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EPIM Cabot Cautious

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 Cautious Model Portfolio is to provide a long-term total return which is superior to the UK CPI inflation rate. 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

Annual Management Charge 0.20%

Total Ongoing Charges 0.11%

(of underlying funds)

Portfolio Total Ongoing Charge 0.31%

Markets reacted negatively to Donald Trump's trade strategy, unveiled at the start of April. The aggressive nature of the policy stoked fears that the US could fall into a recession and the sell-off was broad-based across asset classes.

Equities plunged as forecasting was made extremely challenging by the uncertainty the tariffs created. Yields on 10-year US treasury bonds rose sharply, contrary to what normally happens when equity prices fall – and investors seek safety in treasuries. Concerns over the policy's impact on the US economy led to investors no longer seeing US government bonds as such a safe bet, demanding bigger returns. Commodity prices fell due to a weakening demand outlook, but gold hit a new record above \$3,500 a troy ounce.

Equity markets have rebounded from their early-April lows after a series of concessions and policy reversals from President Trump. As the month progressed, rapid changes that softened or delayed concerns over some of the more damaging proposals were announced. The introduction of the so-called "reciprocal" tariffs was suspended for 90 days for bilateral talks to be held.

Tariffs on Chinese goods were initially raised to 145% after Beijing responded with retaliatory measures against US imports – but moves have since been made to help US businesses that are positive for Chinese exporters too. Smartphones and electronic components imports have been removed from tariffs to avoid significant price increases for US consumers and to maintain corporate supply chains.

By the end of the month, Mr Trump was even indicating that a Beijing-Washington trade deal could be possible soon. Indeed, the US economy contracted in the first quarter of 2025, mainly due to a surge in imports ahead of the expected introduction of tariffs. The negative growth means speculation of a "Trump recession" has mounted significantly.

The first-quarter reporting season has started amid this backdrop of significant uncertainty. In general, earnings in the quarter were better than expected but many companies have trimmed their full-year guidance due to the tariff uncertainty.

Performance %

| Discrete Performance | Apr 24 - Apr 25 | Apr 23 - Apr 24 | Apr 22 - Apr 23 | Apr 21 - Apr 22 | Apr 20 - Apr 21 | 3 yr Volatility |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| EPIM Cabot Cautious | 5.5 | 6.0 | -0.9 | -1.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| UK CPI* | 2.6 | 3.3 | 10.1 | 7.0 | 0.7 | - |

| Cumulative Performance | 1m | 3m | 6m | 1yr | 3yr | 5yr |
|------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| EPIM Cabot Cautious | 0.3 | -0.7 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 10.8 | 14.3 |
| UK CPI* | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 16.7 | 25.8 |

Asset Allocation



- Cash & Equivalent 21.0%
- Government Bond 19.0%
- Inflation Linked 5.0%
- Investment Grade Bond 34.0%
- North American Equities 7.9%
- UK Equities 3.0%
- European Equities 2.0%
- Japanese Equities 3.0%
- Property 2.0%
- Infrastructure 3.0%

| Top ten holdings | % |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Vanguard UK Short Term Investment Grade Bond Index | 10.0 |
| L&G Short Dated Corp Bond Index C Inc | 10.0 |
| L&G Cash Trust I Class | 10.0 |
| BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity | 10.0 |
| L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust C Inc | 8.0 |
| Vanguard Global Short Term Corp. Bond Index Inst. Plus Hdg Acc | 7.0 |
| Legal & General Sterling Corporate Bond Index C Inc | 7.0 |
| Vanguard US Government Bond Index Inv GBP Hedged Inc | 5.5 |
| Vanguard Global Short Term Bond Index Inst. Plus Hedged | 5.5 |
| Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond Index C Inc | 5.0 |
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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 passive universe.

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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- Offshore Bond
- Onshore Bond

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

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