

# Latest Fund Report

MyFolio Monthly Income III (30/06/2021)

Platform 1

## **Key facts**

## Rob Bowie & Mark Lane Fund Manager

Robert Bowie and Mark Lane are responsible for Income mandates managed by the Multi

Manager Strategies team. Rob previously held roles at Credit Suisse, Artemis, ABN Amro and Singer & Friedlander, while Mark worked at Best Invest prior to joining Aberdeen Standard Investments and holds the Certificate of Investment Management (MSCI, Level 4) and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

| Fund Launch Date                   | 16/12/2011                                     |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Shareclass Launc                   |  |
| Fund Size                          | £42.30m  |
| Initial Charge                     | 0.00%  |
| Annual Managem                     |  |
| Ongoing Charge F                   | gure <sup>†</sup> 1.02%                        |
| Fund Structure                     | OEIC   |
|                                    | 12:00 (UK time)                                |
| Base Currency                      | GBP  |
| SEDOL                              | B4L1968  |
| ISIN                               | GB00B4L19681                                   |
| CitiCode                           | 10FO   |
| Domicile                           | United Kingdom                                 |
| Distribution Type                  | Income   |
| Asset Class                        | Mixed Asset                                    |
| Fund Yield <sup>††</sup>           | 3.26%  |
| Authorised Corpo<br>Director (ACD) | rate Aberdeen Standard<br>Fund Managers Ltd    |
| Performance                        | 15% FTSE All-Share Index,                      |
| Comparator                         | 30% MSCI World ex UK<br>Index, 55% SONIA Index |
| Risk Target                        | 45%-75% of the MSCI<br>World Index             |
| Ratings                            |  |

#### Investment Objective

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For the full fund description please refer to the 'Fund Description section' on the last page of this report. Please note that the number contained in the fund name is not related to the synthetic risk and reward indicator contained in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID)

## Cumulative performance (as at 30/06/2021)

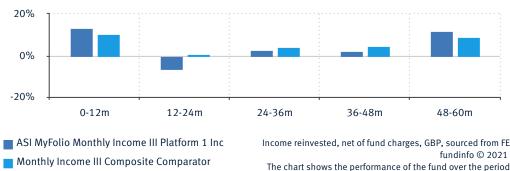


The chart shows the performance of the fund over the period shown.

## Cumulative performance (as at 30/06/2021)

|   | 3 months 6 | months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years |
|---|------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| ASI MyFolio Monthly Income III Platform 1 Inc | 2.66%      | 3.86%  | 13.40% | 8.57%   | 23.59%  | -        |
| Monthly Income III Composite Comparator       | 3.14%      | 5.16%  | 10.31% | 15.43%  | 31.46%  | -        |

## Year on year (as at 30/06/2021)



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|   | 0-12m  | 12-24m | 24-36m | 36-48m | 48-60m |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ASI MyFolio Monthly Income III Platform 1 Inc | 13.40% | -6.59% | 2.50%  | 1.95%  | 11.66% |
| Monthly Income III Composite Comparator       | 10.31% | 0.76%  | 3.86%  | 4.39%  | 9.10%  |

Past performance is not a guide to future returns. The value of this investment and the income from it may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed. An investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Source: FE fundinfo, as at 30 June 2021. Calculation basis: Sterling, total return, net income reinvested, net of fees. The comparative index is 15% FTSE All-Share Index, 30% MSCI World ex UK Index, 55% SONIA Index

This document is intended for use by individuals who are familiar with investment terminology. To help you understand a fund and for a full explanation of specific risks and the overall risk profile of the fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document or Prospectus.

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## **Market review**

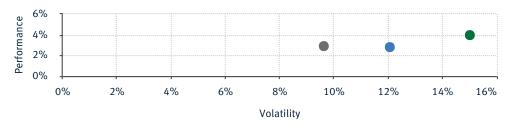
Global equity markets rose over the period, with the US, Europe and emerging markets the best-performing regions. Lockdown restrictions imposed by the onset of the Covid-19 outbreak dominated stock markets at the beginning of the period, with economic activity then grinding to a halt. However, massive fiscal and monetary stimulus pushed through earlier by governments and central banks supported sentiment. Markets began to recover into the summer months, as investors hoped that economies would return to some kind of normality.

Despite falling in September and October amid an uptick in Covid-19 cases, markets surged after Joe Biden won the US presidential election in November. The US stock market then surpassed all-time highs at the end of 2020, driven by the approval of the Covid-19 fiscal relief package. Positive results from several vaccine trials then led to the roll out of vaccination programmes. Latin American markets were particularly strong at the end of 2020, driven by vaccine optimism and a 'risk-on' environment. Accelerating vaccine rollouts and the easing of restrictions on social mobility helped boost hopes of a global economic rebound, with equities finishing the period positively. However, UK stocks lagged towards the end of the period as the Government extended lockdown restrictions by four weeks.

In fixed income, government bond prices fell over the 12 months. Early on, the pandemic and associated lockdown restrictions heightened fears of a deep recession. This 'risk-off' environment boosted government bond prices as investors fled to their perceived safety. As a result, major government bond yields fell to record-low levels by the middle of 2020. Rising optimism about vaccines and concerns that an economic recovery will fuel sharp rises in inflation led to a drop in government bond prices, although they started to rise at the end of the period. Corporate bonds performed well, as stimulus measures including corporate bond purchases by central banks - and rising economic optimism helped bolster the market.

Total returns from UK commercial real estate were 6.8% over the 12 months to the end of May (the latest data available). Investment activity was low early on because of market uncertainty and buyers being physically unable to inspect properties. As restrictions eased, investment deals increased. Alongside continued growth in industrials, stabilisation in the retail warehouse sector boosted returns. However, the effect of remote working on offices continued to be felt, with capital values steadily declining.

## Annualised risk and return (as at 30/06/2021)



Income reinvested, net of fund charges, GBP, sourced from FE fundinfo © 2021 The chart shows the annualised volatility (risk) and annualised performance based on fund returns over the past three years to the date shown.

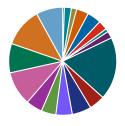
| Key | Name  | Performance | Volatility |
|-----|---|-------------|------------|
|     | ASI MyFolio Monthly Income II Platform 1 Inc  | 2.89%       | 9.64%      |
| ٠   | ASI MyFolio Monthly Income III Platform 1 Inc | 2.78%       | 12.06%     |
| ٠   | ASI MyFolio Monthly Income IV Platform 1 Inc  | 3.98%       | 15.03%     |

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## Current asset allocation (as at 30/06/2021)

## ASI MyFolio Monthly Income III Platform 1 Inc



| %      |
|--------|
| 0.50%  |
| 2.10%  |
| 1.60%  |
| 3.65%  |
| 4.15%  |
| 2.80%  |
| 1.00%  |
| 2.10%  |
| 17.90% |
| %      |
| 18.80% |
| 4.70%  |
| 5.75%  |
| 4.90%  |
| 4.40%  |
| 4.90%  |
| 10.20% |
| 8.75%  |
| 11.70% |
| 8.00%  |
| 82.10% |
|        |

## **Fund commentary**

Allocations to UK, European and emerging market equities, and global high-yield bonds were the largest positive contributors to returns over the past 12 months. The actively managed tactical tilts placed over the year had a positive effect on overall Fund performance.

Over the 12 months to the end of June 2021, the main changes to the asset allocation were as follows:

#### **Reduced exposure**

- global index-linked bonds
- short-dated global index-linked bonds
- UK equities
  Japanese ec
- Japanese equitiesglobal high-yield bonds
- property
- diversifying growth assets

## Increased exposure

- sterling corporate bonds
- short-dated sterling corporate bonds
- diversifying defensive assets
- European equities
- Asia Pacific equitiesemerging market equities
- emerging market local-currency bonds

## Market outlook

The global economy will likely experience a period of above-trend growth as it rebounds from the Covid-19 crisis. The current market backdrop is supportive for equities, with investor concern about long-term inflation abating and developed market monetary policy remaining accommodative. Moreover, better company fundamentals have also kept investors buoyant. However, it is still possible that inflationary concerns may reemerge. Additionally, central banks have started to signal the need to reduce assetrepurchase programmes. Also, as the investment cycle matures, valuations rise and sentiment improves, prospective returns should steadily diminish.

Within fixed income, increasing vaccine dissemination and the progressive easing of Covid-19 mobility restrictions are supporting both economic activity and sentiment. The economic recovery in the US has been particularly strong, with an annualised real GDP growth rate of 6.4% in the first quarter. As a result, inflation has also been picking up strongly, and a key focus of investor attention is on whether this will be transitory or more long-lived. Evidence suggesting the latter would not be seen favourably.

In UK commercial real estate, industrials are likely to be the best-performing sector in 2021 for a fifth successive year. Meanwhile, there are increasing signs of bifurcation in the retail sector. Retail that is skewed towards grocery, value and core bulky goods has not just stabilised but started to see rising capital values. In contrast, discretionary and fashion-led retail is likely to see further loss, with shopping centre returns expected to be sharply negative in 2021.

## Holdings (as at 30/06/2021) - assuming £100,000 fund value

| Defensive assets                                      | Asset class                           | f         | %      |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Aviva Global IG Corp Bond Fund                        | Global Corporate Bonds                | £710.00   | 0.71%  |
| Fidelity Short Dated Corporate Bond                   | Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bonds  | £1920.00  | 1.92%  |
| Payden Absolute Return Bond                           | Diversifying Defensive Assets         | £2090.00  | 2.09%  |
| PIMCO Funds GIS plc Global Investment<br>Grade Credit | Global Corporate Bonds                | £690.00   | 0.69%  |
| Robeco Global Credits                                 | Global Corporate Bonds                | £1370.00  | 1.37%  |
| Robeco Global Credits Short Maturity                  | Short Dated Global Corporate Bonds    | £970.00   | 0.97%  |
| Royal London Global Index Linked                      | Global Index Linked Bonds             | £1990.00  | 1.99%  |
| Royal London Short Duration Credit Fund               | Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bonds  | £1940.00  | 1.94%  |
| Z inc   |                                       |           |        |
| Royal London Short Duration Global Index              | Short Dated Global Index Linked Bonds | £1300.00  | 1.30%  |
| TwentyFour Corporate Bond                             | Sterling Corporate Bonds              | £3520.00  | 3.52%  |
| Cash and Other  | Money Market including Cash           | £500.00   | 0.50%  |
| Total   |                                       | £17000.00 | 17.00% |
| Growth assets   | Asset class                           | £         | %      |
| Amundi Funds II Emerging Market Bond<br>HC            | Diversifying Growth Assets            | £1760.00  | 1.76%  |
| Artemis Income  | UK Equities                           | £4440.00  | 4.44%  |
| Barings Emerging Markets Sovereign Debt<br>Fund       | Diversifying Growth Assets            | £2050.00  | 2.05%  |
| Barings European High Yield Bond                      | Global High Yield Bonds               | £150.00   | 0.15%  |
| Barings European High Yield Bond Fund                 | Global High Yield Bonds               | £450.00   | 0.45%  |
| BlackRock Continental European Income<br>Fund         | European Equities                     | £3580.00  | 3.58%  |
| BNY Mellon US Equity Income Fund F Inc                | US Equities                           | £2190.00  | 2.19%  |
| Brookfield Global REITS                               | Property                              | £2150.00  | 2.15%  |
| CC Japan Income and Growth Fund                       | Japanese Equities                     | £4750.00  | 4.75%  |
| Chelverton UK Equity Income                           | UK Equities                           | £2950.00  | 2.95%  |
| Eaton Vance Int Emerging Markets Local<br>Income      | Emerging Market Local Currency Bonds  | £6000.00  | 6.00%  |
| Invesco European Equity Income                        | European Equities                     | £2410.00  | 2.41%  |
| JO Hambro Capital Management UK Equity<br>Inc Fund    | UK Equities                           | £5330.00  | 5.33%  |
| JPM Emerging Markets Income Fund C                    | Emerging Market Equities              | £5250.00  | 5.25%  |
| Kames Property Income Fund PAIF                       | Property                              | £5620.00  | 5.62%  |
| Legg Mason IF RARE Global Infrastructure<br>Inc Fund  | Diversifying Growth Assets            | £3870.00  | 3.87%  |
| M and G North American Dividend                       | US Equities                           | £2730.00  | 2.73%  |
| Neuberger Berman EM Debt Local<br>Currency            | Emerging Market Local Currency Bonds  | £4050.00  | 4.05%  |
| Nomura US High Yield Bond                             | Global High Yield Bonds               | £4830.00  | 4.83%  |
| PIMCO Global High Yield Bond                          | Global High Yield Bonds               | £3850.00  | 3.85%  |
| Royal London UK Equity Income Z Inc                   | UK Equities                           | £4650.00  | 4.65%  |
| Schroder Asian Income                                 | Asia Pacific Equities                 | £4240.00  | 4.24%  |
| Threadneedle Investment UK Equity<br>Income           | UK Equities                           | £1740.00  | 1.74%  |
| TM Fulcrum Income                                     | Diversifying Growth Assets            | £3960.00  | 3.96%  |
| Total   |                                       | £83000.00 | 83.00% |

Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments 2021

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# How the fund invests

#### **Portfolio Securities**

• The fund will invest at least 60% in actively managed funds, including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments, to obtain broad exposure to a range of diversified investments.

It may invest up to 40% in passively managed funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments).
 Typically, at least 10% of the assets will be those traditionally viewed as lower risk, such as cash, money market

instruments, government bonds (loans to a government) and investment grade corporate bonds (loans to a company). • The rest of the fund will be invested in a selection of other assets such as equities (company shares including property shares), commercial property and funds that can use a combination of traditional assets (such as equities and bonds) and investment strategies based on derivatives.

#### **Management Process**

• The management team use their discretion (active management) to select funds within each asset class and ensure that the strategic asset allocation (long-term proportions in each asset class) meets the fund's objectives.

• In addition, they will take tactical asset allocations (changing short term proportions in each asset class) with the aim of improving returns.

• Please note that the number contained in the fund name is not related to the SRRI contained in the Key Investor Information document (NURS-KII).

#### Derivatives and Techniques

• The fund is not expected to invest in derivatives directly however it may invest in other funds which use derivatives more extensively.

<sup>†</sup> The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) shows the annualised operating expenses of the share/unit class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and other expenses taken from the class over the last annual reporting period, such as depositary fees, audit fees, investment management fees, and administration fees. It excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling in another collective investment undertaking. The OCF can help you compare the costs and expenses of different Funds/classes.

<sup>††</sup> The FundYield as at 30/06/2021 reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the midmarket share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The fund charges 100% of the annual management charge to capital. This has the effect of increasing distributions for the year and constraining the fund's capital performance to an equivalent extent.

#### Key risks

- a. The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- b. The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market 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 be to magnify losses.
- c. The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- d. The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
  - The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- f. The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- g. The fund may hold money-market instruments, the value of which may be subject to adverse movements in extreme market conditions.
- h. Commercial property is less liquid than other asset classes such as bonds or equities. Selling property can be a lengthy process so investors in the fund should be aware that they may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.
- i. Commercial property transaction charges are higher than those which apply in other asset classes. Investors should be aware that a high volume of transactions would have a material impact on fund returns.
- j. Property valuation is a matter of judgment by an independent valuer and is therefore a matter of the valuer's opinion rather than fact.
- k. The fund employs a single swinging pricing methodology to protect against the dilution impact of transaction costs. Due to the high transaction charges associated with the fund's assets, a change in the pricing basis will result in a significant movement in the fund's published price.

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