# Cautious Income Portfolio

30th November 2023



INTELLIGENT INTUITIVE INVESTING

# **Investment Objective**

The Rivers Cautious Income Portfolio targets income of 3.5% by diversifying across a broad range of assets with differing return and volatility profiles. The portfolio is expected to maintain real value, net of income, after inflation while minimising the possibility of the investment falling in value. The portfolio may be somewhat exposed to global equity and interest rate market cycles. The portfolio's investment value will fluctuate in the short term, but we would not expect significant falls in value over a sustained period.

## **Market Comment**

The portfolio added value during November as equities and bonds rallied on hopes of interest rate cuts. The decision to increase tactical risk at the end of October was correct although the continued 'value' bias did mean overall gains were contained. Within Anchors longer duration bonds saw impressive returns as benchmark interest rates fell sharply. For Enhancer assets nearly all regions and sectors were positive although gains were led by the large technology companies in the US which, due to high valuations, are underweight within the portfolio. The only negative performing allocations within the portfolio came from Diversifiers. Gold, which in dollar terms reached all-time highs, was down in sterling terms and the allocation to Energy was negative as prices fell. Looking forward, the short term gains, particularly in equities, have exceeded our expectations. We had expected to reduce risk in the new year but may opt for an earlier rebalance should valuations increase further.

	Performar	ice (%)1	<b>1</b> m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
	<b>Rivers Cautious Income</b>		2.11	0.7	1.2	0.1	-3.2	4.2
	IA Mixed 0-35% Shares		3.20	1.3	2.4	1.3	-4.9	4.8
	IA Global Equ	ity Income	3.77	0.7	4.8	3.6	24.7	41.5
	Quarterly	<b>Q1</b>	Q2		<b>Q</b> 3	Q4	T	otal
	2017	2.4%	0.4%		0.2%	1.0%	;	3.9%
	2018	-2.3%	2.3%		0.4%	-3.5%	-	3.1%
	2019	4.4%	2.5%		1.5%	1.0%	9	9.9%
	2020	-12.2%	9.1%		0.7%	5.1%	:	1.5%
	2021	-0.4%	2.3%		0.7%	1.2%	;	3.8%
	2022	-2.0%	-5.9%	-	4.2%	2.8%	-	9.2%
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# **Rivers Asset Classification System:**

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

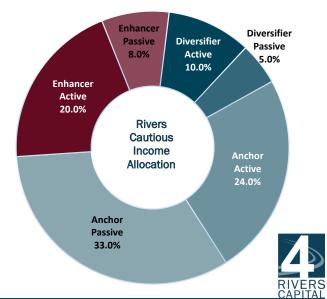
**"Enhancers"**: selected to increase portfolio long term return but exposed to equity risk. Allocation likely to increase with risk tolerance as returns become more volatile.

"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>	4.0-5.0%	1.5%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<7.0%	6.6%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<6.0%	-12.2%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.75%	0.44%
Number of holdings	<25	13
Last rebalance date	-	Nov-23
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>	-	4.28%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	N/A	46.0%
Since Inception Total Return	-	11.7%
Last rebalance date  Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup> Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	- - N/A	Nov-23 4.28% 46.0%

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



# Top 10 Holdings

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Royal London - Short Term Money Market Y Inc	Anchor Passive	26.0%
BNY Mellon - Global Dynamic Bond Inst W Inc	Anchor Active	9.0%
EdenTree - Responsible and Sust Bond B	Anchor Active	8.0%
HSBC - FTSE All World Index C Inc	Enhancer Passive	8.0%
BNY Mellon - Global Income Inst W Inc	Enhancer Active	8.0%
Artemis - Strategic Bond I Monthly Inc	Anchor Active	7.0%
iShares - UK Gilts All Stocks Index (UK) D Inc	Anchor Passive	5.0%
TwentyFour - Dynamic Bond I Net Inc	Enhancer Active	5.0%
BNY Mellon - Real Return Inst W Inc	Diversifier Active	5.0%
Polar Capital - Global Insurance I Inc	Diversifier 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 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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