

# 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

Investment markets were volatile during July. Overall, the portfolio was negative for the month, but diversification was key as returns varied by asset type, region and strategy. On a relative basis, Enhancers were the best-performing asset type, as gains across UK and European Ethical equities offset some of the losses from Global and Emerging Market equities and corporate debt. Among Diversifiers gains from Low Carbon Real Assets did not offset losses in Sustainable Energy and Real Assets. Within Anchors, rising gilt yields caused losses from Gilts and the Responsible Strategic Bond Funds, these were only partially offset by gains from absolute return bonds. Looking forward, equity valuations, together with uncertainty over energy prices and debt, give us cause for concern. Our current allocation, with a value bias and broad diversification, remains appropriate.

| Performance (%) <sup>1</sup> | 1m    | 3m   | YTD  | 1yr   | 3yr  | 5yr  | 10yr |
|------------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Rivers ESG Balanced          | -0.93 | 2.98 | 5.32 | 9.85  | 28.6 | 21.3 | N/A  |
| IA Mixed 20-60%              | -0.39 | 2.74 | 5.10 | 9.92  | 27.8 | 21.1 | N/A  |
| MPS 45%-65%                  | -0.61 | 3.53 | 6.32 | 11.36 | 30.5 | 26.4 | N/A  |

| Quarterly | Q1      | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total  |
|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 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% | 6.03%  | 6.2%   |
| 2024      | 3.40%   | 0.37%  | 2.56%  | -0.72% | 5.7%   |
| 2025      | -0.89%  | 5.28%  | 4.40%  | 2.30%  | 11.4%  |
| 2026      | -1.16%  | 7.56%  |        |        | 5.3%   |

### 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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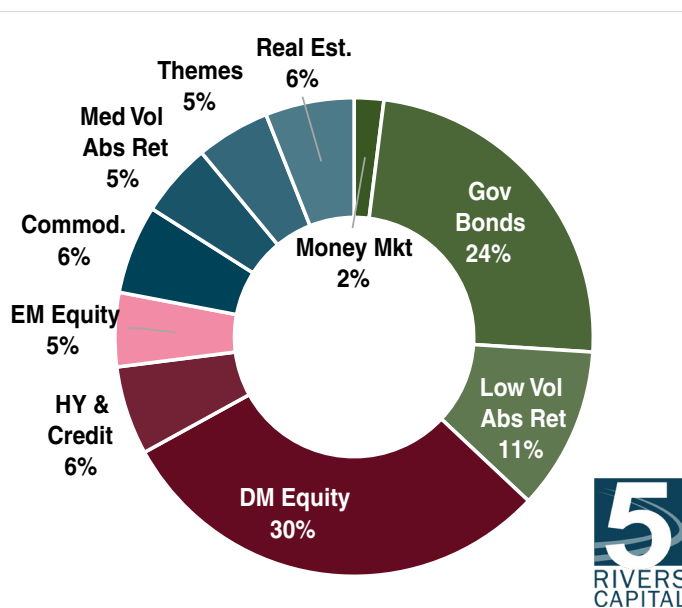
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| Model Characteristics                         | Target   | Current                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Annualised Return <sup>1</sup>                | 5.2-7.2% | 5.7%                           |
| Portfolio Volatility <sup>2</sup>             | <9%      | 7.1%                           |
| Maximum Loss <sup>3</sup>                     | <10%     | -13.1%                         |
| Ongoing charge of underlying <sup>4</sup>     | <0.70%   | 0.59%                          |
| Number of holdings                            | <25      | 16                             |
| Last rebalance date                           |          | 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 |
| Current expected portfolio yield <sup>5</sup> |          | 2.34%                          |
| Classified 'Passive' investments <sup>6</sup> | 40.0%    | 25.0%                          |
| Since Inception Total Return                  |          | 67.8%                          |

| 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%     |



### Top 10 Holdings

|                                                   |                       |      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| CT - Responsible Global Equity 2 Acc              | Developed Market      | 8.0% |
| EdenTree - Responsible and Sustainable Bond B     | High Grade Bond and   | 8.0% |
| iShares - UK Gilts All Stocks Index (UK) D Inc    | High Grade Bond and   | 8.0% |
| Liontrust - Sustainable Future Inc Bond B Gr Inc  | High Grade Bond and   | 8.0% |
| Ninety One - Global Environment I                 | Developed Market      | 8.0% |
| Aegon - Absolute Return Bond C Acc                | Low Risk Absolute     | 6.0% |
| Guinness - Sustainable Energy Y                   | Commodity Focused     | 6.0% |
| iShares - Environment & Low Carbon RE Index D Acc | Real Estate           | 6.0% |
| Rathbone - Ethical Bond Inst Acc                  | Corporate, High Yield | 6.0% |
| Liontrust - UK Ethical 2 Acc                      | Developed Market      | 5.0% |