

# Rivers Balanced Risk Portfolio



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## Investment Objective

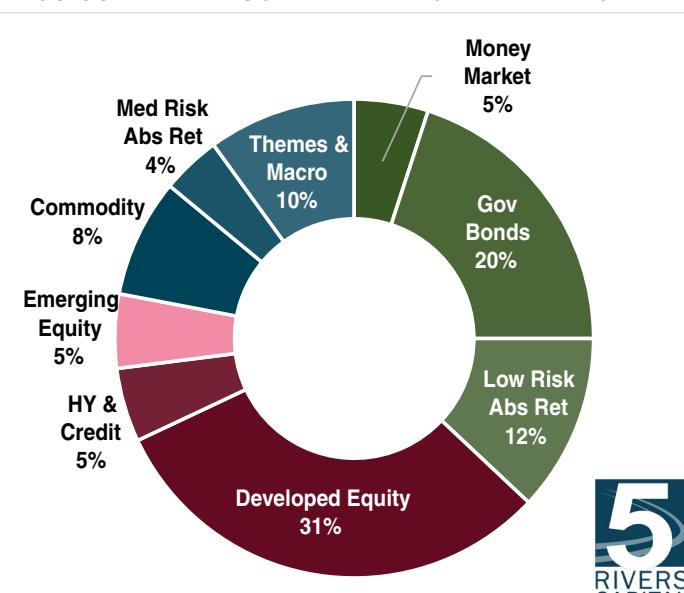
The Rivers Balanced Portfolio targets moderate long term returns above inflation, and after fees, at volatility levels considerably below those expected in equities. The portfolio aims to achieve its objective by maximising diversification across a range of assets. The portfolio will be moderately exposed 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

2026 began with strong momentum, as nearly all markets posted positive returns in January despite rising geopolitical risks and concerns over debt and valuations. For the portfolio, the Diversifier allocation added the most value, led by Gold Miners, which gained over 18%. All other Diversifier allocations to Energy, Macro, and Real Assets contributed positively. The Enhancer allocation also performed well, with all allocations positive except for one US Equity fund. Notably, another US Equity fund was the top performer, with other strong gains in Emerging Markets, Japan, and the UK. The Anchor allocation rounded out the month with positive returns, led by the Absolute Return funds. Looking forward, we will be completing a rebalance in February but expect to maintain the overall risk level given continued uncertainty.

Model Characteristics	Target	Current
Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>	5.2-7.2%	7.6%
Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>	<9%	4.7%
Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>	<10%	-10.4%
Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>	<0.70%	0.57%
Number of holdings	<25	22
Last rebalance date		1 <sup>st</sup> October
Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup>		2.46%
Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup>	40.0%	20.0%
Since Inception Total Return		101.8%

Allocation	Strategic	Current	Tactical
Anchors	27.0%	37.0%	10.0%
Enhancers	55.0%	41.0%	-14.0%
Diversifiers	18.0%	22.0%	4.0%



Performance (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
Rivers Balanced	3.33	5.60	3.33	18.11	34.6	40.9
IA Mixed 20-60% Eqty	1.45	1.72	1.45	9.17	22.9	23.4
ARC Balanced PCI	1.73	1.53	1.73	7.72	21.4	22.4

Quarterly	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2019	5.07%	3.53%	2.29%	0.22%	11.5%
2020	-9.52%	13.89%	1.97%	4.71%	10.0%
2021	-0.22%	3.38%	0.67%	1.86%	5.8%
2022	-1.68%	-6.22%	-0.96%	4.03%	-5.0%
2023	1.95%	-0.47%	2.28%	3.34%	7.2%
2024	4.91%	1.31%	0.91%	-0.21%	7.0%
2025	0.49%	5.37%	6.57%	4.12%	17.5%

## 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

## Top 10 Holdings

TwentyFour - Monument Bond I Net Acc	Anchor Active	8.0%
AXA - Global Short Duration Bonds Z Acc	Anchor Active	7.0%
Jupiter - Merian Global Equity Abs Ret Hdg Acc	Anchor Active	7.0%
Vanguard - Global Equity Income Acc	Enhancer Active	6.0%
Aegon - Absolute Return Bond C Acc	Anchor Active	5.0%
Cohen & Steers - Diversified Real Assets Hdged Acc	Diversifier Active	5.0%
HSBC - FTSE 100 Index C Acc	Enhancer Passive	5.0%
iShares - UK Gilts All Stocks Index (UK) D Acc	Anchor Passive	5.0%
L&G - Sterling Corporate Bond Index I Acc	Enhancer Passive	5.0%
Ninety One - Global Gold I Acc	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 (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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