# **Balanced Portfolio**

30th April 2024



## **Investment Objective**

The Rivers Balanced Portfolio targets moderate long term returns above inflation, and after fees, at volatility levels considerably below those expected in equities. The portfolio aims to achieve its objective by maximising diversification across a range of assets. The portfolio will be moderately exposed to global equity market cycles. The typical investor seeks capital growth from their investment and can accept a moderate level of risk for the potential of higher returns.

### **Market Comment**

During April long duration Anchor assets struggled and performance was mixed among Enhancer and Diversifier assets. Within Anchors, cash and absolute return exposure offset any exposure to long duration bonds. For Enhancers, UK equity was strongest with exposure to defensive sectors highest. The worst performing regions were the US and Japan which impacted global funds. Emerging Markets outperformed despite the continued strength of the US Dollar. Within Diversifiers, commodities including energy and gold, surged while Insurance and Real estate struggled. With inflation, at least in the US, higher than expected it is unlikely interest rates will be cut quickly. This will likely affect growth expectations but is not, despite recent volatility, reflected in many asset prices. The portfolio remains underweight risk as we expect valuations to improve in the short term.

Performance	e (%)¹	<b>1</b> m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
Rivers Balanced		0.46	4.7	5.4	10.7	11.8	31.2
IA Mixed 20-60% Shares		-0.68	2.2	1.8	6.4	2.4	14.3
IA Flexible Investment		-0.44	4.0	4.0	9.1	6.8	27.3
Quarterly	Q1	Q2		Q3	Q4	7	<b>Total</b>
2018	-2.3%	3.4%		1.5%	-4.3%	<u>′</u> .	-1.8%
2019	5.0%	3.4%		2.2%	0.1%		11.2%
2020	-9.6%	13.8%		1.9%	4.8%	)	9.9%
2021	-0.2%	3.3%		0.6%	1.8%	)	5.6%
2022	-1.7%	-6.4%		-0.8%	3.6%	, .	-5.5%
2023	2.0%	-0.4%		2.1%	3.5%	)	7.2%
2024	4.8%	-		-	-		4.8%

# **Rivers Asset Classification System:**

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

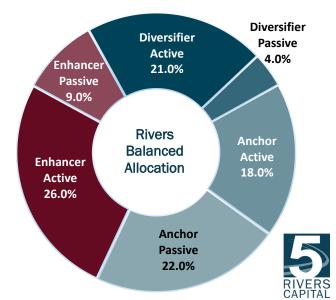
**"Enhancers"**: selected to increase portfolio long term return but exposed to equity risk. Allocation likely to increase with risk tolerance as returns become more volatile.

"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

Model Characteristics	Target	Current
Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>	5.2-6.7%	6.5%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<9.0%	6.8%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<10.0%	-10.4%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.75%	0.60%
Number of holdings	<25	19
Last rebalance date		Feb-24
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>		2.07%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	40%	35.0%
Since Inception Total Return		63.8%

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



Anchor Passive	12.0%
Anchor Active	8.0%
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Enhancer Passive	5.0%
<b>Enhancer Active</b>	5.0%
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<b>Enhancer Active</b>	5.0%
Diversifier Active	5.0%
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### 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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