

# Cautious Portfolio

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INTELLIGENT INTUITIVE INVESTING

## Investment Objective

The Rivers Cautious Portfolio targets modest long term returns above inflation, and after fees, at controlled volatility levels. The portfolio aims to achieve its objective by diversifying across a broad range of assets with moderate return and lower volatility profiles. The portfolio may be somewhat exposed to global equity and interest rate market cycles. The typical investor seeks modest capital growth but must accept that the portfolio's investment value may fluctuate in the short term.

## Market Comment

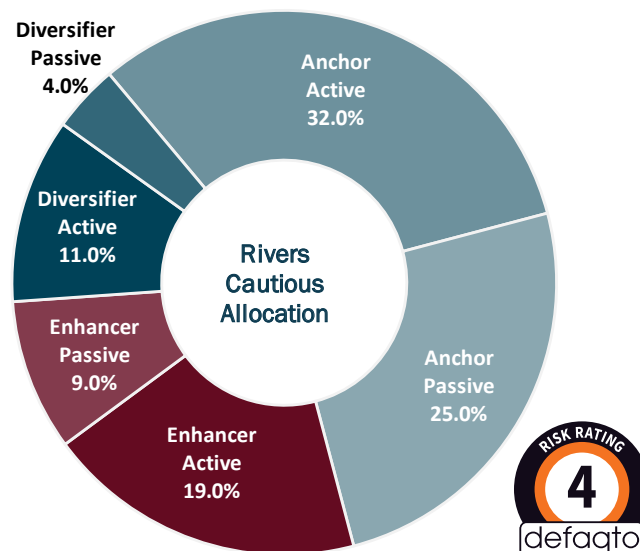
Risk assets continued to advance during December. In the UK the Conservative election victory improved investor confidence in equities although the resulting certainty of Brexit saw sterling and Gilts lose value. From a global perspective confidence of a US/China trade agreement increased already elevated equity valuations. The portfolio gained value despite the overall defensive allocation and finished 2019 with above target returns. A portfolio rebalance maintained the tactical cautious allocation (risk level 2 out of 7) as concerns regarding valuations remain high. Fund changes resulted in an increase in UK equities although we expect a better opportunity to increase risk in the New Year.

Model Characteristics	Target	Current
Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>	4.5-6.0%	6.0%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<7.0%	3.7%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<6.0%	-3.9%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.75%	0.45%
Number of holdings	<25	20
Last rebalance date	-	Feb-19
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>	-	1.42%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	40%	40.0%
Since Inception Total Return	-	22.77%

Allocation	Strategic	Current	Tactical
Cash	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Anchors	43.0%	57.0%	14.0%
Enhancers	40.0%	28.0%	-12.0%
Diversifiers	17.0%	15.0%	-2.0%

Performance (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr
Rivers Cautious Portfolio	0.45	-0.41	8.84	8.84	13.22
IA Mixed 0%-35% Shares	0.64	0.56	8.77	8.77	10.22

Quarterly	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016	-	-	5.97%	2.33%	8.44%
2017	2.71%	-0.04%	1.57%	1.74%	6.09%
2018	-1.57%	1.96%	1.17%	-3.43%	-1.95%
2019	3.75%	3.11%	2.15%	-0.41%	8.84%



## Rivers Asset Classification System:

**"Anchors"**: investments selected for low market correlation, low risk and capital preservation core characteristics. Significant allocation in low risk portfolios.

**"Enhancers"**: selected to increase portfolio long term return but exposed to equity risk. Allocation likely to increase with risk tolerance as returns become more volatile.

**"Diversifiers"**: selected for low correlation to traditional market equity and fixed income risk.

Diversifiers are essential for efficiency in all but the lowest and highest risk portfolios.

For a more detailed explanation please contact Rivers Capital Management

## Top 10 Holdings

Royal London - Cash Plus Y Acc	Anchor Passive	9.0%
Vanguard - UK Infl-Linked Gilt A Gross Acc	Anchor Passive	8.0%
Smith & Williamson - Defensive Growth B Inc	Anchor Active	8.0%
Artemis - Strategic Bond I Monthly Acc	Anchor Active	6.0%
TwentyFour - Monument Bond I Net Acc GBP	Anchor Active	6.0%
iShares - UK Gilts All Stocks Index (UK) D Acc	Anchor Passive	6.0%
EdenTree - Amity Sterling Bond B	Anchor Active	6.0%
Kames - Absolute Return Bond C Acc GBP	Anchor Active	6.0%
Investec - Global Franchise I Acc	Enhancer Active	5.0%
Fidelity - Index Europe ex UK P Acc	Enhancer Passive	4.0%

## Notes:

- The performance data shown is indicative only. Rivers Capital Management attempts to replicate accurately the performance of the underlying portfolio using Financial Express data but performances will likely differ from individual accounts due to inflows and timing issues. The performance is net of a 0.25%+VAT Rivers Capital Management fee and annualised since inception (June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016)
- Volatility is calculated as the annualised average weekly standard deviation of return since inception (June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016)
- The maximum loss is calculated as the total loss from the highest previous month end portfolio value. Intra month or daily data may exceed this.
- The ongoing charge is based on the current portfolio weightings using the latest available OCF data of each fund.
- The yield is the average yield as published by each fund and not guaranteed
- Rivers investment committee determines a Passive allocation target (20-60%) dependant on the perceived market opportunity
- Relative risk level determined between 1 and 7 within the tactical constraints of all models with a level 4 considered tactically neutral



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