

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....
AXA Framlington Managed Balanced Fund**

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective	
The fund seeks capital growth through investment in a broad range of securities in all or any economic sectors in all or any parts of the world which, in the Manager's opinion, show above average profitability, management quality and growth, balancing risk and return for investors.	

Inception Date	31 December 1992
Fund Factsheet Link	http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F0GBR04CMG

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
Richard Peirson	1 March 1994

Investment Style Details	
Equity Style	
Market Capitalisation	% of Equity
Giant	45.95%
Large	27.28%
Medium	21.00%
Small	5.44%
Micro	0.33%

Top 10 Holdings		
Total number of holdings	196	
Assets in Top 10 Holdings	18	
Name	Sector	% of Assets
AXA Framlington Emerging Markets Fund		3.55%
United Kingdom (Government Of) 1%		2.77%
United Kingdom (Government Of) 4.75%		2.24%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC B	Energy	1.83%
GlaxoSmithKline Plc	Healthcare	1.58%
BP	Energy	1.51%
Vodafone Group PLC	Communication Services	1.34%
AstraZeneca Plc	Healthcare	1.30%
Imperial Brands Plc	Consumer Defensive	1.13%
Reckitt Benckiser Group Plc	Consumer Defensive	1.10%

Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	3-Yr Mean Return
7.81%	7.35%

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance 1 January 2012 to 30 September 2016

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
AXA Framlington Managed Balanced Fund	12.46%	17.67%	3.06%	2.84%	11.14%
IShares MSCI World Dist	7.46%	21.87%	10.53%	1.85%	18.01%

Performance over 1 year, 3 years, and 5 years:

	1 year	3 years	5 years
AXA Framlington Managed Balanced Fund	16.47%	22.94%	63.44%
IShares MSCI World Dist	27.31%	39.49%	86.91%

You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.

UPDATE....

This fund is a simple old fashioned managed fund. It will not appeal to everyone but in this update, we will outline where it might work. This is a globally diversified fund with a 35% weighting to the UK and an equity bias. The fund will normally have a 75/85% equity exposure and 15/25% in cash or fixed interest.

For those looking for global exposure with reduced risk then this fund might appeal. Over three years the volatility is about 25% less than a global fund. So, although the returns might be lower than a global fund it is likely to provide protection on the downside.

The fund has a lead fund manager but is a collaboration across the company. In this update, we spoke to Jamie Hooper who provides input on UK Equities and Nick Hayes who covers fixed interest. They explained that the appeal of the fund is in its simplicity.

The managers are not looking to time the market because that is difficult to do, they are looking to provide consistent long term returns with downside protection. They also look to only hold liquid assets. Liquidity is important and for this reason they do not hold any property.

From an investment viewpoint, they will use AXA Funds but they also look to invest in good quality companies. This is about identifying companies which can compound growth over a 10-year period. At the moment, they are starting to find opportunities in oil and mining but they continue to avoid banks as they believe these are structurally more difficult to find value.

Other areas of interest include emerging markets where they believe the fundamentals are turning positive especially with hard currency debt (dollar).

In conclusion for those wanting global exposure without the extreme volatility then this fund may be an option to explore. For those wanting to go down this route it may be worth exploring other options and comparing them first.

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