

# Rivers ESG Balanced Portfolio

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## 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

Markets continued to advance in August, with many indices setting new all-time highs. The largest contributor to performance for the month was the Diversifier allocation, led by Gold Miners and positive returns from Real Assets and Infrastructure. Enhancers were positive overall, with strong gains from US, Japanese, Global, and Emerging Market allocations. Despite increasing long-term Gilt yields affecting most bond markets, the portfolio achieved 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, both globally and in the UK, are concerning. The portfolio is positioned with those risks in mind, but with investor optimism remaining high, it will continue to benefit from further upside.

| Performance (%) <sup>1</sup> | 1m   | 3m   | YTD  | 1yr  | 3yr  | 5yr  |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Rivers ESG Balanced          | 0.08 | 3.89 | 6.96 | 7.15 | 16.4 | 25.3 |
| 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 | Q1      | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total  |
|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2019      | 5.73%   | 4.34%  | 2.83%  | 0.47%  | 14.0%  |
| 2020      | -10.26% | 14.09% | 3.59%  | 6.45%  | 12.9%  |
| 2021      | -0.02%  | 4.41%  | 1.15%  | 2.74%  | 8.5%   |
| 2022      | -4.09%  | -7.25% | -2.33% | 3.37%  | -10.2% |
| 2023      | 2.32%   | -1.02% | -1.14% | 6.01%  | 6.1%   |
| 2024      | 3.39%   | 0.36%  | 2.57%  | -0.70% | 5.7%   |
| 2025      | -0.91%  | 5.27%  |        |        | 7.0%   |

### 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 (31/03/2017).
- Volatility is calculated as the annualised average weekly standard deviation of return since inception (31/03/2017).
- 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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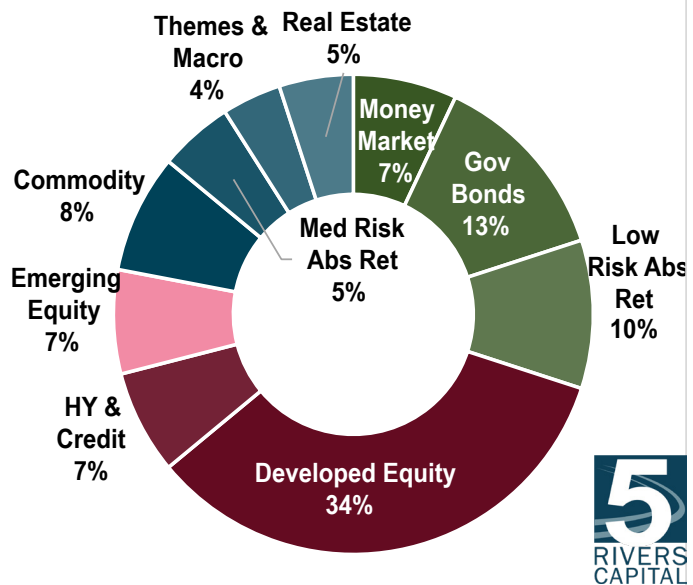
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| Model Characteristics                         | Target   | Current                    |
|---|----------|----------------------------|
| Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>                | 5.2-7.2% | 5.2%                       |
| Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>             | <9%      | 7.6%                       |
| Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>                     | <10%     | -13.1%                     |
| Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>     | <0.70%   | 0.60%                      |
| Number of holdings                            | <25      | 18                         |
| Last rebalance date                           |          | 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 |
| Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup> |          | 2.20%                      |
| Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup> | 40.0%    | 22.0%                      |
| Since Inception Total Return                  |          | 52.9%                      |

| 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 Holdings

|   |                     |      |
|---|---------------------|------|
| Ninety One - Global Environment I                 | Enhancer Active     | 9.0% |
| CT - Responsible Global Equity 2 Acc              | Enhancer Active     | 7.0% |
| Rathbone - Ethical Bond Inst Acc                  | Enhancer Active     | 7.0% |
| Royal London - Short Term Fixed Income Y Inc      | Anchor Active       | 7.0% |
| Vontobel - mtX Sustainable EM Leaders N           | Enhancer Active     | 7.0% |
| EdenTree - Responsible and Sustainable Bond B     | Anchor Active       | 6.0% |
| Aegon - Absolute Return Bond C Acc                | Anchor Active       | 5.0% |
| iShares - Environment & Low Carbon RE Index D Acc | Diversifier Passive | 5.0% |
| Liontrust - UK Ethical 2 Acc                      | Enhancer Active     | 5.0% |
| Royal London - Short Term Money Market Y Acc      | Anchor Passive      | 5.0% |