

Sustainable Model Portfolio Service

In partnership with LGT Wealth Management

EPIM Sustainable Defensive

Asset allocation

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Fixed interest	58%
UK equity	0%
Overseas equity	19%
Alternatives	8%
Cash	15%

Top 10 holdings

Vontobel Sustainable Short Term Bond
Trojan Ethical
Brown Advisory Global Sustainable Total
ICS Sterling Liquidity
Federated Hermes Short-Term Sterling
Vanguard US Govt Bond Index
Rathbone Ethical Bond
L&G Global Inflation Linked
Threadneedle UK Social Bond
CG Dollar

Portfolio information

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.50%	Launch date	1 June 2020	
.80%	Minimum cash holding	2%	
.80%	Annual management charge	0.3%	
.80%	Total Cost of Investment	0.45%	
.50%			
.70%	Portfolio Objectives		
.50%	The primary objective of this portfolio is to preserve		
.40%	capital. The portfolio is diversified across a range of asset		
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4.90% classes but with a low overall allocation to funds
4.60% investing in equities (expected to be no greater than 40%) and other risk assets. Target Volatility: 2%-4.75%

Sustainable philosophy

The ultimate goal of the portfolio is to support more inclusive social and economic development and more sustainable environmental and business practices, whilst generating strong and consistent investment returns. The portfolio will aim to achieve this by investing in a diversified range of funds which include themes such as renewable energy, financial inclusion, education, social housing, climate change action, sustainable waste management and renewable material production.



Monthly investment update

In Q4, inflation and macroeconomic data cooled, prompting a year-end boost to bond and equity markets. The Federal Reserve's (Fed) dovish stance at the December meeting signalled a successful soft landing. Investors anticipate significant interest rate cuts in 2024, with the S&P 500 finishing the year up 26.3%. (source)

Key data highlights tightening labour markets, lower job openings and moderated consumer price index (CPI) pressures. The Fed, signalling the end of its aggressive hiking cycle, plans no rate hikes in 2024, with the Bank of England (BoE) and European Central Bank (ECB) maintaining similar positions. The BoE still faces hurdles reaching its inflation target, while ECB anticipates rate cuts amid stagnant European growth.

Elsewhere, concerns arose over Houthi rebel missile attacks near vital shipping routes, impacting global supply chains and prompting shipping reroutes. Despite expected interest rate cuts, potential geopolitical surprises or supply side shocks may hinder disinflation. Investing in quality companies with resilient models, low debt and positive cash flows remains a prudent strategy.



Performance



As at end of December 2023 1 month 3.08% 3 month 5.14% 6 month 4.71% 1 year 6.75% -0.67% 3 year Target Volatility 2 to 4.75% Return 3 to 4.5% Potential drawdown -5.0% Yield Assumed yield 2.10% 27% Dividend Savings 73%

Where targets are given, these are for indication purposes only; the actual figures achieved could be more or less than the ranges given. Source: Morningstar. Net of underlying fund costs, gross of all other charges. Source: Figaro. Fixed income considered saving income, all other asset classes (bar cash) considered dividend income.

Source: Morningstar

Important information

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