

# Wesleyan Quarterly Review

**With Profits Fund**

**April 2022**

## An update on Q1 2022 from our in-house Investments Team

- ▶ Equity and bond markets got off to a mixed start in 2022 and US tech stocks – strong performers during the earlier stages of the pandemic – fell in value.
- ▶ Russia's invasion of Ukraine led to market volatility and some investors opting to 'de-risk' their portfolios by selling down their European assets.
- ▶ UK equities generally outperformed in Q1, with indices helped by the presence of oil & gas, mining and financial firms.
- ▶ European equities suffered worse than global peers in the period, due to the region's greater dependence on Russian oil and gas and the uncertainty caused by being geographically closer to the conflict. Question marks surrounding the impact on trade between Europe and Russia exacerbated market uncertainty.
- ▶ UK government bonds underperformed UK equities.
- ▶ Cash returns remained negligible due to low interest rates.

- ▶ The conflict in Ukraine continues and Russia's objectives remain unclear. Due to the region being an international supplier of oil & gas and certain commodities (including wheat and corn), energy and food prices are likely to remain high and add to the rising inflation levels we are seeing in the UK, US and many countries.
- ▶ Due to the global inflation landscape, government bonds are set to struggle for the short term, as the yields available are likely to be offset by rising inflation.
- ▶ We believe that commercial property and stocks, selected on a case-by-case basis after rigorous research, still offer the best potential for long-term returns.

You can read the full 2022 – Q1 Market Commentary on the Wesleyan website here: [2022 – Q1 Market Commentary \(wesleyan.co.uk\)](https://www.wesleyan.co.uk/2022-Q1-Market-Commentary)

We're not just a trusted guardian of our investors' financial futures, we also help fulfil our desire to be part of a force for positive change in the world. When it comes to how and where we invest money sustainably, we focus on three key areas.



## Reducing harm

Over the past six months we sold over **£40m**<sup>1</sup> of investments that failed to meet our 'Reducing Harm' requirements.

**SOLD**  
**£40m**

Of that, **£15m** was sold from companies we believe aren't taking the threat of global warming seriously.

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We do not have any exposure to companies that produce tobacco products.



## Driving change

We are signatories of the **Principles for Responsible Investment** and **Climate Action 100+**, both of which encourage companies to reduce their environmental impact.



Over the 12 months to June 2021, we met with the management of well over **100** companies to encourage better business practices.

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We also voted at over **500** company meetings, ensuring our voice as an investor was heard and encouraging sustainable behaviour.



## Positive impact

We are a top 10 shareholder in **Home REIT**, the UK's first real estate investment trust tackling homelessness in the UK.



We have invested over **£25m**<sup>2</sup> into funds focused on sustainable energy production or infrastructure since the start of 2020.

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We have over **£100m**<sup>2</sup> invested in companies contributing to social equality.



We have over **£350m**<sup>2</sup> invested in companies contributing to the advancement of medical health and the fight against diseases.

<sup>1</sup>From April to September 2021. <sup>2</sup>All figures and data as of 30 September 2021.

# Performance: 3 Months Vs 40 to 85%

Pricing Spread: Bid-Bid • Data Frequency: Daily • Currency: Pounds Sterling

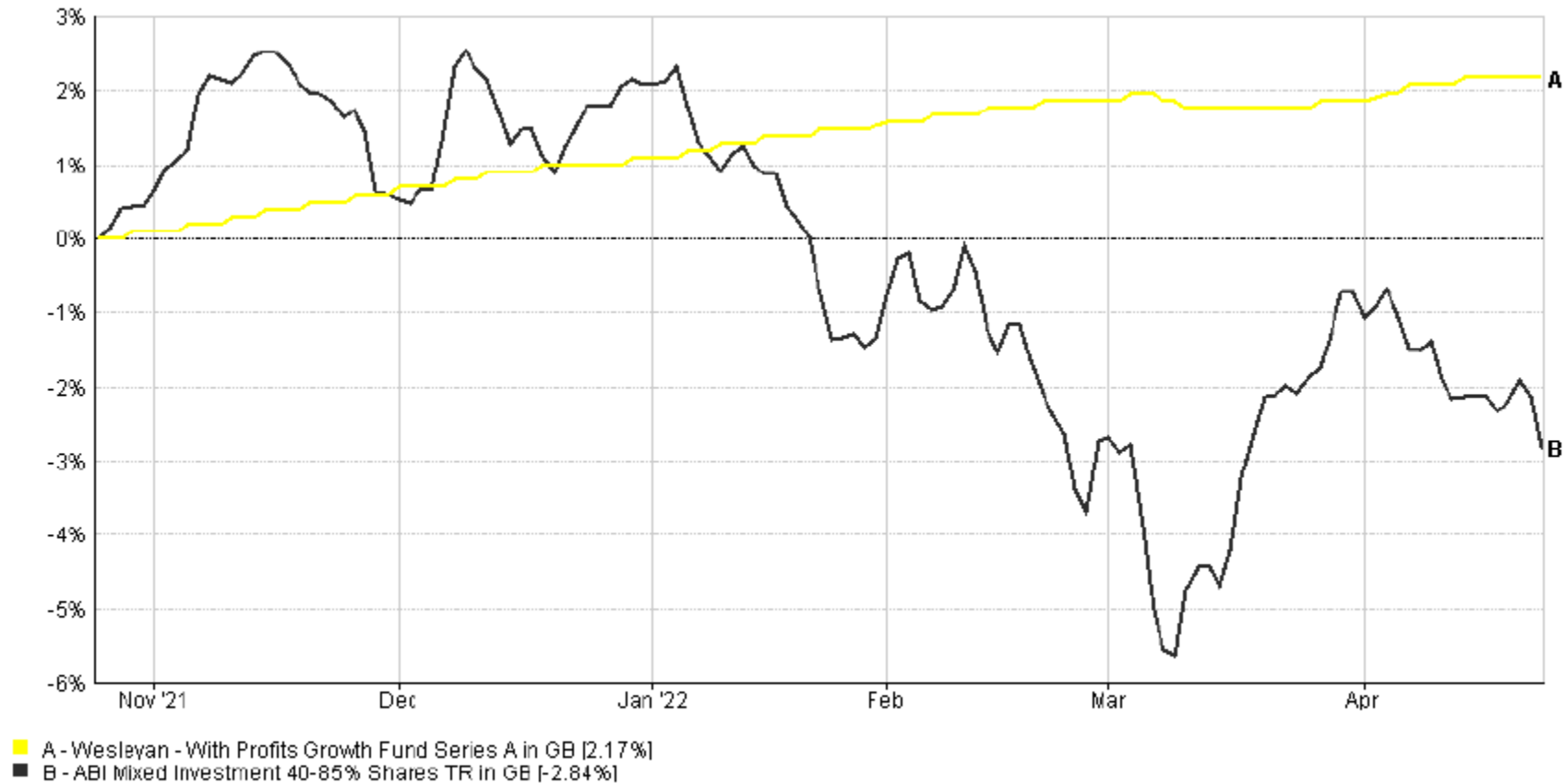


■ A - Wesleyan - With Profits Growth Fund Series A in GB [0.68%]  
■ B - ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares TR in GB [-1.51%]

25/01/2022 - 25/04/2022 Data from FE fundinfo2022

# Performance: 6 Months Vs 40 to 85%

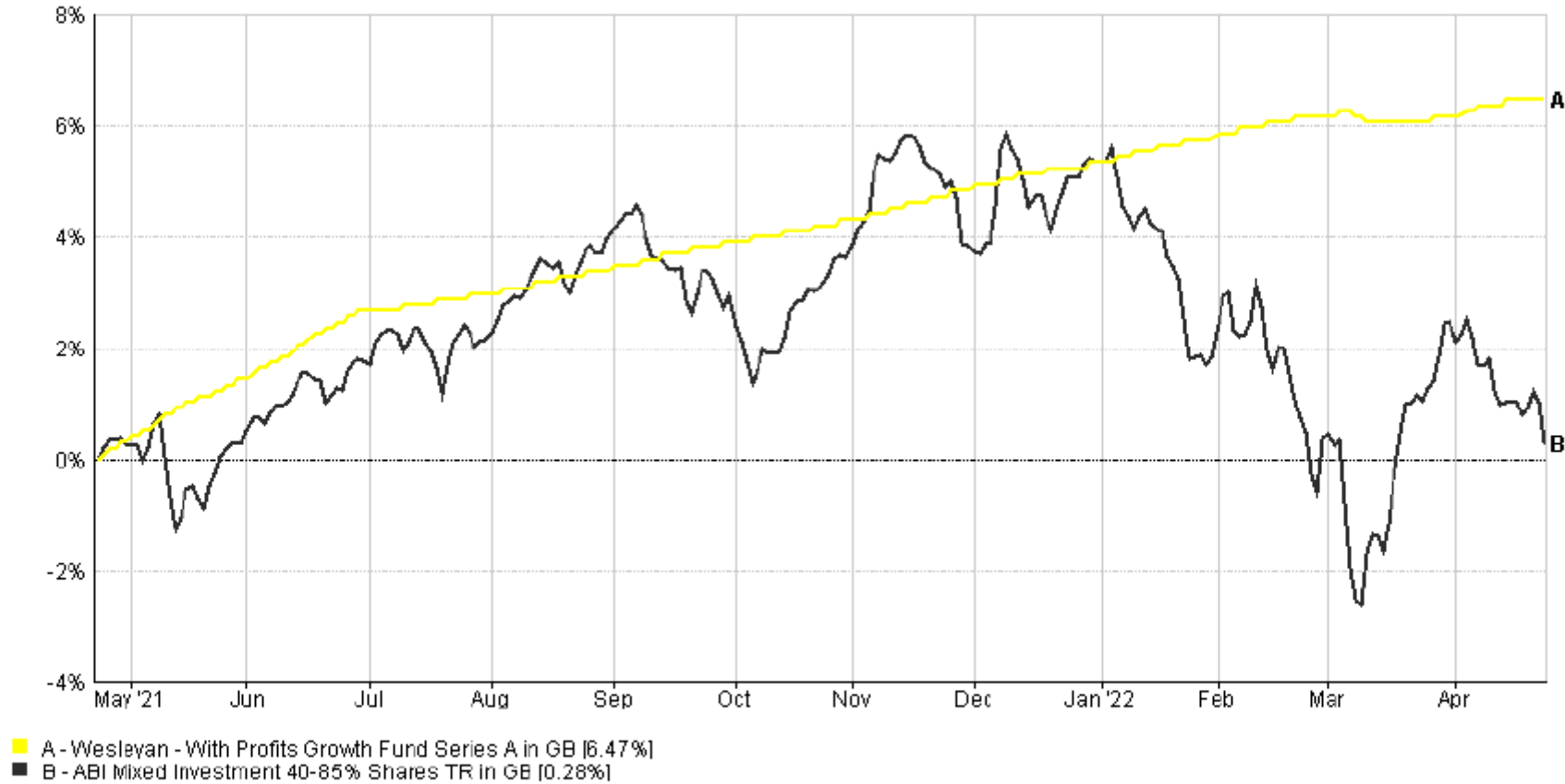
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# Performance: 12 Months Vs 40 to 85%

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23/04/2021 - 25/04/2022 Data from FE fundinfo2022

# Performance: 3 Years Vs 40 to 85%

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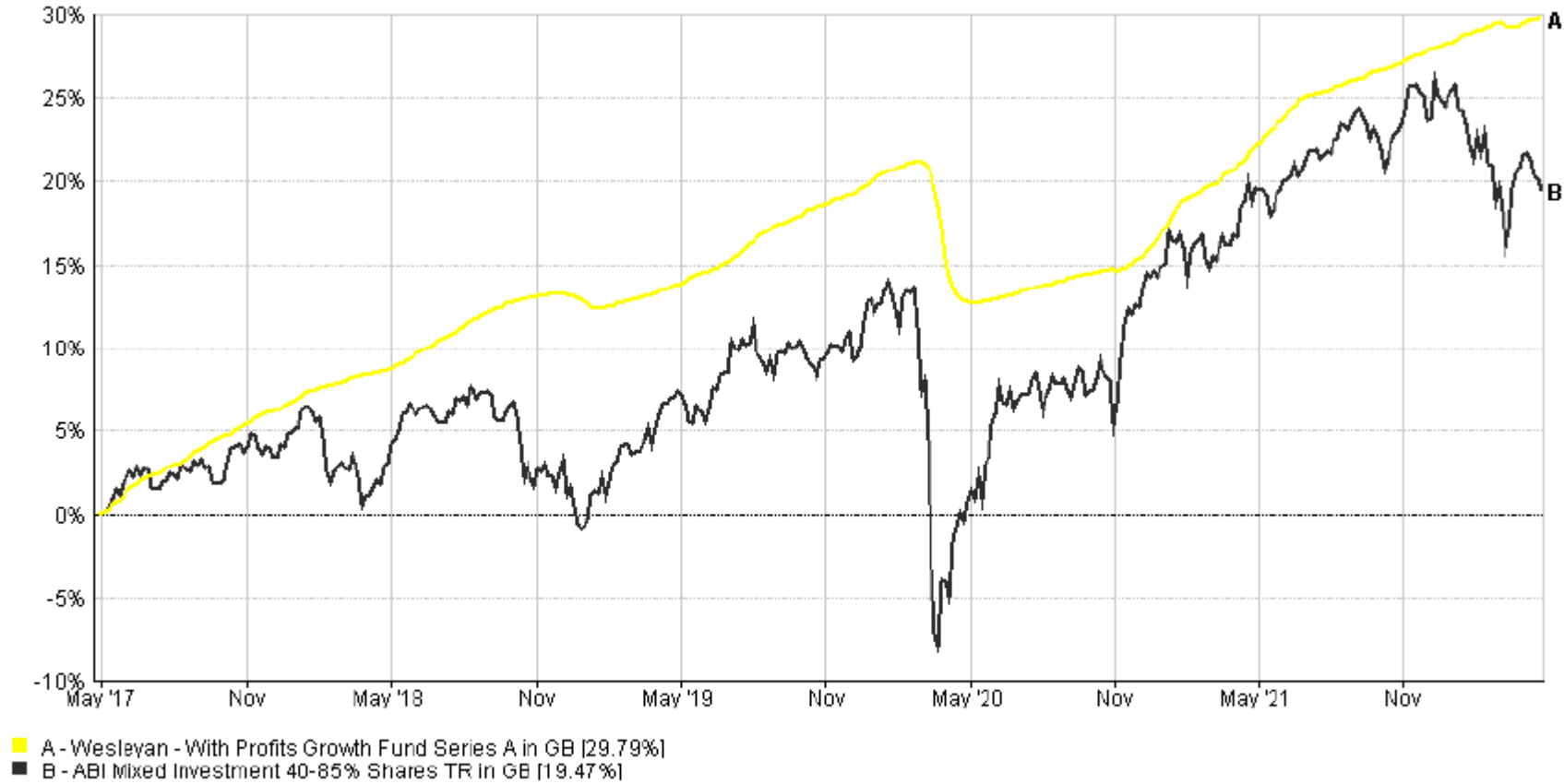
- A - Wesleyan - With Profits Growth Fund Series A in GB [14.08%]
- B - ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares TR in GB [11.17%]

25/04/2019 - 25/04/2022 Data from FE fundinfo2022



# Performance: 5 Years Vs 40 to 85%

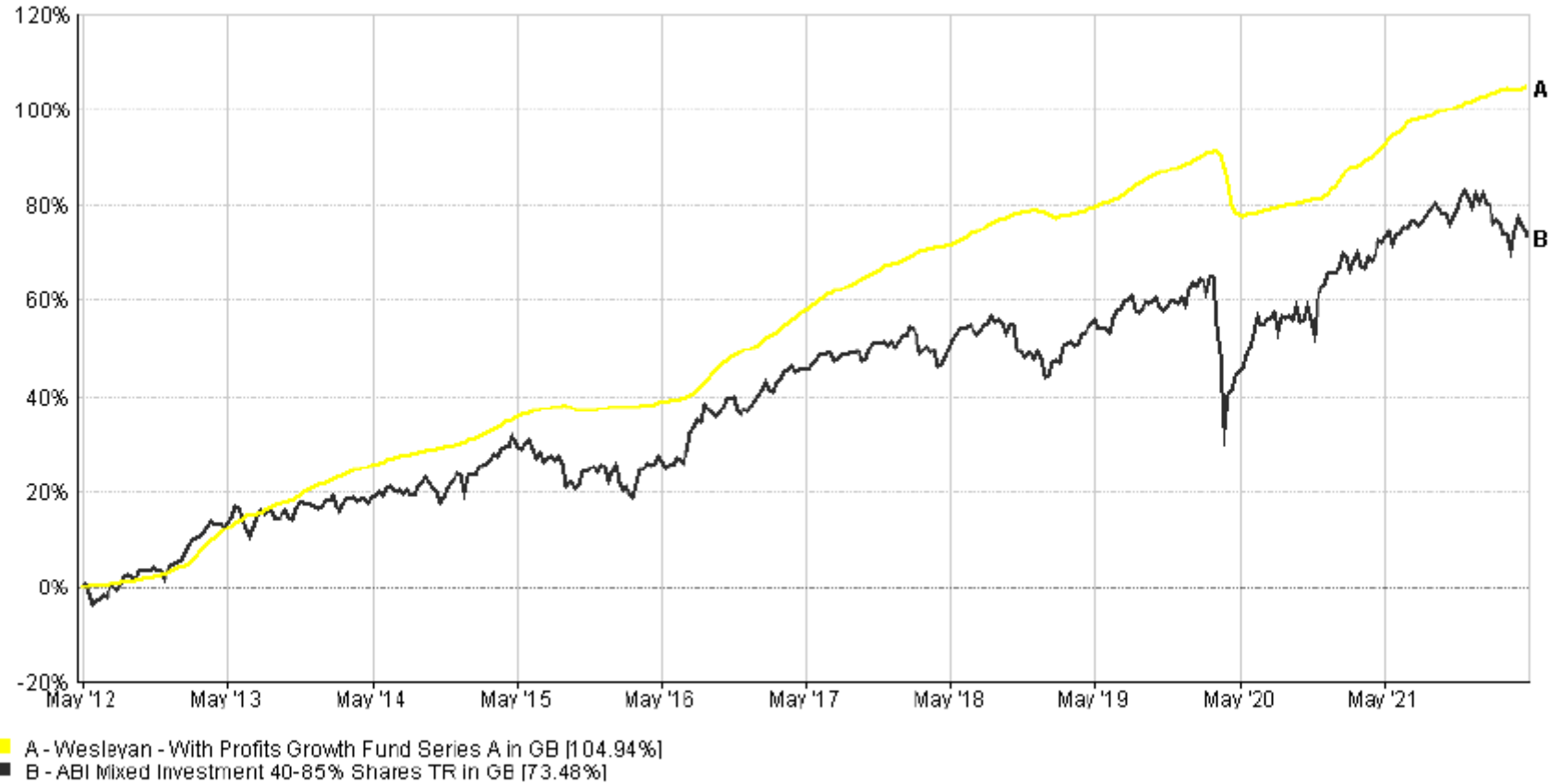
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25/04/2017 - 25/04/2022 Data from FE fundinfo 2022

# Performance: 10 Years Vs 40 to 85%

Pricing Spread: Bid-Bid • Data Frequency: Daily • Currency: Pounds Sterling



25/04/2012 - 25/04/2022 Data from FE fundinfo2022

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