

# SVS BROWN SHIPLEY CAUTIOUS FUND

Factsheet to 31 March 2024

## Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve growth through a combination of capital and income over the medium term (at least five years). The Fund will invest, directly and indirectly, in a mixture of shares and fixed interest securities (being sovereign, investment grade and non-investment grade bonds). The allocation between the shares and fixed interest securities in which the Fund invests will be actively managed and will vary in response to short term market conditions. However, the Fund operates a cautious strategy, meaning that the allocation to shares, will remain within a 0% to 35% range. The Fund excludes issuers that derive more than 10% of revenue from thermal coal extraction or power generation, those that are involved in controversial weapons, issuers subject to EU arms embargoes and those that are deemed in violation of the UN Global Compact principles for over 3 years. In addition, the Fund integrates environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in its investment process.

## Commentary

The end of March also marked the end of the first quarter, a period during which the fund was supported by good returns from equity markets and from selected investments in the bond space. Equity markets were helped by robust economic data, particularly from the US, as well as by some well-received company earnings data, with markets seemingly less concerned that interest rate cuts may not happen as soon as previously expected. In fixed income markets, it was the more economically sensitive sectors that produced the best returns over the quarter, this supporting performance from the Federated Hermes High Yield Fund and the Pimco Emerging Market Bond Fund. There were also gains over the quarter from the European investment grade bond fund given the more favourable outlook for interest rates in the region. The portfolio also benefitted from strong returns from the alternatives holdings over the quarter, this demonstrating the diversification qualities of the asset class within the portfolio.

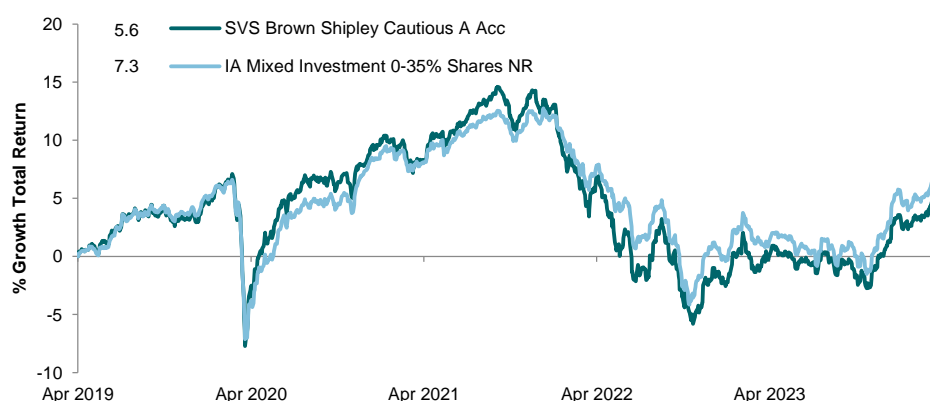
The fund moved into the second quarter positioned to reflect a more neutral outlook across asset classes. Within that, however, the preference remains to be invested in sectors and regions which we feel are attractively valued and where we think macroeconomic prospects are better than expectations. The overall balanced exposure in the portfolio versus our long-term strategic asset allocation reflects the robust economic environment but also possible headwinds from geopolitical risks and elevated valuations in some markets.

Brown Shipley Fund Management Team

## Rolling 12 Month Performance Record

	From	31/03/2023	31/03/2022	31/03/2021	31/03/2020	31/03/2019
	To	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	31/03/2022	31/03/2021	31/03/2020
<b>SVS Brown Shipley Cautious A Acc</b>		5.5%	-6.3%	-1.2%	11.1%	-2.5%
<b>IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares NR</b>		5.9%	-6.0%	-0.2%	12.3%	-3.7%

## 5 Year Performance to 31 March 2024



Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg & Lipper. A Accumulation shares, percentage growth total return, mid to mid in GBP with net income reinvested, net of fees and net of tax. SVS Brown Shipley Cautious Fund contains estimated data.

The Investment Association sector is used in the above graph for comparative purposes only. This comparator benchmark has been chosen as it best reflects the asset allocation of the Fund and as it provides a direct peer group comparator for SVS Brown Shipley Cautious A Acc.

**Past performance is not a guide to future performance.** The value of your investments represents the cumulative effect of all of the underlying investments and can fall as well as rise. The value of an investment or any income received from it, is not guaranteed and you may not get back some or all of the amount invested. Investors should seek tax advice to understand their personal liability for investment income and/or gains. This will depend on their personal circumstances and the prevailing tax rules, which are subject to change. Please refer to the Key Investor Information Document and the fund prospectus for further fund information.

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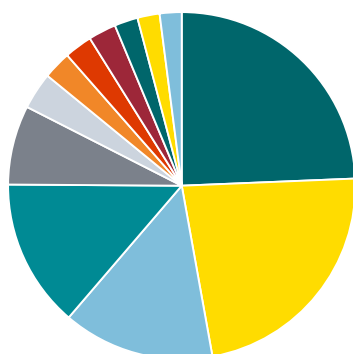
## Asset Allocation\*

(at 31/03/2024)

## Top Ten Holdings

(at 31/03/2024)

Fund Weighting



Structured and Global Bonds	24.3%
UK Gilts - Conventional	22.8%
Corporate Bonds	14.1%
North America Equity	13.8%
Hedge and Structured Funds	7.4%
Cash	3.4%
Global Equity	2.6%
UK Equity	2.6%
Emerging Markets Equity	2.6%
Commodities	2.2%
Japan Equity	2.1%
Europe Equity	2.0%

ISHARESIII FTSE UK GIL0-5	8.9%
AMUNDI IDX US CORP I GBP	6.5%
UBS SUST DEV BK BDS ETF A	5.4%
FED HERMES H/Y CRED M2 £	5.0%
AM MSCI US ESG CL ZER ETF	4.5%
ISHS III USD DEV HDG£ ETF	4.5%
ISHARES € CORP BD ETF £	3.7%
ROBECO QI US CL BE EQ CXH	3.6%
NN(L) CORP GREEN BD I GBP	3.5%
1/8 UK TSY GILT JAN28 31.01.2028	3.2%

\*Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Fund and Price Information

Fund Name and Class	Price	Yield*	ISIN	Ongoing Charges		Annual Management
				Figure†	Transaction Fee	Charge
SVS Brown Shipley Cautious A Acc	1.18	2.43%	GB00BP4VN485	1.41%	0.10%	1.00%
SVS Brown Shipley Cautious A Inc	0.99	2.48%	GB00BP4VN592	1.41%	0.10%	1.00%

Date launched	No. of Holdings	Fund Size	Ex Dividend Date	Payment Date
29 July 2014	39	£16.13 m	01 Dec, 01 Mar, 01 Jun, 01 Sep	31 Jan, 30 Apr, 31 Jul, 31 Oct

\*Net Historic Yield on current portfolio constituents, net of fees as at 31/03/2024. Fees taken from capital.

†The ongoing charges figure is based on the last year's expenses (ending 28/02/2023) and may vary from year to year. The transaction fee is paid by the fund due to the acquisition and disposal of investments.

**Investment Risks** - The fund balances equity investment risk with exposure to Sovereign and Corporate bonds. Exposure is gained through investment in other funds whose individual risk profile may not match that of the Cautious fund, while exposure to UK markets is generally through direct equity holdings. Bonds are affected by the relative movements in interest rates, and the risk of default by the sovereign or corporate issuer. Global currency fluctuations contribute to fluctuations in the value of the investment. Investment Trusts and Structured Products do not represent significant holdings but where used carry specific investment risks; with structured products there is a risk of insolvency of the underlying issuer, while Investment Trusts may borrow to investment and, where borrowing is used, the gains or losses in those underlying investments are exaggerated. Please refer to the Key Investor Information Document and the fund prospectus for further information.

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Portfolio positions are based on gross asset valuations at global close (not official NAV time). Historic yields distributions declared over the past 12 months. The portfolio data on this factsheet is updated on a monthly basis. SVS Brown Shipley Cautious Fund is a sub-fund of SVS Brown Shipley Multi Asset Portfolio.

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