# Rivers Balanced Income Portfolio

31st August 2025

## **Investment Objective**

The Rivers Balanced Income Portfolio targets an income of 4.0% by diversifying across a broad range of assets. The portfolio is expected to maintain real value, net of income, after inflation while minimising the possibility of the investment falling in value. The typical investor seeks consistent income from their investment but is able to accept a moderate level of risk for the potential of higher income. They recognise that their capital is at risk and that its value may fluctuate.

### **Market Comment**

Markets continued to advance in August, with many setting new all-time highs. The largest contributor to performance for the month was the Enhancers allocation with strong gains from the Global and Emerging Market Allocations. The Diversifier allocation was mixed with UK infrastructure negative but global positive. Despite increasing long-term Gilt yields affecting most bond markets the portfolio saw positive returns from all Anchor allocations. The rebalance at the end of July included removing all direct Gilt exposure. Looking forward, high equity valuations and further increases in the long-term cost of borrowing, globally as well as the UK, are concerning. The portfolio is positioned with those risks in mind but with investor optimism remaining high the portfolio will continue to benefit from further upside.

Performance	e (%)¹	<b>1</b> m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
Rivers Balanced Inc		0.48	3.25	8.08	8.34	16.2	25.6
IA Mixed 20-60% Eqty		0.29	3.77	5.65	6.36	17.3	23.3
RCM Med RR BM		0.27	4.72	5.57	7.94	18.8	34.0
Quarterly	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	Q	3	Q4	To	otal
2019	4.74%	3.17%	1.7	4%	1.52%	1:	1.6%
2020	-14.02%	10.82%	1.0	1%	6.66%	2	7%
2021	0.25%	3.06%	0.8	1%	1.71%	5	.9%
2022	-1.10%	-5.55%	-3.4	8%	3.71%	-6	6.5%
2023	1.20%	-1.13%	-0.2	21%	3.77%	3	.6%
2024	2.38%	0.90%	3.3	7%	-0.24%	6	5.5%
2025	1.34%	3.99%				8	3.1%

## **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.

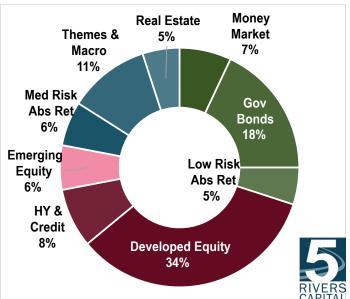
"Diversifiers": selected for low correlation to traditional market equity and fixed income risk. Diversifiers are essential for efficiency in all but the lowest and highest risk portfolios.

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Model Characteristics	Target	Current
Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>	5-7%	4.5%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<9%	6.2%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<10%	-14.0%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.70%	0.58%
Number of holdings	<25	17
Last rebalance date		29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>	>4.0%	4.29%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	40.0%	13.0%
Since Inception Total Return		50.3%

Allocation	Strategic	Current	Tactical
Anchors	27.0%	30.0%	3.0%
Enhancers	55.0%	48.0%	-7.0%
Diversifiers	18.0%	22.0%	4.0%



Top 10 Holding	6		
Vanguard - Global Equity	Income Acc	Enhancer Active	9.0%
BNY Mellon - Global Inco	me Inst W Inc	Enhancer Active	8.0%
Artemis - Strategic Bond	Monthly Inc	Anchor Active	7.0%
BNY Mellon - Real Return	Inst Winc	Diversifier Active	6.0%
Fidelity - Moneybuilder D	ividend W Inc	Enhancer Active	6.0%
Foresight UK Infrastructu	re Income Inc	Diversifier Active	6.0%
HSBC - FTSE All Share In	dex C Inc	Enhancer Passive	6.0%
JPM - Emerging Markets	Income C Inc	Enhancer Active	6.0%
TwentyFour - Monument	Bond I Net Inc	Anchor Active	6.0%
Aegon - Absolute Return	Bond C Acc	Anchor 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 (30/06/2016).
- 2. Volatility is calculated as the annualised average weekly standard deviation of return since inception (30/06/2016).
- 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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