

## Acumen MPS 8

Data as at 30 November 2025

### Investment Objectives

The aim of ACUMEN MPS 8 is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. This will be achieved through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

### Key Facts

Launch Date	18 May 2020
Internal Risk Rating	8
Base Currency	Pound Sterling
Benchmark	IA Flexible Investment
Model Portfolio Service Charge (No VAT Charged)	0.29%
Underlying Fund Costs	0.14%
Total Portfolio Cost	0.43%

### Performance Summary

As at 30 November 2025	YTD	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since 02/06/2020	2024	2023	2022	2021
Acumen MPS 8	14.83	7.77	15.76	13.98	28.21	38.96	62.50	14.18	1.15	-12.40	14.51
IA Flexible Investment	11.63	5.20	11.09	10.56	29.32	35.83	50.32	9.16	7.31	-9.13	11.38

The model launched on the 18 May 2020. Alpha Beta Partners became the Discretionary Fund Manager of this model on 01 November 2025. The performance data start date of 02 June 2020 represents the first data point available.

Performance data should be reviewed alongside the important risk information on page 2.

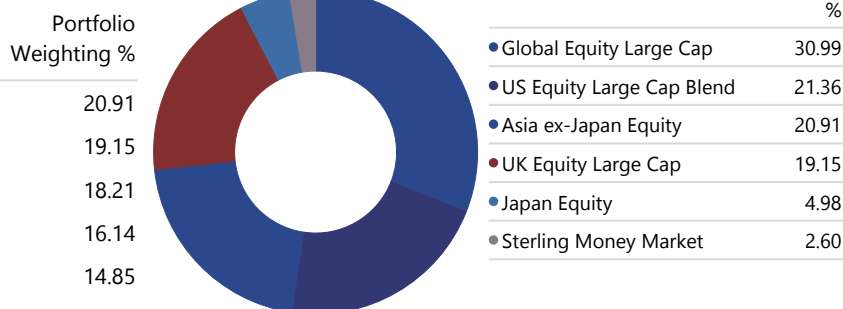
### Top Holdings

Portfolio Date: 30/11/2025

	Portfolio Weighting %
iShares MSCI EM Asia ETF USD Acc	20.91
iShares Core FTSE 100 ETF GBP Acc	19.15
SPDR S&P 500 ETF USD Acc	18.21
iShares Core MSCI World ETF USD Acc	16.14
UBS MSCI World Socially Rspnb ETF USDdis	14.85
iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI ETF USD Acc	4.98
iShares Edge S&P 500 Min Vol ETF USD Acc	3.16
L&G Cash Trust I Acc	2.60

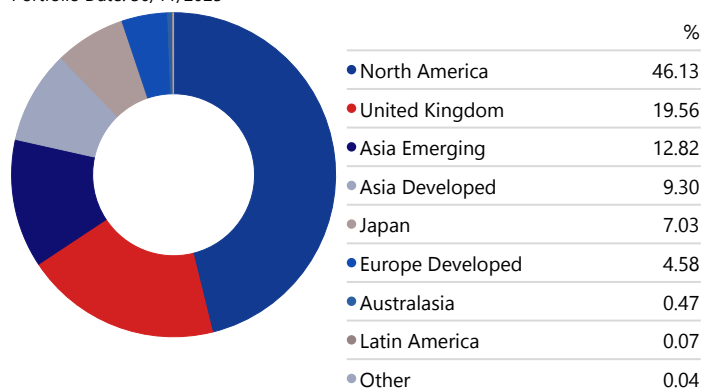
### Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 30/11/2025



### Equity Regional Exposure

Portfolio Date: 30/11/2025



The aggregate total may not add up to the sum shown due to Morningstar roundings.

## Manager Commentary

November closed in positive territory for the S&P 500, rising 0.13% for the month and a robust 16.45% year-to-date. Although November was relatively weak compared with the past decade's seasonality, the shallow pullback may have set the stage for a liquidity-fuelled rally. U.S. equities were volatile but rebounded strongly late in the month. Early weakness from AI-related profit-taking and valuation concerns gave way to improved sentiment, driven by strong corporate earnings and the prospect of a December Federal Reserve rate cut. The S&P 500 finished marginally higher, supported by 83% of constituents beating earnings expectations.

The recent U.S. government shutdown, lasting 43 days — the longest on record — had a clear adverse impact on market liquidity. Liquidity remains critical for the stability of risk assets, and both the U.S. and China saw a loss of momentum through November. The end of Quantitative Tightening on 1 December, alongside Treasury General Account outflows and increased bill issuance, should improve liquidity, although the scale of monetary expansion may create an inflationary impulse.

UK equities faced a challenging November, with the FTSE 100 declining around 3.4% following October's record highs, driven by profit-taking and caution ahead of key data and Bank of England guidance. Despite this, the index remains up nearly 19% year-to-date, supported by commodities and globally derived earnings. Gilt yields were volatile around the Autumn Budget, with the 10-year ending the month near 4.44%. Fiscal pressures persist, with public debt approaching £3 trillion. European equities performed better, posting modest gains on easing inflation, resilient earnings and expectations of gradual policy adjustments. Seasonal strength in December may support both regions, subject to geopolitical risks.

Japanese equities delivered a mixed performance, with the Nikkei 225 ending near 48,800 after volatility linked to profit-taking in technology stocks and geopolitical tensions with China. The TOPIX held above 3,200, supported by optimism around Prime Minister Takaichi's pro-growth agenda and ongoing corporate reforms. Japanese Government Bond yields continued to rise to multi-decade highs, with the 10-year at 1.79%, reflecting fiscal stimulus and sustainability concerns.

Chinese equities weakened, with the Shanghai Composite down 3.2% and the CSI 300 declining 4.7%, as early-month optimism faded amid renewed U.S.–China tensions and persistent property-sector fragility. Chinese bond yields also edged higher on expectations of further fiscal support.

Alpha Beta Portfolios have delivered strong performance this year, with risk thresholds consistently maintained and no breaches across any mandate. We made a measured increase in risk-asset exposure over the past month, positioning portfolios to benefit from an anticipated U.S. rate cut and the potential for a year-end rally.

## Platform Availability



## Important Information

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