

# Balanced ESG Portfolio

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INTELLIGENT INTUITIVE INVESTING

## Investment Objective

The Rivers ESG Balanced Portfolio targets long term capital growth in real terms and after fees. The portfolio invests only in solutions which pass strict criteria of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) requirements. The portfolio will be moderately exposed to global equity market cycles. The typical investor seeks capital growth from their investment and is able to accept a moderate level of risk for the potential of higher returns.

## Market Comment

The portfolio finished the year with positive performance in December and above target returns for 2020 overall. All asset classes were positive with Enhancers once again producing most of the gains. The approval of an effective vaccine against Covid-19 significantly boosted investor sentiment. Despite rising infection rates across Europe and in the US, the hope of a return to normality within months raised confidence. In the UK, the equity market, still below pre-pandemic levels, rallied strongly as news of the vaccine, and a comprehensive ongoing trade deal between the UK and EU became clear. The portfolio remains cautiously positioned as the outlook for 2021 looks more precarious than current equity valuations indicate.

Performance (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr
Rivers ESG Balanced	2.09	6.39	12.49	12.49	8.78
IA Mixed 20%-60% Shares	1.93	6.56	3.51	3.51	9.14

Quarterly	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016	-	-	-	-	-
2017	-	-	0.86%	2.56%	3.44%
2018	-2.70%	2.80%	1.52%	-4.55%	-3.09%
2019	5.66%	4.25%	2.75%	0.41%	13.65%
2020	-10.41%	14.05%	3.49%	6.39%	12.49%

## 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.

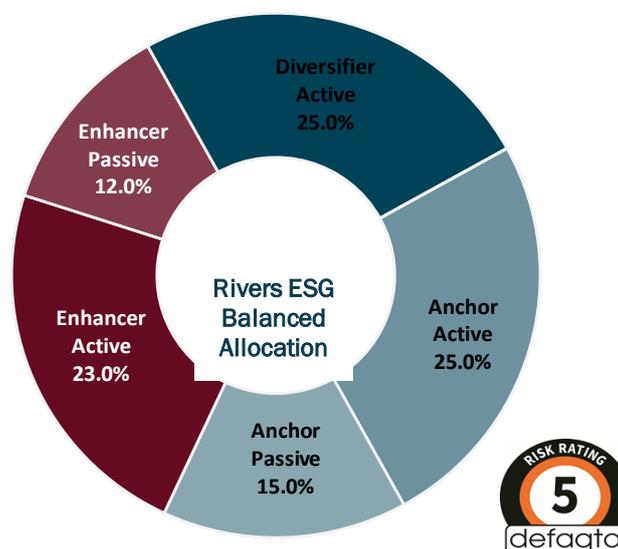
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### Notes:

- 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 (March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017)
- Volatility is calculated as the annualised average weekly standard deviation of return since inception (March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017)
- 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

Model Characteristics	Target	Current
Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>	5.2-6.7%	7.1%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<9.0%	8.1%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<10.0%	-11.3%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.75%	0.61%
Number of holdings	<25	16
Last rebalance date	-	Jul-20
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>	-	1.62%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	40%	27.0%
Since Inception Total Return	30-Jun-17	29.22%

Allocation	Strategic	Current	Tactical
Cash	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Anchors	27.0%	40.0%	13.0%
Enhancers	55.0%	35.0%	-20.0%
Diversifiers	18.0%	25.0%	7.0%



## Top 10 Holdings

Muzinich - BondYield ESG S Inc GBP	Anchor Active	8.0%
Vanguard - UK Infl-Linked Gilt A Grss Acc GBP	Anchor Passive	8.0%
EdenTree - Amity Sterling Bond B	Anchor Active	7.0%
Royal London Sust Diversified Trust C Acc	Diversifier Active	7.0%
Rathbone - Ethical Bond Inst Acc	Enhancer Active	7.0%
VT - Gravis Clean Energy Income C Acc GBP	Diversifier Active	7.0%
Vanguard - SRI European Stock Acc GBP	Enhancer Passive	6.0%
UBS - MSCI UK IMI Socially Responsible ETF	Enhancer Passive	6.0%
BMO - Responsible Global Equity 2 Acc	Enhancer Active	6.0%
Aegon - Global Sustainable Equity B Acc GBP	Enhancer Active	6.0%



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