities	7%
Danish Equities	7%
Swedish Equities	
Norwegian Eq	3%
Polish Equities	2%
Corp Bond	25%
Cash	9%

Sources: MIP, RBC Investor Services Ltd

### Periodic Performance

	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	12 Month
PAA A GBP	1.38%	2.30%	5.72%	6.90%
SONIA+5%	0.42%	1.27%	2.98%	5.17%

Sources: RBC Investor Services Ireland Ltd, MIP, Bloomberg

# **Key Features**

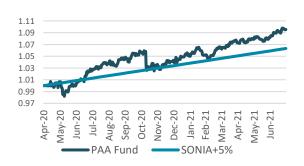
- The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve a positive return in all market conditions over a three-year period.
- The principal investment strategies are equity and fixed income and are designed to provide market neutral total returns in a variety of scenarios.
- Suitable for investors with a medium-term investment horizon (3-5yrs) who require capital stability and above inflation returns.

# **Top 10 Security Holdings**

NWIDE 5.875 PERP	3.01%
IMI PLC	1.57%
KESKO OYJ	1.57%
SPIRAX-SARCO ENG	1.55%
MARSPE 6 06/12/25	1.54%
PARTNERS GROUP AG	1.54%
NOVO NORDISK A/S	1.51%
GEBERIT AG	1.51%
AP MOLLER-MAERSK A/S	1.50%
TITIM 5.875 05/19/23	1.49%

Source: Mariana Investment Partners

### **Performance Chart**



Sources: MIP, RBC Investor Services Ltd, Bloomberg

### Discrete Performance

Performance: Discrete 1 Year						
PAA A	30/07/21	31/07/20	31/07/19	31/07/18	31/07/17	
GBP 6.90%	4.20%	-6.00%	-1.34%	2.83%		

Sources: RBC Investor Services Ireland Ltd, MIP, Bloomberg



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### Cash

The portfolio may hold cash in times of uncertainty, or, as margin for derivative positions.

## **Equities**

Our equity strategy creates a liquid, market neutral, systematic, multi factor, total return portfolio. Investors have exposure to an equally weighted basket of large, mid, and small cap equities from the Stoxx Europe 600 index comprising of equities from 17 European countries including France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK.

#### **Fixed Income**

Our fixed income allocation is designed to produce recurring income by investing in low duration, high conviction bonds.

Complementary to this is an opportunistic satellite overlay focused on market neutral value positions.

# Commentary

Fixed income yields continued to fall in July as market participants cut shorts and, in the face of multi-year high data, seemingly decided that inflation is not a threat. Equities were volatile but closed modestly higher.

The Fund maintained its balanced allocation. Performance for July was +1.38%, bringing YTD returns to +5.72% and one year to +6.90%.

Our investment process is designed to produce low volatility, positive returns in a variety of market scenarios.



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# Platform Availability

The PAA fund is a daily traded UCITS VI and is available on all major platforms and within all major Life Company Portfolio Bonds. It is approved also by all major Pension Trustees (QROPS/SIPPS).

# **Enquiries**

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