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# **EPIM Cabot Balanced**

## Investment objective and policy

These discretionary managed model portfolios offer risk-profiled investment solutions, all of which have a dynamic top-down asset allocation strategy implemented using low cost index tracking funds.

The investment objective for the EPIM Cabot Balanced Model Portfolio is to provide a long-term total return which is superior to inflation plus 2% returns. The performance of the model portfolio is not intended to track the rise (or fall) of any specific index.

Key facts	
Inception Date	30/09/2012
Typical Growth / Defensive Split	50:50
Annual Management Charge	0.20%
Total Ongoing Charges	0.16%
(of underlying funds)	

The rally in equity markets that started in November last year lost steam in April as market expectations of the number of interest rate cuts in the US and UK this year dropped. This is due to stubborn inflation and continuing resilience in jobs markets.

The first-quarter reporting season got underway, with investors focusing on financial guidance for the coming quarters. Any companies that issued weak outlook statements have seen sharp share price falls.

Major US indices registered falls over April, but the FTSE 100 gained over the month following some solid earnings reports, bid activity and a fall in the pound. Indeed, the UK blue-chip index managed to hit a series of record highs during the month, with the more UK focused FTSE 250 also gaining.

Higher inflation readings since the turn of the year have forced the Federal Reserve to take some of the previously expected interest-rate cuts off the table. US economic growth also remains strong, which is also inflationary. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has made it clear that interest rates will stay "higher for longer".

Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey has said interest-rate cuts could come before inflation hits its 2% target. However, inflation has proved stubborn — and it slowed less than expected in March. Consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3.2% in the month, down from 3.4% in February. Markets had expected a fall to 3.1%. Data suggests that the technical recession seen at the end of last year is over. The European Central Bank (ECB) is expected to be the first major central bank to cut interest rates. Markets have interpreted discussions at the latest ECB meeting as more dovish than expected.

Market participants now think the US can engineer a soft economic landing as inflation is brought down to the Fed's target level – although any delay in interest rate cuts to curb inflation has the potential to impede economic growth. However, if another recession emerges in the UK, it is expected to be shallow.

### Performance %

Discrete Performance	April 23 - April 24	April 22 - April 23	April 21 - April 22	April 20 - April 21	April 19 - April 20	3 yr Volatility
EPIM Cabot Balanced	10.2	-1.7	0.2	15.3	-0.7	8.1
UK CPI + 2%*	5.3	12.3	9.2	2.7	3.5	-

Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr
EPIM Cabot Balanced	-1.2	2.6	11.0	10.2	8.5	24.2
UK CPI + 2%*	0.7	1.1	1.8	5.3	29.1	37.3

## **Asset Allocation**

**Portfolio Total Ongoing Charge** 



- Cash & Equivalent 3.5%
- Government Bond 11.7%
- Inflation Linked 4.2%
- Investment Grade Bond 23.5%
- North American Equities 23.0%
- UK Equities 4.8%
- European Equities 2.5%
- Japanese Equities 5.0%
- Asia Pacific ex-Japan Equities 6.1%
- Global Emerging Market Equities 3.4%
- Global/Thematic Equities 3.5%
- Property 3.0%

Top ten holdings

■ Infrastructure 5.6%

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Fidelity Index US Fund Class P Hedge	ed GBP Inc	9.4
Legal & General US Index C Inc		8.7
L&G Short Dated Corp Bond Index C	nc	7.7
Vanguard UK Short Term Investment	Grade Bond Index	7.2
Vanguard Global Short Term Corp. E	Bond Index Inst. Plus Hdg Acc	5.8
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust C Inc		5.7

 Legal & General Global Infrastructure Index C Inc
 5.6

 Fidelity US Index Fund Inc
 4.9

 Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond Index C Inc
 4.2

 Vanguard US Government Bond Index Inv GBP Hedged Inc
 4.2



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### **Investment Team**

The model portfolios are managed by Eden Park Investment Management, with investment advisory and management services provided by Charles Stanley. The team of portfolio managers and analysts have extensive experience, drawing upon the expertise of investment specialists, strategists and economists both internally and externally. The research team looks for the best Index tracking funds from the available

# **Sub Manager MPS Proposition Ratings**



## Performance since Inception





Source: FE Analytics . Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The performance is net of Eden Park Investment Management fees, with income reinvested

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#### **ACCOUNTS**

- General Investment Account
- ISA
- SIPP
- Offshore Bond

Minimum suggested Investment = £1,000 (subject to platform minimum requirements)

#### **PLATFORMS**

- Morgan Lloyd Invest
- SS&C Hubwise

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