# BNY MELLON

# Combining income and opportunities for long term growth





### IMPORTANT INVESTOR INFORMATION

For definitions of the investment related terms included in this document, please refer to the glossary on page 10.

### **BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Moderate Fund**

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

### **FUND BENCHMARK**

term (5 years or more).

To achieve capital growth and income over the long The Fund will measure its performance against the UK Investment Association's Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares NR Sector average, as a comparator benchmark (the "Benchmark"). The Fund will use the  $Benchmark\ as\ an\ appropriate\ comparator\ because\ it\ includes\ a\ broad\ representation\ of\ funds\ with$ levels of equity and bond exposure similar to those of the Fund.

> $The \ Fund \ is \ actively \ managed, which \ means \ the \ Investment \ Manager \ has \ discretion \ over \ the \ selection \ of \ means \ discretion \ over \ the \ selection \ of \ means \ discretion \ over \ the \ selection \ of \ means \ discretion \ over \ the \ selection \ of \ means \ discretion \ over \ the \ selection \ of \ means \ discretion \ over \ the \ selection \ over \ over \ the \ selection \ over \ the \ selection \ over \ the \ selection \ over$ investments, subject to the investment objective and policies as disclosed in the Prospectus.

Due to the Fund's recent launch, past performance data will not be available until the Fund has been running for a complete 12-month period.

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# INTRODUCTION

Access to the best of both worlds: the growth opportunities of equities with the added safety through the lower risk of bonds.

Investing with a "moderate" risk appetite means lessening volatility to your investment journey while benefitting from opportunities for capital growth.

With the BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Moderate Fund you can maintain a "moderate" level of risk and benefit from the growth potential offered by a diversified portfolio of shares, bonds and alternatives assets such as property and renewable energy.

The Fund offers a controlled approach to investing, which requires bonds, traditionally considered a safer asset than shares, to comprise a minimum of 30% of the Fund's portfolio. Additionally, during periods of market uncertainty, the managers have the flexibility to increase the Fund's bond holdings.

Offering global flexibility the managers can invest in all regions that they believe present the right investment opportunities.



Investments can be affected by interest rates and inflation trends, which may negatively affect the value of the Fund. This Fund invests in international markets. This means it is exposed to changes in currency rates, which could affect the value of the Fund.

# BNY MELLON MULTI-ASSET MODERATE FUND AT A GLANCE



# Managing risk and growth

Seeks to maintain a "moderate" level of risk while aiming for long-term capital growth and income.



# Active, direct investment

Invests in individual shares and bonds, rather than passively tracking a market index.



# Global diversification

Investing globally in a mix of individual shares and bonds, along with cash and alternative assets such as property and renewable energy.



# **Experienced team**

Managed by an expert team from Newton Investment Management which has a track record of performance in different market conditions.



# Competitively priced

You pay just £8.50 a year per £1,000 invested\* (plus any fees to your adviser).

## WHAT IS A MULTI-ASSET FUND?

Multi-asset funds offer a well-established, convenient way for investors to save for and during retirement. They combine a mix of assets, including shares, bonds and cash, with investments spread across a range of countries and business sectors. This wide diversification helps reduce risk as investors are not "putting all their eggs in one basket".

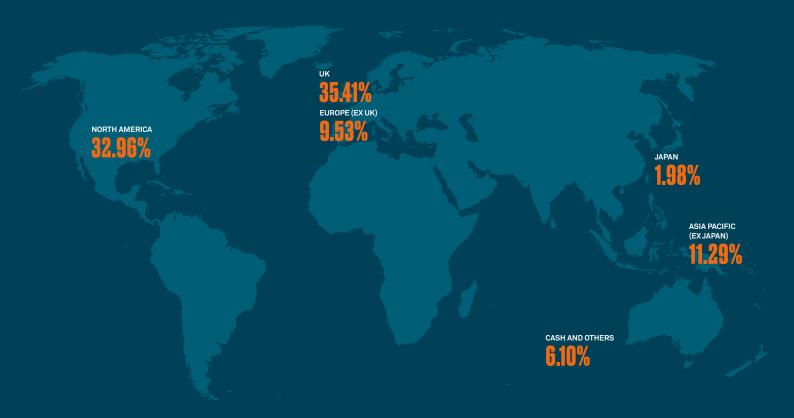
# WHO IS NEWTON?

Newton Investment Management is a multi-award winning, global investment manager owned by BNY Mellon. It has decades of experience in multi-asset investing, with 37 portfolio managers focused on these strategies. Multi-asset investments represent £11.1bn out of Newton's total of £83.6bn assets under management, as at 30 September 2023.

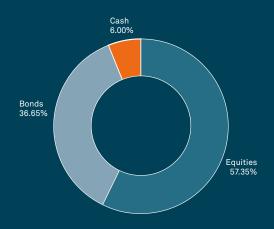


<sup>\*</sup> As at 13 November 2023. Based on the ongoing charge figure (OCF) for the BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Moderate Fund's Institutional Shares W (Income) share class. The OCF represents the amount an investor will pay for the service provided by a fund. It is made up of the manager's fees along with other costs, such as administration.

# WHERE THE FUND INVESTS



### **ASSET ALLOCATIONS BY SECTOR**



Equities	%
Financials	14.48
Industrials	9.90
Technology	7.52
Health Care	6.88
Consumer Discretionary	6.27
Energy	4.09
Utilities	3.12
Consumer Staples	2.98
Basic Materials	1.49
Telecommunications	0.61
Bonds	%
Overseas Bonds	25.54
UK Bonds	11.11
Cash	%
Cash	6.00

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Ltd. Data as at 31 October 2023.

# **HOW THE FUND WORKS**

The Fund is managed using a disciplined four-step investment process for a combination of income and long-term capital growth.

# STEP 1:

Identifying big-picture themes

The Fund's investment process starts with the big picture: what are the global themes and long-term trends that are creating opportunities and risk for investors? From the *internet of things* to *financialisation* to *China influence*,¹ this top-down perspective helps to narrow the universe of companies and markets the managers may wish to invest in.

# **STEP 2:**

Picking the right investments The managers draw on Newton's global multidimensional research, to help identify attractive investments to tap into specific sector trends. The Fund invests directly in individual shares and bonds, with the managers deciding where best to invest for income and where to seek capital growth.

# STEP 3:

Putting it all together

Generally, the Fund will invest 20-60% in shares, a minimum of 30% in bonds and the remainder in alternative assets and cash. This wide diversification helps reduce its overall risk. The amount invested in each individual holding reflects the managers' view on how strong its prospects are versus the risks, as well as how it helps to diversify the Fund.

# **STEP 4:**

Staying flexible

The managers decide the overall mix of investments in the Fund as well as choosing the individual stocks. The Fund is invested without country or sector constraints, and the managers have the flexibility to increase or decrease its equity and other exposures as market conditions change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Newton Investment Management's investment themes 2023.

# THE TEAM LOOKING AFTER YOUR INVESTMENT

# **NEWTON'S MULTI-ASSET MODERATE TEAM**



PAUL FLOOD, HEAD OF MIXED ASSETS INVESTMENT

Paul is Head of Mixed Assets Investment and lead manager of the Newton Multi-Asset Diversified Return strategy, the Newton Multi-Asset Income strategy and the Newton Multi-Asset Growth strategy. He provides leadership and analysis on asset allocation, derivatives and convertible bonds for the wider firm. He is a CFA† charterholder and has completed the certificate in quantitative finance (CQF) which he passed with distinction. Paul studied Astrophysics at the University of St Andrews.



BHAVIN SHAH, PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Bhavin is the lead portfolio manager in the FutureLegacy investment team. He is also a portfolio manager on numerous other multi-asset accounts at Newton.

Bhavin is also a member of the multi-asset Investment Risk Oversight Group. Prior to joining Newton, he worked at SG Hambros where he was responsible for managing client portfolios focused on absolute return and multi-asset strategies. Bhavin holds an MSc in Mathematics with distinction and is a CFA† charterholder.

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JANICE KIM, PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Janice works as a portfolio manager on the mixed assets and charities team. Prior to joining Newton, she was an investment analyst at various firms including LionRock Capital in Singapore and Marathon Asset Management in New York, where she was also a member of the private equity team. Janice holds a degree in Political Economy from the University of California, Berkeley and has completed the CFA Certificate in ESG Investing.

Joined industry: 2011 Joined Newton: 2022

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# WHY INVEST WITH US

BNY Mellon Investment Management is a leading investment manager with US\$1.8 trillion of assets under management (as at 30 September 2023). It is the investment arm of BNY Mellon, one of the world's largest financial services groups. Our goal is to build and manage investment strategies that meet the ever-changing needs of current and prospective customers.

BNY Mellon owns a range of specialist investment managers, including Newton Investment Management, which offer investment solutions across all the major asset classes. BNY Mellon's organisational model enables each of its specialist investment managers to maintain their own investment philosophy, process and culture, while benefitting from the operational infrastructure and stability of a much larger organisation.

# WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE

If you want to learn more about the BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Moderate Fund, please talk to your financial adviser. They will be able to advise on the suitability of this Fund for your needs, based on their knowledge of your savings goals and appetite for investment risk.

Find out more about BNY Mellon Investment
Management online by visiting www.bnymellonim.com.



Alternatively, you can visit the website by scanning the QR code on the left with your mobile phone camera.

# WHY THIS FUND MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU

- You are willing and able to accept investment risk in pursuit of potential return.
- You are investing for the medium to long-term (typically 5 years or more).
- You want to invest in a broad, diverse range of investment types.
- You want to be able to invest globally.
- You want your investments to be actively managed by experts.

The value of investments can fall. Investors may not get back the amount invested. Income from investments may vary and is not guaranteed.

### **GLOSSARY**

**ABSOLUTE RETURN** Aims to achieve a positive return over a set timeframe and in all market conditions, although this is never guaranteed.

**ACTIVE MANAGEMENT** A process whereby an investment professional actively makes buy, hold and sell decisions and aims to outperform the overall market.

**ASSET(S)** In this context, investments held in a portfolio, for example stocks, bonds, property and cash.

**ASSET ALLOCATION** An investment strategy that aims to balance risk and reward by apportioning a portfolio's assets according to an individual's goals, risk tolerance, and investment horizon.

**ASSET CLASS** A grouping of investments that exhibit similar characteristics and are subject to the same laws and regulations.

**BASIC MATERIALS** The sector of companies involved in the discovery, development and processing of raw materials. The sector includes the mining and refining of metals, chemical products and forestry products.

**BENCHMARK** A baseline for comparison against which a fund can be measured.

**BOND(S)** A loan of money by an investor to a company or government for a stated period of time in exchange for a fixed interest rate payment and the repayment of the initial amount at its conclusion.

**CAPITAL GROWTH** When the current value of an investment is greater than the initial amount invested.

**CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY** Goods and services considered non-essential by consumers but desirable if their income is sufficient to purchase them.

**CONSUMER STAPLES** Goods and services that people are unable or unwilling to cut out of their budgets regardless of their financial situation.

**CONVERTIBLE(S)/BOND(S)** A convertible bond is a fixed income debt security that yields interest payments, but can be converted into a predetermined number of equity shares. The conversion from the bond to stock can be done at certain times during the bond's life and is usually at the discretion of the bondholder.

**DERIVATIVES** Financial contracts, set between two or more parties, that derive their value from an underlying asset, group of assets, or benchmark.

**DIVERSIFIED/DIVERSIFICATION** Investing in a variety of companies or financial instruments, which typically perform differently from one another.

**DIVIDEND(S)** A sum paid regularly by a company to its investors as a reward for holding their shares.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG):**

Elements or factors of responsible investment consisting of a set of standards through which a company's operations can be screened prior to investing.

**EQUITY/EQUITIES** Shares issued by a company, representing an ownership interest.

**FINANCIALS** A sector made up of companies that provide financial services.

**INDEX/INDICES** A portfolio of investments representing a particular market or a portion of it. For example: The FTSE 100 is an index of the shares of the 100 largest companies on the London Stock Exchange.

**INDUSTRIALS** The industrial goods sector includes stocks of companies that mainly produce capital goods used in manufacturing, resource extraction, and construction.

INFLATION/INFLATIONARY The rate of increase in the cost of living. Inflation is usually quoted as an annual percentage, comparing the average price this month with the same month a year earlier.

**MULTI-ASSET** An investment containing more than one asset class, such as cash, equity or bond.

**PASSIVE** An investment strategy, which tries to replicate the behaviour of a specified index.

**PORTFOLIO** A collection of investments.

**PRIVATE EQUITY** Ownership or interest in an entity that is not publicly listed or traded.

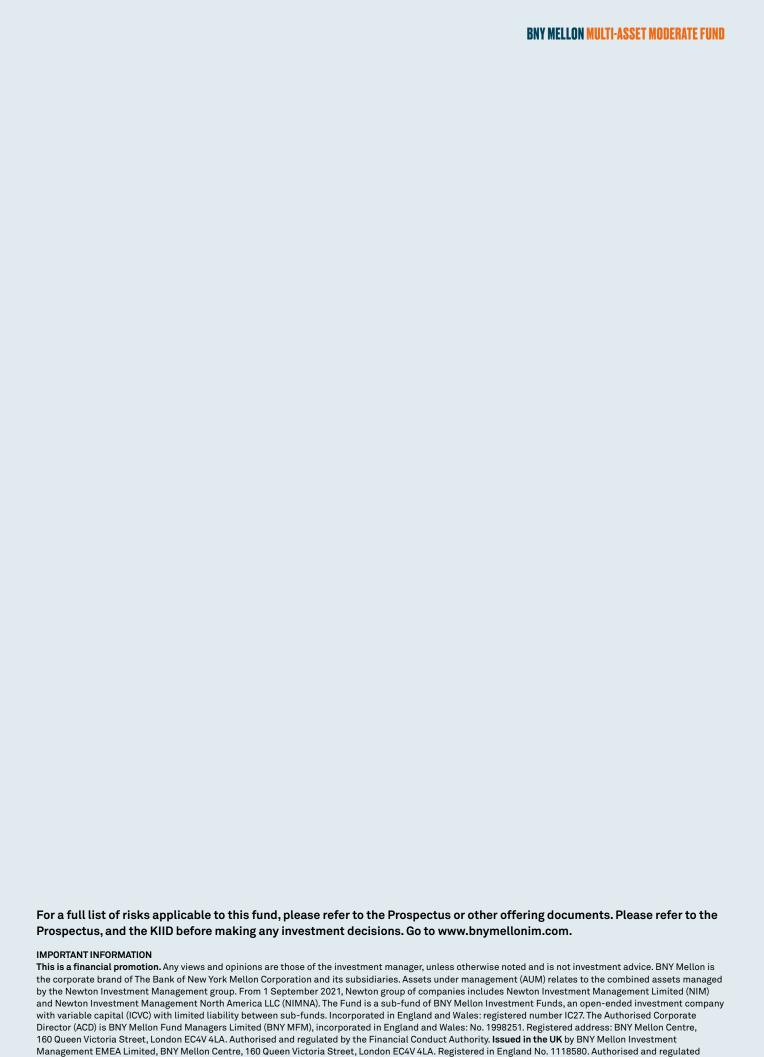
**RETURN(S)/RETURNED** The gain or loss from an investment over a stated period of time – expressed in either percentage or cash terms.

**SECTORS** An area of the economy in which businesses share the same or related business activity, product, or service.

**STOCK** Also known as equity, is a security that represents the ownership of a fraction of the issuing corporation.

**VOLATILE/VOLATILITY** Large and/or frequent moves up or down in the price or value of an investment or market.

YIELD Income received from investments, either expressed as a percentage of the investment's current market value, or dividends received by the holder.



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