# **Cautious Portfolio**

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# **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**

The portfolio value decreased during October as losses from the underweight Enhancer allocation offset gains from the Anchor and Diversifier allocations. Within Anchors the allocation to money market funds offset any losses from the longer duration bond funds held. With interest rates now expected to stay high for longer the yield on long duration bonds exceeded all levels since the financial crisis. Within Enhancers losses were widespread as robust economic data pushed back any expectations of interest rate cuts into 2025. The message from Central banks remains that interest rates may go higher and will be held high saw investor sentiment continue to fall. Within Diversifiers precious metals and macro added value while real assets, infrastructure and real estate struggled. At the beginning of November the portfolio was rebalanced to lower the tactical underweight allocation. After three months of overall falling equity valuations the opportunity from a marginally increased, but still underweight, risk exposure is attractive.

Performance (%) <sup>1</sup>		1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
Rivers Cautious		-0.50	-0.1	3.3	5.6	7.3	19.1
IA Mixed 0-35% Shrs		-1.13	-2.4	-0.8	0.9	-4.7	1.3
FTSE UK All Gilts		-0.36	-1.7	-4.4	-5.8	-30.2	-19.3
Quarterly	Q1	Q2	2	Q3	Q <sup>2</sup>	ļ	Total
2017	2.7%	-0.0	%	1.6%	1.7	%	6.1%
2018	-1.6%	2.0	%	1.2%	-3.4	%	-1.9%
2019	3.8%	3.1	%	2.2%	-0.6	%	8.7%
2020	-6.5%	10.5	5%	1.2%	3.3	%	8.0%
2021	-0.6%	2.4	%	0.8%	1.4	%	4.0%
2022	-1.6%	-5.5	%	-1.0%	3.0	%	-5.2%
2023	1.5%	0.1	%	2.1%	-		3.8%

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

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

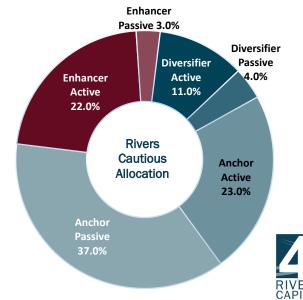
**"Enhancers"**: selected to increase portfolio long term return but exposed to equity risk. Allocation likely to increase with risk tolerance as returns become more volatile.

"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

Target	Current
4.5-6.0%	4.5%
<7.0%	5.5%
<6.0%	-7.6%
<0.75%	0.48%
<25	18
-	Jun-23
-	2.09%
30%	44.0%
-	38.2%
	4.5-6.0% <7.0% <6.0% <0.75% <25 30%

Allocation	Strategic	Current	Tactical
Anchors	43.0%	60.0%	17.0%
Enhancers	40.0%	25.0%	-15.0%
Diversifiers	17.0%	15.0%	-2.0%



Top 10 Holdings		
Royal London - Short Term Money Mkt Y Acc	Anchor Passive	21.0%
TwentyFour - Monument Bond I Net Acc	Anchor Active	8.0%
iShares - UK Gilts 0-5yr UCITS ETF GBP	Anchor Passive	8.0%
Vontobel - TwentyFour Abs Return Credit N	Anchor Active	8.0%
TM Fulcrum - Diversified Liquid Alt F Acc	Anchor Active	7.0%
iShares - UK Gilts All Stocks Index (UK) D Acc	Anchor Passive	6.0%
VT - De Lisle America B	<b>Enhancer Active</b>	4.0%
Lazard - Thematic Inflation Opps EA Acc	Enhancer Active	4.0%
Vermeer - Global Equity C	<b>Enhancer Active</b>	4.0%
Polar Capital - Global Insurance I Acc	Diversifier Active	4.0%

#### Notes:

- 1. The performance data shown is indicative only. Rivers Capital Management attempts to replicate accurately the performance of the underlying portfolio using composite fund 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 (June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016).
- 2. Volatility is calculated as the annualised average weekly standard deviation of return since inception (June 30th 2016).
- 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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