

FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

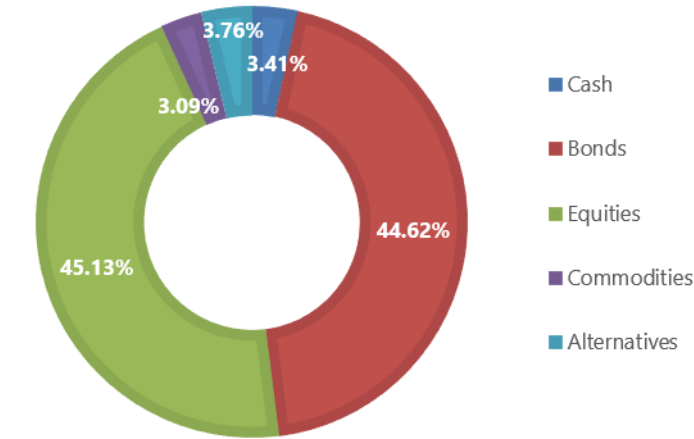
MARKET REVIEW

June's preliminary US-Iran peace agreement proved the defining market event, triggering a sharp unwinding of geopolitical trades as oil fell, gold shed its safe-haven premium and energy positions were swiftly liquidated. The Strait of Hormuz remains far from resolved, however, and any comfort around supply should be treated as time limited. In sterling terms, European equities led the month with the EURO STOXX rising 3.21%, while China was the notable laggard, falling 5.64% as investors reassessed its growth outlook. Stepping back, 2026 tells a more remarkable story: Asia Pacific has returned 27.89% year to date as the AI-driven semiconductor cycle powered Korean and Taiwanese markets to record highs, and the S&P 500 has delivered 11.49% against a backdrop of war, energy shocks and political uncertainty. Looking ahead, AI, energy security and rising defence budgets continue to create opportunity for active investors, though markets are growing more selective; we are positioned constructively for a return to full global momentum by 2027, while retaining a deliberate allocation to more defensive assets should events prove less orderly than we expect.

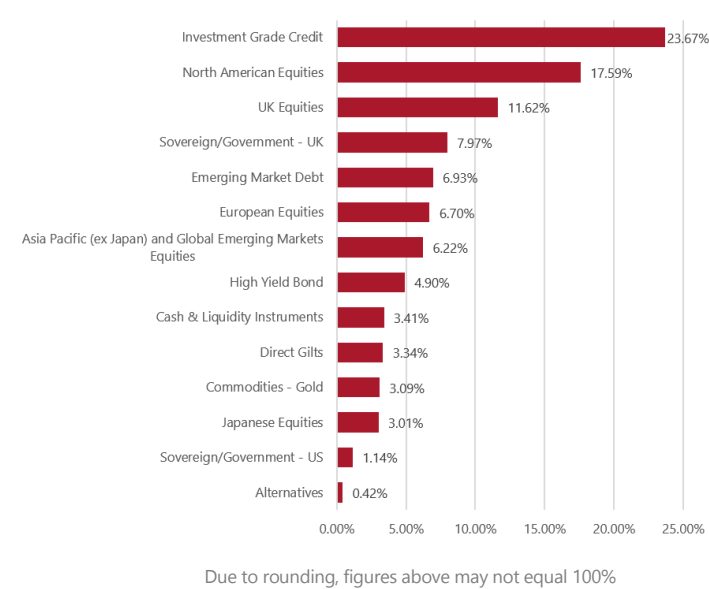
FUND REVIEW

The Cautious Fund outperformed its benchmark during June, extending its year-to-date lead to 6.54% against the benchmark's 5.51%. Our diversified US equity exposure was the primary driver of returns, with dedicated allocations to large-cap value and small- and mid-cap companies delivering strongly at a time when growth stocks lagged. Investor scepticism around the returns on hyperscaler AI spending weighed on the largest technology platforms during June, even as select semiconductor names continued to perform well. Our deliberate diversification within the US allocation continues to prove its worth.

ASSET ALLOCATION



FUND COMPOSITION



FUND PERFORMANCE



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE as at 30.06.2026

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Fund	0.82	6.95	6.54	15.85	32.12	25.30
Benchmark	0.47	6.55	5.51	12.51	30.13	22.33

Performance data: Share Class B Inc

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fund	12.37	5.27	3.60	-7.01	5.98
Benchmark	10.18	6.07	6.81	-9.47	7.20

Performance data: Share Class B Inc

RISK METRICS as at 30.06.2026

	3 years
Annual volatility	6.09
Maximum drawdown	-5.26
Sharpe ratio	0.98

Metrics annualised over three years for Share Class B Inc

TOP TEN HOLDINGS as at 30.06.2026

Holding	Percentage
Barings Investment Grade Credit Fund Tranche S Acc	9.50%
Schroder Sterling Corporate Bond Z Acc	9.00%
Invesco UK Enhanced Index M Acc	8.57%
Artisan Emerging Markets Debt Opps I Sterling Acc	6.93%
AB American Growth Portfolio S1 GBP	6.52%
iShares UK Gilts 0-5 Yr ETF	5.56%
AB US Value Portfolio S1 GBP	5.38%
Liontrust European Dynamic I Acc	4.36%
Allspring (Lux) Worldwide Fund - Climate Transition Global Investment Grade Crdt Fd S GBP Acc Hdg	3.41%
UBS MSCI AC Asua Ex Japan SF UCITS ETF USD Acc	3.34%

FUND CHARGES

	B	C
Ongoing charges figure (% p.a.)	0.61%	0.36%
Initial fee	0.00%	0.00%

FUND CODES

	ISIN	SEDOL
B Inc	GB00BZCN8C92	BZCN8C9
C Inc	GB00BZCN8D00	BZCN8D0

FUND AIM

The investment objective of the Fund is to preserve capital and generate income and capital growth over the long term in excess of five years.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

This Fund uses a global multi-asset approach to deliver its aim of generating long-term capital growth. The managers will achieve this aim by utilising passive and actively managed solutions, while closely managing volatility. The asset allocation of the Fund will be managed in line with guidance provided by the Mattioli Woods Asset Allocation Committee, ensuring diversity of assets.

FUND DETAILS

Fund management	Mattioli Woods Limited
Fund size:	£176.61 million
No. of holdings:	30
Sector:	IA Mixed Investments 20-60% Shares
Benchmark:	IA Mixed Investments 20-60% Shares
Distribution policy:	Half-yearly
Payment dates:	March and September
XD date:	February and August
Launch date:	31 July 2017
Legal structure:	Non-UCITS Retail Scheme
Reporting date (annual):	31 July
Reporting date (interim):	31 January
Base currency:	Sterling
Valuation point:	12:00 midday daily
ISA eligible:	Yes

RISK WARNINGS

- Past performance is not a guide to future returns.
- The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise, and you may not get back the full amount invested.
- For funds investing globally, currency exchange rate fluctuations may have a positive or negative impact on the value of your investments.
- Changes in interest rates will affect the value of, and the interest earned from, bonds held by the Fund. When interest rates rise, the capital value of the Fund is likely to fall and vice versa.
- Investment trusts can borrow money that can then be used to make further investments. In a rising market, this ‘gearing’ can enhance returns to shareholders. However, if the market falls, losses will be multiplied.
- The Fund does not use derivatives extensively, although it may use them in an attempt to reduce risk, reduce costs and to generate additional income. Investing in derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions. Derivatives may expose the Fund to credit risks of counterparties, who may not meet payment obligations. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where economic exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested), and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will magnify losses.
- This document is issued by Mattioli Woods Limited and should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s Supplementary Information Document. A list of risk factors is detailed in the Supplementary Information Document, and an investment should not be contemplated until the risks are considered fully. Current tax levels and relief are liable to change, and their value will depend on an individual investor’s circumstances. If you are unsure about any information contained within this document, you should take financial advice.

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