

## **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.

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Inception Date Typical Growth / Defensive Split	30/09/2012 10:90
Annual Management Charge	0.20%
Total Ongoing Charges (of underlying funds)	0.12%

0.32%

December saw the broad-based rally in equity markets continue, with major US indices closing in on new record highs as 2024 began. Bonds also performed strongly, particularly those with longer durations, as the yield on 10-year US Treasuries dropped below 4%. Gains were driven by a shift in the policy guidance from the Federal Reserve (Fed), the US central bank which held interest rates steady at its December meeting but indicated in new economic projections that the tightening of American monetary policy is at an end - with interest rate cuts coming in 2024 which was significantly more dovish than many investors were expecting. It is also expected that the Bank of England has now finished its series of interest-rate rises after the annual rate of UK inflation slowed sharply in November to 3.9%.

Emerging markets underperformed developed regions again last month as China failed to participate in the global market rally despite better returns from other developing markets. On the geopolitical front, a short ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas conflict ended after less than a week and the Russia-Ukraine war continues, with little signs of a resolution any time soon both remain risks.

We think this recent rally will be difficult to sustain as it is hard to envisage a scenario where inflation drops significantly, rates are cut, but economic growth is sufficiently buoyant to deliver earnings expansion. There could be a New Year hangover if rate cuts don't materialise as expected and there are many events in 2024 that could impact markets. There are several elections taking place in coming year, and we expect frictions in international trade to remain a factor. The technology theme will continue to play out as artificial intelligence (AI) develops and is applied in the real world. More regulations, further subsidies and additional carbon taxes are expected to materialise as countries follow their paths to 'net zero'. However, lower interest rates and falling inflation provide a more positive backdrop than in 2023.

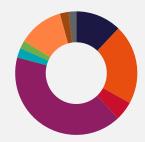
## Performance %

Discrete Performance	Dec 22 - Dec 23	Dec 21 - Dec 22	Dec 20 - Dec 21	Dec 19 - Dec 20	Dec 18 - Dec 19	3 yr Volatility
<b>EPIM Cabot Cautious</b>	7.8	-7.3	2.6	4.8	6.3	5.0
UK CPI*	4.6	11.1	4.1	0.7	1.5	-

Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr
<b>EPIM Cabot Cautious</b>	2.7	4.6	5.7	7.8	2.6	14.3
UK CPI*	0.0	0.8	1.2	4.6	21.0	23.7

## **Asset Allocation**

**Portfolio Total Ongoing Charge** 



- Cash & Equivalent 12.1%
- Government Bond 20.9%
- Inflation Linked 5.0%
- Investment Grade Bond 41.0%
- UK Equities 2.6%
- Japanese Equities 2.0%
- Global/Thematic Equities 12.0%
- Property 2.3%
- Infrastructure 2.1%

Top ten holdings	%
Vanguard UK ShortTerm Inv. Grade Bond Idx Plus	15.0
L&G Short Dated Corp Bond Index C Inc	14.6
Vanguard Glbl.Short Term Corp. Bond ldx Hdg	11.4
L&G Cash Trust	10.2
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust Inc	10.0
Vanguard Developed World ex-UK Equity Index	9.4
Vanguard Glb. Short-Term Bond Index Inst. Hdg	5.6
Vanguard US Gov Bond Index Inv GBP Hdg	5.3
L&G Global Inflation Linked Bond Index C Inc	5.0
L&G International Index Trust C Acc	2.6



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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 APX and 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
- Hubwise

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