# **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**

In what has been a challenging 2022, June was brutal. With fears of interest rates increasing and the economic slowdown, there were few places for investors to hide. Unfortunately, for once, diversification didn't help much. Even traditionally inflation protective assets lost value as investors began to expect global recession. Inflation linked bonds fell as it was expected that the BoE would continue to hike rates even if causing a recession. Equity indices tanked during the month, breaking lows that were set in mid-May. The broad sell off of all equities made a number of sectors good value, even if a recession does occur. As a result the Enhancer allocation within the portfolio was increased on June 20th. The portfolio is now 'neutral' compared to its Strategic Asset Allocation but maintains an overweight 'value' allocation and an underweight to both 'growth' and interest rate risk.

Performance (%) <sup>1</sup>	<b>1</b> m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
Rivers ESG Balanced	-4.23	-7.25	-11.04	-7.7	11.8	23.4
IA Mixed 20-60% Shares	-4.11	-6.30	-9.44	-7.1	4.1	9.7
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Quarterly	Q1	<b>Q2</b>	Q3	Q4	Total
2017	-	-	0.9%	2.6%	3.4%
2018	-2.7%	2.8%	1.5%	-4.6%	-3.1%
2019	5.7%	4.3%	2.8%	0.4%	13.6%
2020	-10.3%	14.0%	3.5%	6.4%	12.6%
2021	-0.1%	4.3%	1.1%	2.7%	8.2%
2022	-4.1%	-7.2%	-	-	-11.0%

### **Rivers Asset Classification System:**

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

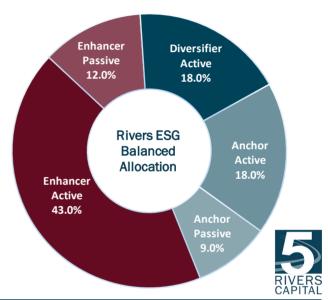
**"Enhancers"**: selected to increase portfolio long term return but exposed to equity risk. Allocation likely to increase with risk tolerance as returns become more volatile.

"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

Model Characteristics	Target	Current
Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>	5.2-6.7%	4.3%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<9.0%	7.9%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<10.0%	-11.2%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.75%	0.68%
Number of holdings	<25	17
Last rebalance date	-	Jun-22
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>	-	1.25%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	30%	21.0%
Since Inception Total Return	30-Jun-17	23.4%
Allocation Strategic	Current	Tactical

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Anchors	27.0%	27.0%	0.0%
Enhancers	55.0%	55.0%	0.0%



Top 10 Holdings		
Ninety One - Global Environment I	Enhancer Active	9.0%
BMO - Responsible Global Equity 2 Acc	Enhancer Active	8.0%
TM Fulcrum - Divers Core Abs Ret C Acc GBP	Anchor Active	7.0%
Vanguard - SRI European Stock Acc GBP	Enhancer Passive	7.0%
Aegon - Global Sustainable Equity B Acc GBP	Enhancer Active	7.0%
Rathbone - Ethical Bond Inst Acc	Enhancer Active	7.0%
Vontobel - Sustainable Emerg Mkt Leaders N	Enhancer Active	7.0%
EdenTree - Amity Sterling Bond B	Anchor Active	6.0%
Liontrust - Sus Fut Defensive Managed Inc	Anchor Active	5.0%
Liontrust - UK Ethical 2 Acc	Enhancer Active	5.0%

### Notes:

- 1. 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% Rivers Capital Management fee and annualised since inception (March 31st 2017).
- 2. Volatility is calculated as the annualised average weekly standard deviation of return since inception (March 31st 2017)
- 3. 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.
- 4. The ongoing charge is based on the current portfolio weightings using the latest available OCF data of each fund.
- 5. The yield is the average yield as published by each fund and not guaranteed.
- 6. Rivers investment committee determines a Passive allocation target (20-60%) dependant on the perceived market opportunity.
- 7. 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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