

Objectives

The objective of the Plurimi Balanced strategy is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investments in a range of asset classes and types of investment vehicles. The strategy is a flexible and seeks to maximise returns vs a composite 50% MSCI World, 25% ICE US Treasury 7-10Y bonds and 25% iBoxx USD Liquid IG corporate bonds benchmark by employing active bottom-up stock selection, and tactical allocations across regions, styles and asset classes.

Risk and return targets

- Typical beta vs. MSCI World: 0.5
- Beta range: 0.3-0.7
- Return target: Composite benchmark +2 % per annum

Total return (%)



Total return in USD terms. (Jan 2017 - Dec 2023)
Gross of fees

Source: PW, Bloomberg

Monthly performance (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2023	4.1	-2.3	2.3	0.6	-2.2	2.5	2.4	-2.0	-3.0	-0.7	5.5	3.3	10.6
2022	-3.8	0.3	2.0	-4.9	0.9	-7.6	5.7	-2.0	-7.1	5.0	4.2	-1.5	-9.5
2021	-0.7	1.4	1.2	4.0	2.7	0.9	2.7	2.2	-3.0	1.8	-2.3	2.4	13.9
2020	0.6	-3.3	-3.4	6.6	4.0	1.8	4.6	2.9	-1.1	-1.3	6.2	3.7	22.9
2019	2.4	0.7	1.8	0.8	-0.5	2.8	0.2	2.6	0.0	1.2	1.4	2.4	17.0
2018	1.1	-3.8	-0.2	0.3	0.7	-0.6	0.7	0.3	-0.5	-3.7	1.0	-0.3	-5.1

Total return in USD terms. (Jan 2018 - Dec 2023)
Gross of fees. Current year and previous five calendar years shown.

Source: PW, Bloomberg

Equity sector exposure (scaled to 100%)

	Strategy	MSCI World	+/-
Communication Services	4.5	7.2	-2.7
Consumer Discretionary	17.7	10.9	6.8
Consumer Staples	6.3	6.8	-0.5
Energy	7.7	4.5	3.2
Financials	23.9	15.2	8.7
Health Care	15.9	12.1	3.8
Industrials	8.8	11.1	-2.3
Information Technology	15.3	23.0	-7.8
Materials	0.0	4.1	-4.1
Real Estate	0.0	2.5	-2.5
Utilities	0.0	2.6	-2.6

Key points

Stock selection driven by independent research and proprietary selection models.

Top-down regional and style allocations.

Flexibility to allocate to equities, fixed income, alternatives, commodities and cash.

Key risks

Capital is at risk. The strategy has a flexible asset allocation policy, which means allocations to risky assets are not fixed and may be increased at the portfolio managers discretion. The strategy invests globally and takes currency exposure which also can create capital losses. The strategy is diversified but individual stock and corporate bond risk may be significant.

Relative risk vs composite benchmark

Tracking error (%)	4.9
Beta	0.8

Performance indicators (%)

	Strategy	Benchmark
Annualised return	8.7	6.8
Annualised volatility	9.4	10.7
Sharpe ratio	0.7	0.5
Best month	6.6	7.7
Worst month	-7.6	-7.4
Max drawdown	-18.1	-22.7

Holdings (%)

NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	2.7
STELLANTIS NV	2.6
APPLE INC	2.5
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	2.4
ALPHABET INC-CL A	2.2
VISA INC-CLASS A SHARES	2.2
HARTFORD FINANCIAL SVCS GRP	2.2
BAE SYSTEMS PLC	2.1
SHELL PLC	2.1
HERMES INTERNATIONAL	2.0
CITIGROUP INC	1.9
DANONE	1.9
ZOETIS INC	1.8
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	1.8
ROCHE HOLDING AG-GENUSSCHEIN	1.8
EOG RESOURCES INC	1.7
BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTA	1.7
HUMANA INC	1.6
LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP	1.6
ADOBE INC	1.6
AON PLC-CLASS A	1.6
AMAZON.COM INC	1.5
BUNGE GLOBAL SA	1.2
PLUS500 LTD	1.2
MICROSOFT CORP	1.2
PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	1.1
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	1.1
MITSUBISHI CORP	0.4
TII 0 % 07/15/32	9.1
TII 0 % 02/15/52	7.1
ISHARES IBOXX INVESTMENT GRA	6.9
VZ 2 % 08/15/26	4.8
ISHARES 0-5 YR INV GRD CORP	4.1
DD 4.493 11/15/25	3.1
WT AT1 COCO UCITS ETF USD	3.1
F 4.346 12/08/26	1.0
TABULA US ENHANCED INFLATION	6.8
BREVAN HOWARD AB RT G-A1 USD	2.4
USD	2.0
USD	2.1

Source: Bloomberg

Commentary

The strategy rose by 3.3% during the month, lagging its composite benchmark which rose by 4.7%.

Equities and bonds continued rallying into the end of 2023 as central banks confirmed cuts will be discussed in the new year.

Recruit Holdings rose by 14%. The company announced a share buyback program of up to 2.5% of all shares outstanding. The company believes that the macroeconomic environment and the human resources matching market continue to be difficult to forecast, so in accordance with its capital allocation policy, it decided to buy back shares considering factors such as future investment capacity, share price levels, market conditions, and financial conditions. **Zoetis** rose by 12%. Zoetis' diversified companion-animal platform across pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and pet insurance appears to be well positioned to take advantage of the growth in the animal-health market, driven by heightened pet spending from younger generations, coupled with greater life expectancy for pets that require more expensive care. The company raised its dividend by 15% to 43cents per share. **Citi Group** rose by 12%. The stock benefitted from a broad rally in US bank stocks. The US yield curve remains inverted but the prospect of cuts from the Fed are increasing chances for improved interest margin for the sector. **Aon** was the largest detractor falling by 11%. The insurance consulting firm fell after announcing a pact to buy NFP, a global professional services firm, for an estimated \$13.4 billion in cash and stock. Aon said the deal will be funded by \$7 billion of cash and \$6.4B of Aon stock. **Bunge** fell 8%. Bunge's profit slid in the third quarter on lower sales as volumes weakened in its agribusiness. Bunge's agribusiness, which accounts for a majority of its revenue, logged lower volumes and sales for the quarter as higher results in the processing side of the business were more than offset by lower results on the merchandising side. The stock trades at less than 8x forecast earnings, which we think represents good value, and already discounts the weak volume growth of the company. We end 2023 with equities at a 49.6% weight, just below the neutral 50% for the strategy.

Fixed income instruments moved sharply higher. The repricing of the outlook for monetary policy has been very aggressive. Markets are now pricing 150bp of rate cuts from both the Fed and the ECB before the end of 2024. 10-year TIPS moved higher by 3.7% and 30-year TIPS moved higher by 8.5% as both nominal and real yields moved lower. We expect the yield curve to steepen as longer yields rise in a "soft-landing" and Central Banks's pivot to cuts in 2024.

After the strong rally in equities and bonds in December the re-pricing of interest rate outlook now looks to be completed. Valuation for global stocks are above the historical median. This may make it harder to extend the multiple expansion of 2023. Our base case is that global earnings growth will push equities higher in 2024. A rate cut cycle, supported by drivers from AI, and ideally a tail wind from reduced geopolitical competition.

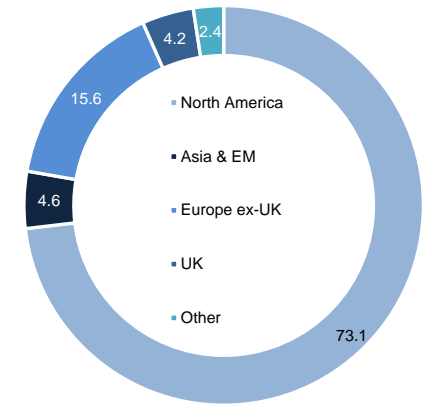
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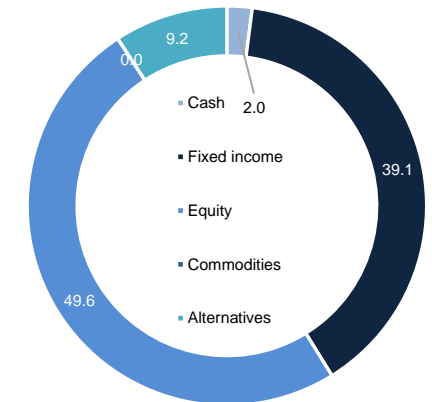
Target return: Composite benchmark +2% p.a.

Holdings: 39

Regional exposure (%)



Asset allocation (%)



1 month performance contribution (%)

	Attribution
Fixed Income	1.6
Equity	1.6
Alternatives	0.1
Commodities	0.0
Cash	0.0

Top contributors	Return
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Bottom contributors	Return
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BUNGE GLOBAL SA	-8.1
HUMANA INC	-5.4
ADOBE INC	-2.4
BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTA	-2.1

Equity characteristics

	Strategy	MSCI World
Dividend Yield	2.6	2.3
Price to Earnings Ratio (P/E)	14.6	20.7
Price to Cash Flow Ratio (P/CF)	13.8	14.0
Price to Book Ratio (P/B)	2.6	3.2
Total Debt to Common Equity	160	145
Current Ratio	1.4	1.2
Est ROE	25.0	30.9
Op. Income Growth	4.6	-0.1
Sales Growth	4.8	4.3
Est P/E	12.7	17.3
Debt/EBITDA	3.3	3.1
Est EV/EBITDA	14.6	11.6
Profit Margin	10.2	9.7
ROC	7.7	7.4

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