

Premier Miton Defensive Multi Asset Fund

Sterling class B - Accumulation shares

Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve capital growth over the long term, being five years or more.

The minimum recommended holding term is at least five years. This does not mean that the fund will achieve the objective over this, or any other, specific time period and there is a risk of loss to the original capital invested.

Fund facts

Fund size	£93.9m
Launch dates	Fund - 27 Dec 1996 Share class - 04 Jan 2005
Fund structure	OEIC
Reporting dates	Final - 30 Jun Interim - 31 Dec
Base currency	GBP
Valuation point	12:00 noon
ISA eligible	Yes
Investment Association sector	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares
Performance comparator	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares

Please see page 3 for further information.

Investment team



Fund manager
David Jane
 Joined Premier Miton
Jun 2014
 Manager since
Jun 2014



Fund manager
Anthony Rayner
 Joined Premier Miton
Jun 2014
 Manager since
Jun 2014

Fund codes

ISIN	GB00B0525B66
Sedol	B0525B6
Bloomberg	CFMSTBA:LN

Minimums

Initial £1,000	Top-up £1,000	Withdrawal -	Holding £1,000
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Important notification: The FTSE 100 Index is no longer used as a performance comparator for this Fund. The reference to the FTSE 100 Index as a mandatory performance comparator was removed from the prospectus on 18 December 2023.

Investment overview

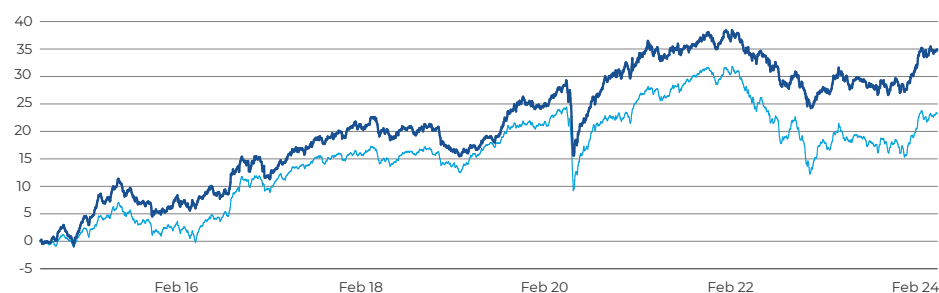
- Outcome driven – the focus is on providing an attractive outcome for investors without taking undue risk.
- Genuinely active investors – the fund managers have a pragmatic approach to investing and are not forced to own something just because it's in an index.
- Directly invested in company shares and bonds rather than other investment funds (such as OEICs and Unit Trusts).
- Experienced investment managers with extensive combined experience.
- Diversified portfolio, the fund managers will usually maintain a portfolio of at least 100 individual investments.

Awards and ratings



Awards and ratings are based on past events and are not an indication of future performance. Ratings are not a recommendation. Please see page 4 for further information.

Performance since manager start on 9 June 2014 (%)



Cumulative performance (%)	1m	3m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Manager start
Fund	-0.12	3.01	4.53	1.63	15.69	34.75	34.97
Sector	0.13	3.08	4.12	-1.92	6.79	24.93	23.17

Calendar year performance (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Fund	9.13	6.83	2.34	-7.78	6.25	-0.10
Sector	8.70	3.90	2.84	-10.87	5.97	-0.42

Discrete annual performance (%)	28.02.19 28.02.20	28.02.20 26.02.21	26.02.21 28.02.22	28.02.22 28.02.23	28.02.23 29.02.24
Fund	7.46	5.93	0.45	-3.21	4.53
Sector	5.19	3.51	0.02	-5.82	4.12

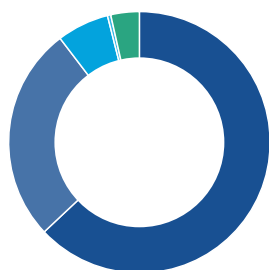
Source: FE Analytics. Based on Sterling class B - Accumulation shares, on a total return basis to 29 February 2024. Performance is shown net of fees with income reinvested. On 30.11.2020, this fund moved from a single pricing basis (mid) to a swing pricing basis.

Risks: The value of investments may fluctuate which will cause fund prices to fall as well as rise and investors may not get the original amount invested. The performance information presented on this page relates to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. More information about the risks of investment is provided later in this document.



Portfolio breakdown

Asset allocation (%)



Fixed income	63.0
International corporate bonds	29.0
UK corporate bonds	14.4
International sovereign bonds	14.3
UK sovereign bonds	4.4
Alternative fixed income	0.5
Emerging markets corporate bonds	0.3
Equities	26.6
North American equities	8.6
UK equities	5.8
Europe ex UK equities	5.0
Japan equities	4.3
Emerging markets equities	1.6
Asia Pacific ex Japan equities	1.3
Commodities	6.4
Gold	3.4
Other	3.0
Property shares	0.4
UK property shares	0.4
Cash	3.5

Top 10 holdings (%)



■ Top 10 holdings **29.1%**
■ Rest of portfolio **70.9%**

US Treasury 2.875% 15/05/2032	7.9
US Treasury 4.25% 31/12/2025	6.4
UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038	4.4
Invesco Physical Gold ETC USD ETF	3.4
WisdomTree Agriculture ETF	1.5
WisdomTree Brent Crude Oil	1.5
Nationwide Building Society 5.875% Perpetual	1.1
Kellogg 3.40% 15/11/2027	1.0
AstraZeneca 4.00% 17/01/2029	0.9
Southern Co (The) 4.00% 15/01/2051	0.9

Charges

Ongoing charges figure (OCF) 0.86%
as at 30.06.2023

The OCF is based on the last year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund). The OCF includes the annual management charge. Transaction charges will also apply. Please refer to the [total costs & charges document](#) on our website for more information.

Initial charge 0.00%

Charges are taken from income

The fund's charges will be taken from income generated by the fund in the form of interest or dividends. If there is not enough income to cover the charges, the rest of the charges will be taken from the fund's capital which could result in capital erosion or constrain capital growth.



Performance comparator

The fund is classified in the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares sector, which we

believe is a meaningful comparator to help investors assess the performance of the fund.

General risks

Reference to any stock or fund is not a recommendation for investment purposes. All types of investment carry a degree of risk. It is possible you could lose some, or all, of the money you invest. The level of risk varies depending on the type of investment. Typically, you are less likely to lose money over the long term from an investment that is considered low risk, although potential returns may also be lower. Investments considered higher risk typically offer greater opportunities for better long-term returns,

though the risk of losing money is also likely to be higher.

When you invest, it is important that you understand the risk to your money and are comfortable with that level of risk. If you are unsure, we would recommend that you consult a financial adviser.

The value of your investment might not keep up with any rise in the cost of living.

You could lose money if financial markets fall.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the fund will be achieved.

The levels of taxation that apply to income or capital gains from the fund, including any tax relief that may be available, will depend on your personal tax situation.

Funds with similar objectives may not perform in the same way as they are likely to have different holdings.

Fund performance will be affected by investment decisions made by the fund manager.

Specific

Some of the main specific risks of investing in this fund are summarised here. Further detail is available in the prospectus for the fund.

Alternative investments

These typically behave differently to traditional investments such as bonds and equities. They can include a range of assets such as specialist lending, private equity, hedge funds and gold. Adding alternative investments to a portfolio can help to make it more diverse but can also make it more volatile.

Collective investment schemes (funds)

Where other funds are held in a portfolio, or where there is indirect exposure to other funds, these could include higher-risk investments like hedge funds, property funds or commodity funds (e.g. investing in gold, oil), which would increase the overall risk in the fund.

Commodities (including gold)

Commodity prices can fall and rise sharply depending on supply and demand, the economic background and financial market conditions. Exposure will never be direct to any commodity.

Counterparty credit

Some securities or financial instruments rely on payments or guarantees from a counterparty. This is a role usually undertaken by a bank or similar entity.

Currency

Where investments in a fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling (for example, if a fund holds assets priced in euros), its value will be affected by changes in the relevant exchange rate. Certain other investments, such as the shares in companies with profits from other countries, will also be affected.

Emerging markets

Investments made in bonds, equities or other assets in less-developed countries generally carry higher risk than in developed countries.

Equities

Equities (shares) can experience high levels of price fluctuation.

Fixed interest securities

Government and corporate bonds generally offer a fixed level of interest to investors, so their value can be affected by changes in interest rates. When central bank interest rates fall, investors may be prepared to pay more for bonds and bond prices tend to rise. If interest rates rise, bonds may be less valuable to investors and their prices can fall.

Inflation

Higher inflation can lead to some investments falling in value, particularly those with a fixed level of interest, for example government bonds and corporate bonds.

Infrastructure

Investments are often in large-scale projects whose profitability can be affected by supply problems or rising prices for raw materials or natural resources. Changes in the wider economy and government regulation can also have a significant influence.

Interest rate

Changes in central bank interest rates can affect all types of assets, in particular, securities such as government bonds and corporate bonds that generally offer a fixed level of interest. If interest rates go up, the value of a bond may fall, and vice versa.

Issuer credit

There are times when the issuer of a security (for example, a company that has issued a bond) is unable to make income payments or repay its debt. When this happens it can result in losses for the fund.

Legal and tax

The income or capital gains from investments can sometimes be affected by changes in legal and tax regulations or how these rules are applied.

Liquidity

In some instances, for example, when market conditions generally are difficult, holdings in a fund may be difficult to sell and buy at the desired price. The fund value could fall as a result.

Non-investment grade bonds

Bonds with a higher risk that the bond issuer might not meet its income or repayment obligations, as assessed by independent bond rating companies.

Operational

Processes, systems and controls around your investment might fail. The more complex or unusual the investments that the fund holds, the more likely this is to happen. For example, developing markets may have less reliable systems or lower standards of governance than more developed markets.

Property and Real Estate Investment Trusts

Property values can rise and fall sharply depending on the strength of a country's economy.

Securities with loss-absorbing features

These instruments may be subject to regulatory intervention and / or specific trigger events relative to regulatory capital levels falling to a pre-specified point. This may result in their conversion to company shares, or a partial or total loss of value.

Structure

The providers of the Collective Investment Schemes in which the fund invests may experience operational or credit issues which could impact the value or liquidity of their funds.



Ratings, awards and other information

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Glossary

Accumulation shares

A fund may have accumulation and income shares. If an investor selects this share type, any income generated by the fund is automatically reinvested. The amount of the reinvested income is reflected in the increased price of each accumulation share.

ACD

Authorised Corporate Directors (ACDs) are responsible for the running of an investment fund. They have a duty to act in the best interests of the fund's investors, and ensure that the fund is well managed in line with regulations and with the investment objectives and policies set out in its prospectus.

Annual management charge (AMC)

The yearly fee paid to Premier Miton for managing a fund, expressed as a percentage of your investment. The AMC does not typically change from year to year.

Assets

Different groups of investments such as company shares, bonds, commodities or property.

Bonds (or fixed income)

Types of investments that allow investors to loan money to governments and companies, usually in return for a regular fixed level of interest until the bond's maturity date, plus the return of the original value of the bond at the maturity date. The price of bonds will vary and the investment terms of bonds will also vary.

Capital

Describes financial assets, particularly cash, or other assets, such as shares, owned by a person or organisation.

Capital growth

The increase in the value of an asset or investment over time, measured by its current value compared to its purchase cost.

Dividends

The portion of its capital that a company chooses to return to its shareholders. For a fund or trust, this is the payment of fund's income to its shareholders.

Emerging markets

Countries with less developed financial markets and which are generally considered riskier than investing in developed markets.

Equities

Another name for shares (or stock) in a company.

Investment Association (IA)

The trade association that represents investment management firms in the UK.

IA sectors

To help with comparisons between the thousands of funds available, funds are categorised into different groups or sectors, organised and reviewed by the Investment Association (IA).

Individual Savings Account (ISA)

A type of tax-free scheme, set up by the government, designed to help people make the most of their savings and investments. All income and gains from an ISA investment are exempt from UK Income

Tax and Capital Gains Tax. HM Revenue and Customs sets the maximum amounts that you are allowed to invest into an ISA each tax year.

Multi asset

A fund that invests across a combination of different asset classes, such as commercial property, company shares, bonds and alternative investments with the aim of increasing diversification and reducing risk, and achieving specific investment objectives such as paying an income.

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

A measure of what it costs to invest in a fund over a year. It includes the fee paid to Premier Miton for the management of the fund (known as the annual management charge), with the remainder covering costs that have to be paid to external companies for other services relating to the ongoing administration and management of a fund, such as the fees paid to the depositary, custodian, regulator, auditor and administrator. The fee is deducted from the value of the fund and reflected in the fund's share price. The OCF is typically calculated once a year and can change from year to year.

Total return

A way of showing how an investment has performed, and is made-up of the capital appreciation or depreciation and includes any income generated by the investment. Measured over a set period, it is expressed as a percentage of the value of the investment at the start of that period.

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