

# 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

Despite increased volatility and market uncertainty regarding tariffs, January saw positive returns, in Sterling terms, across most holdings within the portfolio. All broad categories: 'Anchors', 'Enhancers' and 'Diversifiers' were positive. 'Anchors' benefited from a fall in longer-term benchmark interest rates as rate expectations were moderated and Sterling rebounded from its recent lows against the US Dollar. For 'Enhancers', equity returns were strongest in Europe and the UK although the US also finished the month positively despite concerns regarding AI related valuations mounting during the month. After a challenging December, the strongest returns were seen in 'Diversifiers' where Gold, Energy, Macro and Insurance all gained value. Looking forward, high valuations in some areas and political uncertainty continue to justify an underweight tactical risk allocation.

Performance (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
<b>Rivers ESG Balanced</b>	2.31	2.3	2.3	9.5	8.3	25.0
IA Mixed 20-60% Shares	2.40	3.0	2.4	9.1	8.3	16.6
IA Flexible Investment	3.56	5.4	3.6	13.3	15.9	31.8

Quarterly	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2018	-	2.8%	1.5%	-4.6%	-0.5%
2019	5.8%	4.3%	2.6%	0.3%	13.4%
2020	-8.8%	11.4%	2.5%	4.7%	9.1%
2021	-0.8%	3.5%	0.9%	2.3%	6.1%
2022	-3.8%	-7.0%	-2.2%	3.0%	-9.9%
2023	2.2%	-1.0%	-1.1%	5.5%	5.6%
2024	3.3%	0.3%	2.5%	-0.8%	5.4%

## 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

### Notes:

- 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 (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.

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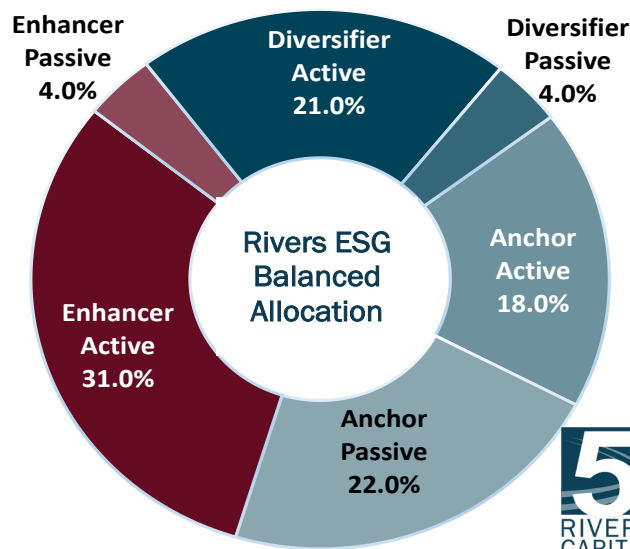
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Model Characteristics	Target	Current
Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>	5.2-6.7%	5.0%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<9.0%	8.0%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<10.0%	-11.2%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.75%	0.55%
Number of holdings	<25	16
Last rebalance date	-	Aug-24
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>	-	2.70%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	40%	30.0%
Since Inception Total Return	30-Jun-17	46.2%

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%



## Top 10 Holdings

Royal London - Short Term Money Mkt Y Acc	Anchor Passive	12.0%
EdenTree - Responsible and Sus Bond B	Anchor Active	10.0%
iShares - UK Gilts All Stocks Index (UK) D Acc	Anchor Passive	8.0%
Aegon - Absolute Return Bond C Acc	Anchor Active	8.0%
Ninety One - Global Environment I	Enhancer Active	8.0%
Royal London - Sustainable Div Trust C Acc	Diversifier Active	8.0%
CT - Responsible Global Equity 2 Acc	Enhancer Active	6.0%
Rathbone - Ethical Bond Inst Acc	Enhancer Active	6.0%
Polar Capital - Global Insurance I Acc	Diversifier Active	5.0%
Vanguard - SRI European Stock Acc	Enhancer Passive	4.0%

